

## Board nominations and election criteria

Parkinson's Europe is a highly respected and well-known European umbrella organisation. We are committed and energetic and, therefore, require a committed and energetic Board. We welcome nominations for potential candidates from enthusiastic people who are familiar with Parkinson's Europe and/or familiar with Parkinson's through the daily activities.

### Duration

Board members are elected by the General Assembly for a one-year observership role, followed by a three-year term and may be re-elected for one further term of office. A total of seven years.

### Verification Task Force

In order to select potential Parkinson's Europe Board nominees (both elected and co-opted), the existing Board must appoint a Verification Task Force (VTF). The VTF will be made up of 5+1 (five plus one) representatives:

- Two from the current Board, one of which should be a person with Parkinson's;
- Three members from the Member Organisations;
- The Director General, who will have no power to vote but will be responsible for the management of the VTF.

### The existing Board

It is the existing Board's responsibility to:

- confirm that Parkinson's Europe budget can support the full participation of the proposed number of Board members;
- strive for the widest possible geographic representation by its Board members;
- submit successful nominations to the General Assembly for ratification by the delegates.

## **Nominations to the Board: patient organisations representatives**

Nominees must:

- be enthusiastic and committed individuals who are familiar with and support Parkinson's Europe's work
- understand the importance of Parkinson's Europe's aims and objectives, and commit to furthering these during their term of office for the benefit of the members and those individuals that they represent
- be either a person with Parkinson's, caregiver, patient organisation representative or healthcare professional
- reflect the geographic spread of Parkinson's Europe
- have been actively involved in pursuing their respective organisation's initiatives, achievements and goals
- confirm that the national organisation they may represent has fully paid its Parkinson's Europe membership fees in the current year and for the previous two years
- participate in Board meetings as an observer (in the year of the election).

Nominees need to:

- have the ability to work and communicate well in English
- demonstrate good communication skills with a variety of people from different cultural backgrounds
- be a good team player and appreciate the importance of partnership and working together
- act as an ambassador and advocate for Parkinson's Europe
- have the willingness to accept and handle responsibility within the Board structure, if required
- show motivation and commitment
- be available to attend Parkinson's Europe meetings in person, if required
- be willing to devote the time required to participate in Parkinson's Europe meetings
- have flexible working arrangements and be able to fit in mid-week meetings and conference calls
- provide an up-to-date CV and photograph.

## **Nominations to the Board: co-opted representatives**

Nominees must:

- be enthusiastic and committed individuals who are familiar with and support Parkinson's Europe's work
- understand the importance of Parkinson's Europe's aims and objectives, and commit to furthering these during their term of office
- be either a person with Parkinson's, caregiver or healthcare professional
- reflect the geographic spread of Parkinson's Europe
- participate in Board meetings as an observer (in the year of the election).

Nominees need to:

- have the ability to work and communicate well in English
- demonstrate good communication skills with a variety of people from different cultural backgrounds
- be a good team player and appreciate the importance of partnership and working together
- act as an ambassador and advocate for Parkinson's Europe
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## **Board mandate**

At the 2012 Annual General Assembly, the General Assembly voted unanimously that, in order to safeguard the continuation of Parkinson's Europe and its aims and objectives, the Board Mandate should be linked to the Board nominations and Verification Task Force criteria as follows. Board members are to be:

- elected for one year as an Observer
- elected for a term of three years
- with one further term of office.