



Job Posting: Volunteer Board Member
February 2021

Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic is a Toronto-based charitable organization that assists women from underserved communities who are experiencing violence or its aftermath. Through services such as legal representation, professional counselling and multilingual interpretation, the Clinic helps women experience less isolation, more stability and expanded personal agency within relationships, while also fostering improved knowledge of and access to legal rights and remedies. In its policy and law reform work, the Clinic is a strategic advocate for sustainable policy shifts to address violence against women and social changes that benefit women. The Clinic uses the umbrella term “women”, recognizing that gender is self-identification that is not necessarily correspondent with assigned sex at birth. “Women” represents all those who self-identify as a woman, including but not limited to cisgender women, transgender women, intersex women and two-spirit women.

The Clinic's vision is a world where diverse women build lives free from violence, work together to create a more just world, and live their own lives in respectful communities that provide meaning and belonging. Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic was established in memory of Barbra Teena Schlifer, an idealistic young lawyer whose life was cut short by violence on the night of her call to the Bar of Ontario on April 11, 1980. Since it was founded in 1985, the Clinic has assisted more than 80,000 women to build lives free from violence. In 2018-19 alone, the Clinic provided vital resources to more than 9,000 women in need of its support.

POSITION

The Clinic is seeking one new member for the organization’s Board of Directors to contribute insight and counsel during the Clinic’s present period of growth. The Board of Directors is responsible for the effective strategic direction and governance of the organization. The ideal candidate will draw upon their years of progressive leadership and in-depth knowledge of violence against women, as these will help strengthen the organization and increase its impact.

The ideal candidate will be able to express a commitment to supporting a feminist, anti-oppressive and trauma-informed work environment. Inspired by and attuned to the Clinic’s mission (to amplify women’s voices and cultivate their skills and resilience), the preferred candidate will provide governance, strategic guidance and direction towards achieving the Clinic’s goals.

The commitment to the Board will be on a volunteer basis and would involve 5 to 7 hours per month. We are currently seeking one board member with the following attributes:

- A Finance/Accounting Professional at a leading corporate or financial institution with expertise in reviewing and interpreting financial information and/or organizational financial planning
- Significant experience /knowledge of accounting from a not-for-profit /charitable perspective

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Attend Board meetings, prepare for, participate in and deliberate impartially on all matters brought before the Board
- Shall hold confidential all matters before the Board while serving as a member and upon completion of their term of office
- Participate and willingness to contribute to organizational strategic plan, effective governance, and strategic leadership, including bringing a financial lens
- Advocate on behalf of the Clinic and its partners, funders, community organizations, etc.
- Take on an active role in assisting with, supporting and representing the clinic externally with fundraising efforts in order to achieve established fundraising goals
- Willing to move into position of Treasurer when required
- Serve without remuneration

QUALIFICATIONS

The following relevant experience and skills are an asset:

- Professional and demonstrated experience in the above-mentioned field
- Previous not-for-profit and/or board experience /board training is an asset
- Strong networking and communication skills
- Competencies within one or more of the following areas: non-profit financial reporting; risk management and governance; strategic planning; government reporting

BOARD DIVERSITY

Barbra Schlifer Clinic promotes the principles of anti-oppression and adheres to the tenets of the Ontario Human Rights Code. The Clinic is committed to ensuring that the Board of Directors reflects the diversity of our community and welcomes applications from women of all races, colors, ethnic origins, religions, abilities and sexual orientations.

CONTACT US

For more information on this exceptional opportunity, or to submit your application in confidence, please contact recruitment@schliferclinic.com

Deadline: Posting will remain open until a suitable candidate is confirmed

Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic is an equal opportunity employer that welcomes candidates from equity-seeking groups and is committed to providing accommodations for people with disabilities. Please let us know if you require accommodation due to a disability during any aspect of the recruitment process and we will work with you to address your needs.