



OFPA Director on the Board (2023)

The Okanagan Foster Parents Association is a "grass roots" organization of caregivers, which believes that a variety of support services and educational opportunities are needed by caregivers, in order to meet the physical, emotional, cultural and spiritual needs of the children and youth in care.

As a member of the Board, a Director acts in a position of trust for the community and is responsible for the effective governance of the organization.

Directors are elected or appointed by the membership at the Annual General Meeting and serve for a one-year term.

A Director must:

- Commit to the work of the Okanagan Foster Parents Association
- Be willing to serve on at least one committee and actively participate
- Attend monthly Board meetings and the Annual General meeting (in person or by zoom, as directed by Board)
- Be prepared for a time commitment of 8-10 hours per month, (includes Board preparation, meeting and committee meeting time)
- Understand the services provided by Okanagan Foster Parents Association and publicly support them
- Prepare for and participate in the discussions and the deliberations of the Board
- Be aware and abstain from any conflict of interest
- Abide by the Code of Conduct
- Sign an Oath of Confidentiality
- Have a clear criminal record, not engaged in bankruptcy, and is able to conduct their own affairs (2023)

Major duties include:

- Govern Okanagan Foster Parents Association by the broad policies developed by the Board
- Assist with establishing overall long and short term goals, objectives and priorities for Okanagan Foster Parents Association in meeting the needs of the fostering community
- Recommend policy to the Board
- Be accountable to the funders for the services provided and funds expended
- Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of Okanagan Foster Parents Association through a regular review of programs and services
- Foster a positive working relationship with other Board members, and OFPA staff



PROCESS- A prospective Board member will submit an application letter with 2 references. They will become an active Board member upon approval of the current Board members and a positive vote after prospect has been interviewed and attended two meetings

Preference will be given to those are present or have a specific field of expertise or interest.