

A Call for Nominations of Members to the Board of Directors

The New York State Association for Rural Health Association (NYSARH) is pleased to announce it is soliciting nominations for members of the Board of Directors for the term beginning September 2008 through September 2011.

If you would like to put forward your own name, **or if you would like to nominate another NYSARH member** to the Board of Directors, please read the information below, complete the appropriate application and submit your nomination to the committee by **May 9th**. Only dues-paying members in good standing can nominate candidates to the Board. To determine if you are in good standing, please contact the NYSARH office at (585)728-5738.

Qualifications:

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must be a resident of New York State
- Must be either an individual member or a representative for an organizational member of the *New York State Association for Rural Health*
- Must demonstrate or have a willingness to demonstrate community leadership
- Must embrace the mission and values of NYSARH (see attachment) and
- Must be able to fulfill the *Duties and Responsibilities* of a NYSARH Board member:

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Maintain regular attendance at board and committee meetings
- Maintain general support of the Association and its purposes
- Participate in policy, management and election discussion and decisions
- Exercise voting rights
- Create standing, special and/or ad-hoc committees as needed
- Serves as a member of at least one standing, special or ad-hoc committee and
- Participate in the approval of the annual budget and the allocation of any available grant funding.
- Demonstrate care, loyalty, and obedience.

Term:

Directors shall serve three year terms, with a limit of two consecutive terms. The term shall begin and expire at the annual meeting of the membership.

Selection Process:

- All potential candidates must submit a completed application by **May 9, 2008**.
- The Nominating Committee will review applications to determine if the applicant meets the specified qualifications, and will contact references of qualified candidates to verify information provided.
- All candidates in good standing, who meet the qualifications and have submitted all required information, including references, will be presented on the slate.
 - **Six** positions are open for the NYSARH Board of Directors
- The General Membership will vote for six Candidates of their choice via paper ballots. The ballots will be mailed via UPSP on or before June 6, 2008 and must be mailed back to NYSARH by July 11, 2008.
- Newly Elected Board Members will be announced to the full membership at the annual meeting on September 8, 2008.

Nomination Process:

1. To self-nominate: Qualified members that are willing and able to fulfill the above listed duties and responsibilities, must complete a 2008 Application for Nomination and submit it to the Nomination Committee by **May 9, 2008**.
2. To nominate another member: Complete the 2008 Nomination form and submit it to the Nominating Committee by **May 9, 2008**. The Committee will contact the nominee to verify interest and obtain remaining application information.
3. Send the completed application, (include three references and a brief biography if you are self-nominating) by **May 9, 2008** to:

NYSARH Nominating Committee
c/o Reid Perkins
10950 County Rd. 92
Wayland, NY 14572
Tel: (585) 728-5738
Fax: (585) 728-5738 (if faxing must call ahead to insure receipt)
Or by email to: **Reidconinc@aol.com**

DEADLINE: Completed applications must be received by May 9 2008

The information below is provided to assist members with nominating candidates to the NYSARH Board:

- It is a goal of NYSARH to maintain a diverse membership that is representative of geographic locale, culture, gender, economic status and racial or ethnic background.
- The Nominating Committee encourages candidates to be nominated to the Board with consideration of (but not limited to) geographic, ethnic and constituency diversity that is reflective of rural New York State.
- To ensure diversity of the Board, the Nominating Committee has provided the attached listing of current Members of Board