

2023 NAMI Elections Information

Information for NAMI Affiliates/ NAMI State Organizations in Good Standing

Eligible NAMI Affiliates and NAMI State Organizations will be electing five of this year's ten candidates to fill the five open seats on the 2023-2024 NAMI Board of Directors as well as voting on proposed amendments to NAMI's Bylaws.

NAMI Board of Directors

The NAMI Board is a hard-working, policy-level board whose members play active and important roles in setting direction for the success of the national organization. To best serve in the Board role, members are expected to:

- Understand and protect the fiduciary health of the organization;
- Understand and adhere to the legal and fiduciary responsibilities of a nonprofit board;
- Serve a three-year term, with the opportunity to serve two consecutive terms if reelected;
- Understand and support NAMI's programs and public policies;
- Attend and participate fully in all Board meetings, Annual Conventions, and other organizational functions as well as dedicate time weekly to NAMI Board service;
- Be NAMI members in good standing; and,
- Make what the individual believes to be a significant financial contribution to NAMI, on an annual basis.

See the [NAMI Board President's Open Letter](#) for a more complete discussion of the skills and expertise that are desired for NAMI Board service.

Candidate Visibility

The following opportunities will be provided for members to acquaint themselves with Board candidates:

- **Candidate profiles** can be found at www.nami.org/2023candidates and include a photograph, resume/CV, a pre-recorded speech, the reasons the candidate came to NAMI and is running for the Board, the letter of nomination from the NAMI Affiliate or NAMI State Organization, and a summary of responses provided by the nominator to specific questions about the strengths the candidate will bring to the Board.
- **Live candidate speeches** will take place at [NAMICon 2023](#) on Friday, May 26 at 5:00 p.m. ET.

Proposed Bylaws Amendments

Voters can find information about the bylaws amendments proposed this year, including the specific changes that would be made to the [NAMI Bylaws](#) if the amendments are approved, by going to www.nami.org/bylawsamendment.

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NAMI conducts elections each year in conjunction with its Annual Meeting. Each NAMI Affiliate and NAMI State Organization in good standing is entitled to vote.

✓ **How Votes are Allocated:**

- ☐ Each Affiliate with 5 or more current, paid memberships in NAMI's database as of 70 days prior to the NAMI Annual Meeting is considered "in good standing" and eligible to vote.
- ☐ An Affiliate vote is weighted based on the number of active memberships they had as of that deadline. See chart at right for how vote weight is determined.
- ☐ All NAMI State Organizations have one vote, regardless of size.

# of memberships	= vote weight
5 - 50	1
51 - 100	2
101 - 200	3
201 - 300	4
301 - 400	5
401 - 500	6
501 - 600	7
601 - 700	8
701 - 800	9
801 or more	10

✓ **Voting for Board Candidates:**

- ☐ You must vote for five (5) Board candidates.
- ☐ Your ballot will not be submitted if you try to vote for fewer or more than five candidates.

✓ **Voting for Bylaws Amendments:**

- ☐ You must make a selection of "For", "Against", or "Abstain".
- ☐ Your ballot will not be submitted if you do not make a selection.

What You Need to Do Now

- 1) **Read the materials online in their entirety.** You can find general information about NAMI elections at www.nami.org/voting and information specific to this year's elections at www.nami.org/2023elections. The 2023 NAMI Elections page includes links to information about the [candidates](#), the proposed [bylaws amendments](#), and all necessary voting documents and instructions.
- 2) **Decide who will be casting the online ballot for your organization.** Generally, the Board President, Model B Steering Committee Chair, or Executive Director casts the ballot for an affiliate or state organization. The leadership can instead grant that right to another individual by naming a delegate to cast the vote.
- 3) **Complete the credentialing process.** Fill out the Credential Form to tell NAMI who has been named the delegate to cast the ballot for your affiliate or state organization. NAMI staff will forward the delegate instructions so they can complete the voting process. The form can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023-NAMI-Elections-Credential-Form>.

Questions? Email voting@nami.org