

The Mission of VOMA is promoting and enhancing restorative justice dialogue, principles, and practices. Our mission will be achieved only with a commitment to full diversity and equality of participation for all people. VOMA holds this commitment as central to its work.

Call for VOMA Board of Directors Nominations

October 7, 2002

Dear VOMA Member:

As a current member of the Victim Offender Mediation Association, you are invited to submit nominations for persons to fill five vacant positions on VOMA's Board of Directors.

VOMA seeks Board nominees who will provide visionary leadership through balance and -- reflecting our mission -- diversity that includes ethnicity, regional representation, and program knowledge and experience. Attached, please find an information sheet that provides an overview of regional structure, Board duties and expectations, and the nomination process.

In filling the five vacancies, the Membership Committee has recommended that VOMA seek one representative each from USA regions A, B, and D, one representative from region IA (Canada and Mexico), and one representative "at large" to reach a recommended total of 15 Directors.

In addition, the Membership Committee stresses the importance of VOMA's Board reflecting the Association's mission and commitment to diversity, particularly Native/Indigenous Americans, Hispanic/Latino, and international representatives.

The Board also seeks nomination of members with experience and expertise in fund development, marketing and, in particular, financial management, as the position of Treasurer will be open for appointment.

At this time, the following current Board members are finishing their terms: Bobbie Boland (Newfoundland [Canada]); Kathy Elton, *Treasurer* (Utah); Dale Landry (Florida); Doris Luther (Maine); and Susan Wiese, *Co-Chair* (Wisconsin). For their commitment to VOMA and service to our mission, we offer our sincere thanks.

All nominations must be accompanied by a brief biography of the nominee (200 words or less), to be distributed to VOMA's membership along with the election ballots.

- ◆ Nominations will be accepted by mail, fax, or e-mail until October 31, 2002.
- ◆ Ballots will be mailed to VOMA membership the week of November 4, 2002.
- ◆ Ballots must be received in VOMA's office no later than December 1, 2002.
- ◆ Votes will be tabulated and results determined by January 10, 2003.
- ◆ Newly-elected Board members will be contacted by January 21, 2003, to confirm their willingness and ability to serve, after which time the results will be announced by posting on the VOMA Web site and the *Connections* newsletter.

Please submit nominations(with accompanying bio) in writing in the following manner:

- ◆ Mail to:
VOMA
c/o Center for Policy, Planning, and Performance
2344 Nicollet Avenue South, Suite 330
Minneapolis, MN 55404 USA
- ◆ Fax to: 612-874-0253
- ◆ E-mail (with bio in body of message or as Word attachment) to: voma@voma.org

Please contact VOMA via e-mail or phone 612-874-0570 with any questions.

Thank you!

Shadell Permanand, Membership Committee Chair
on behalf of the VOMA Board of Directors



VOMA Board Nominations 2002 Information

(9/25/02)

Expectations:

Nominees for the VOMA Board of Directors should:

- ◆ be a member in good standing
- ◆ be committed to and support VOMA's mission
- ◆ devote up to ten hours monthly to VOMA business
- ◆ contact and network with VOMA members within his/her region
- ◆ attend both the annual Training Institute and Conference (at which time the annual Board Meeting is held) as well as one winter/spring mid-year Board meeting
- ◆ possess the capacity/ability to communicate electronically (e-mail access) and receive/generate documents created in Microsoft Office applications Word and Excel. If necessary, VOMA will provide support and means to ensure this requirement is not a concern or barrier to service on the Board.

Board terms are three years in length and may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms. If necessary, Board members may receive reimbursement for travel, per diem, lodging, and Training Institute and Conference registration in order to fulfill their participation requirements.

Regional structure of VOMA membership:

USA:

Region A: (CT, IL, IN, MA, ME, MI, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, VT)

Region B: (AL, DC, DE, FL, GA, KY, MD, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV)

Region C: (AK, IA, ID, MN, MT, ND, NE, OR, SD, UT, WA, WI, WY)

Region D: (AR, AZ, CA, CO, HI, KS, LA, MO, MS, NM, NV, OK, TX, & Territories)

International:

Region I-A: Canada and Mexico

Region I-B: Africa, Asia, Australia, Central America, Europe, South America

Current regional vacancies: 5

- | | | | |
|----------------|---|----------------------------|---|
| ◆ USA Region B | 1 | ◆ International Region I-A | 1 |
| ◆ USA Region C | 1 | ◆ At-Large | 1 |
| ◆ USA Region D | 1 | | |

How to submit nominations *(with accompanying bio)*:

- ◆ Mail: VOMA
c/o Center for Policy, Planning, and Performance
2344 Nicollet Avenue South, Suite 330
Minneapolis, MN 55404 USA
- ◆ Fax: 612-874-0253
- ◆ E-mail (with bio in body of message or as Word attachment): voma@voma.org

Questions: please e-mail or phone 612-874-0570