

Who are we?

The Alberta Council of Women's Shelters (ACWS) is a non-profit charity that has been providing a unified voice and giving Alberta shelters strength in numbers for over 30 years. In this time, we have seen a membership increase from 7 to 40 member agencies. Since 1983, ACWS has been one of the leading women's organization in Alberta.

What is our mission?

To support our members and work together to end domestic violence and abuse.

To accomplish our mission:

- We work collectively
- We share knowledge
- We change systems
- We change culture

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Council of
Women's
Shelter's Board!

What is the process for becoming a board member?

The Board Governance Committee functions as the nominations committee and reaches out to members and the public to determine interest in serving on the board. A member of the Committee will also reach out to have a conversation or meeting with potential nominees. A nominations report is provided to the Board on week in advance of the AGM to ensure that all nominees meet our bylaw requirements, with final nominations and votes taking place at our annual general meeting in September.



What are the individual board member responsibilities?

Board members' responsibilities and time commitments include:

- Attending **4-6** ACWS Board meetings in Edmonton and other locations
- A Board Retreat
- Attending the AGM
- Work on **one** ACWS committee
- Support the principles contained in the Board Policy on Fund Development

All board members receive an orientation program designed to fully acquaint them with our organization.



What is the board's role?

The Alberta Council of Women's Shelters has a 13-member board comprised of public directors as well as representatives from our members' boards and management. We are a governing board, providing policy and leadership to the organization. The board helps develop strategic plans that include consensus on our mission statement, goals and objectives, and strategies for implementing that plan. The board regularly evaluates our programs and services, effectively manages all our financial resources, enhances our association's public standing and recruits new board directors. We are also reviewing the role of the board in fund development based on recommendations from an external consultant.

Travel and accommodation costs are covered by ACWS for all Board meetings in accordance with Board policies.

Interested in Becoming a Board Member?

The Board of Directors comprises leaders from the nonprofit and for-profit sector who are dedicated to the ACWS's mission. If you are a leader wanting to help cultivate the board's leadership role in advocacy, increasing awareness about the importance of our mission, influencing public policy, and expanding our reach, we have a place for you at the board table.