



The primary mission of the Board of Directors is to provide oversight and guidance of the Executive Director, ensure financial viability of the organization, and lead the national strategic planning in accordance with our Statement of Purpose and the will of the membership. This year we will have five seats to fill. The **deadline** to submit your name is before the start of the business meeting, which will be Saturday, August 14th, at 11am CT. Along with your name, please send your contact information (phone, email, address), as well as your DD-214. Board positions are open to individuals who are Veteran (Full) Members of Veterans For Peace at the time of nomination. [You can find the submission form here.](#)

Following the conclusion of the annual convention, we will reach out to all nominees to send in their biographies and a short statement describing why they seek to run for a position on the board of directors, as well as what they hope to gain and learn from the position. We will also coordinate at least one "Meet the Candidates" Zoom meeting that will be open to all members of Veterans For Peace - likely in September and October (ballots are mailed the end of October). This will give all candidates an equal opportunity to share their views with members.

We are striving to make it possible for all Veterans to participate as a member of the Board of Directors - to include Veterans who may be working, attending school, have family obligations, or other draws on their time. As such, the time commitment might range from 4-6 hours a month* on average to many more.

The following gives a rough idea of the schedule and areas of knowledge and experience we seek in Board members:

- Six regular meetings a year via Zoom and additional meetings as needed (2-3 hours);
- Three In person meetings year (or Zoom if unable to attend in person);
- Participation on one or more Board Committees - which meet monthly (2-3 hours):
 - Communications,
 - Convention Planning,
 - Delegations,
 - Fundraising,
 - Membership and Chapter Support,
 - Strategic Planning,
 - Transformative Justice,
 - Personnel and Executive Committees;
- Liaison with Working Groups and National Projects;
- Assist with new activities as the need arises.

We are also striving to utilize technology to support our regular communication and meetings, as well as to retain information so that it might be better shared with future Board members. The

following are the basic skills that it would be important for directors to know or be willing to learn: Zoom online meeting platform, Slack communications app, and Google Documents.

Please review the Veterans For Peace Bylaws and Policy Book for more information, to include the Code of Conduct and Board responsibilities (you can find these on the [Governance page on the VFP website](#)). Board members serve for three years unless filling a vacancy, in which case they serve the remainder of the vacancy's term they are filling. Above all, the Board serves to help ensure that the organization is running as effectively as possible in order to ensure the success of our members in helping more towards a more peaceful and socially just world.

** The Board of Directors and National Office Staff have done a lot of hard work to support the development of our committees and as such, we have more member participation. This has resulted in shared responsibility making it possible for all members to step back if/when they need to for personal reasons and re-engage when ready.*

Sincerely,
Adrienne Kinne
President, VFP Board of Directors

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