

NAMI North Carolina Annual Conference

"Our Voices, Our Lives"

September 10, 11, 2010
McKimmon Center, Raleigh

Don't miss these opportunities with NAMI NC

As NAMI North Carolina is in high gear preparing for the Annual Conference, we need your help with some important tasks:

- Our Board Recruitment Committee is getting ready for the annual elections to the Board of Directors. We all know people in our local NAMI affiliates and communities who have leadership skills that could serve our Board well. ***We are asking you to recommend candidates to the Board Recruiting Committee.***

Serving on the board of directors for NAMI North Carolina is a fulfilling and challenging experience. We need individuals who are energetic and willing to put in some "roll up your sleeves" kind of energy. The future of NAMI North Carolina is dependent on the commitment and leadership of its board. This leadership has never been more needed.

NAMI North Carolina Bylaws state that 75% of the Board must be family members or mental health consumers and 25% can be members who are not in either of those categories. We need diversity in age, sex, geographic area, and cultural/ethnic background.

We need Board members who understand mental health issues in children, and additionally, we need candidates who bring expertise in the areas of development/fundraising, media/public relations, IT, finance, legal, business, public policy/legislative, and clinical fields (medicine, nursing, psychology, social work).

Please look for potential nominees in your affiliate and community. Self nominations are welcome. Contact [Susan King Cope](#) for forms (will be posted on our [website](#) in the next few days as well)

Board Nomination forms are due July 15, 2010.

North Carolina presented its first award in 1983, to Elaine Purpel for ***Advocate of the Year***. Since then, we have presented awards to extraordinary individuals and professionals most of them nominated by our extraordinary affiliates across the state. We are proud to recognize people who consistently go above and beyond the line of duty to make better lives for people and their families living with mental illness - but we need your help! Please consider nominating someone from your affiliate or community who has made a real difference in the lives of those affected by mental illness. We also have a **NEW** award this year - the ***2010 Outstanding Affiliate*** award.

Please consider nominating someone in your affiliate or community. Contact [Susan King Cope](#) for further information on the 2010 NAMI North Carolina Awards. All information and forms will be posted on our [website](#) in the next few days as well.

Award Nomination forms are due August 15, 2010.

- NAMI North Carolina is very fortunate to have the ability to offer numerous scholarships to both individuals and families to attend our Annual Conference. Depending on the number of people who apply, scholarships typically cover registration and a shared hotel room for Friday night.

Please contact [Jennifer Rothman](#) or [Brenda Piper](#) if you or someone you know may be interested in applying for a scholarship. All information and forms will be posted on our [website](#) in the next few days as well.

Scholarship forms are due August 9, 2010.

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