

Nomination Process for Official NRHA Representatives to External Groups

Periodically, the National Rural Health Association is presented with opportunities to nominate individuals to various external committees, councils, task forces, work groups, and/or boards. The missions of these advisory bodies may include rural health, or NRHA may deem that rural health expertise is needed.

Generally, NRHA will have 30 days to submit nominees that meet specific criteria, outlined by the requesting body. Once selected by NRHA and submitted, the selection process by the requesting body is usually very competitive, and often times, a political process. The NRHA supported nomination will be competing against the nominations of several other national organizations.

The NRHA Board of Trustees has delineated a process for selecting the most competitive nominations to submit on behalf of the organization. It is a member benefit to participate in this process, and we strongly encourage qualified individuals to solicit NRHA endorsement.

NRHA External Nominations: Process, Criteria and Expectations

Process:

1. NRHA membership will be notified if NRHA deems that rural health expertise is needed, but not explicitly sought, by the respective advisory body.
2. Any nomination request will be circulated to the entire membership via e-mail. Rationale: Timeliness and cost considerations require the use of electronic communications rather than regular mail to be used in this process.
3. The nomination solicitation will include all available criteria and guidelines for selection.
4. There will be a published deadline for submission of the nominees completed form and CV.
5. The nominee will submit a completed application in electronic format that will include the qualifications and guidelines for selection.
6. The NRHA Nominating and Credentialing Committee will initially screen all applicants and then submit to the board of trustees for review and selection.
7. If the turn around time for submission of nominees is less than five working days, the President, Past President, President Elect, Treasurer and Secretary will review and select. Rationale: These individuals have been elected by the majority of members
8. NRHA membership will be notified of the selected nominees via e-mail from the NRHA Executive Director.

Criteria and Expectations:

1. The nominee will agree to represent the NRHA mission and values.
2. The nominee will be an active NRHA member.
3. The nominee will address how he or she meets the qualifications and include a copy of their CV in electronic format.
4. The Board of Trustees will evaluate the applicants using the following process guidelines:
 - Meets designated criteria of the requesting committee
 - Most qualified of those meeting the criteria
 - Most likely to be able to enlist support of other organizations
 - Most likely to be a representative of the NRHA's mission and vision