

Summary

The BC Bereavement Helpline (BCBH) is looking to add new members to our volunteer Board of Directors. Coping with the loss of someone you care about is one of life's most difficult experiences. You can make a difference to people who are bereaved by joining our Board!

About

BCBH was established as a charity in 1988 and has become a leader in providing education, support, and advocacy for the bereaved, their caregivers and professionals. COVID-19 forced us to go online and we have increased our reach and resources thanks to the wonder of technology.

- **Vision:** To provide support to anyone coping with grief and loss.
- **Mission:** The BC Bereavement Helpline is committed to facilitating the provision of care and support to the bereaved, caregivers and service providers and to increase public understanding of grief as a life process through education, support, advocacy, networking, and dissemination of information.
- **Core Values:** Compassionate – Trustworthy – Resourceful - Inclusive

The BCBH Board of Directors is responsible for the overall governance and strategic direction of the organization. Our Board is composed of community leaders who come from a wide cross-section of professional backgrounds. They are rich in experience and have an active interest in supporting BCBH to realize its vision that bereavement support is an essential service. The Board may assist in budgeting, fundraising, marketing, helpline operations, education, and public relations.

Role of the Board of Directors

- Provides strategic direction and acts in the best interests of BCBH, its team of staff and volunteers, and the people we support.
- Partners with the Executive Director (ED), who handles day-to-day operations. Board involvement is both critical and expected. Informed decision-making is made possible by Board members who bring broad knowledge and an inclusive perspective.
- Assists in planning and achieving BCBH's financial goals, which includes working to a specified budget and revenue generation. Reviews and approves the budget and financial statements.
- Approves audit reports and material business decisions.
- Be informed of all legal and fiduciary responsibilities. Ensure BCBH meets these responsibilities and assessing risks.
- May assist the Executive Director in grant application process/sign off.
- May direct the Executive Director and takes specific action to align with BCBH goals and objectives.

Requirements

It is expected all Board members join BCBH to work to fulfill the mission, strategic direction, and vision of the organization. Board members are required to have some background education, training or experience with grief and bereavement and/or hospice palliative care. This can be due to a “lived experience” or volunteer or professional capacity.

Commitment

Directors are requested to serve for a term of three years (from June 2023-June 2026), subject to renewal for additional term(s). The current time commitment would be approximately 9 evening meetings per year with an anticipated duration of 1.5 hours each and additional attendance at the AGM and ad hoc meetings as required. Meetings are hosted via Zoom, allowing our Board to be located anywhere within BC. Board Directors must be a member in good standing with the Society.

Equity and Diversity

BCBH is committed to equity, being an inclusive and welcoming organization. We encourage applications from underrepresented groups including Indigenous peoples, racialized persons/persons of colour, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ2S persons, and seniors. We continually strive for a Board that reflects the diversity of the communities we serve throughout BC.

Apply by: End of day, May 19, 2023.

Anticipated Start Date: Upon approval at June 4th at the AGM. Please attend in person or by Zoom.

To apply: Email resume and completed application form to bcbhboard@bcbh.ca.