

Call for new Board members

The Alzheimer Society of B.C. is a province-wide charity with a mission to ensure people affected by dementia are not alone, by educating and mobilizing a broader community of care around them and supporting valuable research into the disease and people living with it.

We are at an exciting time in the organization, and are looking to bolster the skillset on our existing [Board](#) with new faces and perspectives. We are currently developing an ambitious new multi-year strategic plan, which is slated to be finalized by September of this year. We are a governance board with 10 members, 90 staff and a budget of approximately \$11.6 million. The Society works closely with the provincial government, Alzheimer Societies across Canada, researchers and communities of practice. The Society's range of activities includes providing programs and services, advocacy work, awareness-raising campaigns, and enabling research.

The voices and needs of people with lived experience are at the centre of what we do – and we take our guidance from them. We are carefully considering the lessons learned during these last two years of the pandemic: we're better leveraging technology to deliver services to more people in more places while recognizing the value and impact of in-person services, and understanding how we can best position our organization to be of service to British Columbians who are on the dementia journey.

With several board members' terms ending over the next six to 18 months, we hope to recruit up to five new board members with the following skills: financial, marketing/communications/branding, governance and/or health care. As a Board, we ensure we have representation from people with lived experience – both people living with dementia and caregivers. If you have lived experience of dementia, we invite you to apply. We encourage applications from people in all health regions of the province (in particular, the North and Interior), as well as Indigenous people, BIPOC and racialized individuals, people of minority sexual orientation or gender identity and others with the skills and knowledge to productively engage with diverse communities.

Board members are expected to attend quarterly board meetings and, if assigned, quarterly committee meetings (current committees include Finance & Audit and Governance), an annual strategic planning session, ad-hoc board meetings as required (infrequent), as well as fundraising and awareness raising events during the year. Board members also sometimes provide guidance to groups within the organization such as marketing and communications, depending on the issue and the Board member's particular experience.

To learn more about our organization, please refer to our current [strategic plan](#), our most recent [annual report](#) or visit our [website](#).

Please submit your resume and cover letter to our Board Chair, Amy McCallion, at chair@alzheimercbc.org. Applications will be accepted until July 1, with interviews conducted over the summer so that a new slate of directors is ready to join in September 2022.