



**engineers
without borders
australia**

Appointed Board Member: Finance

Engineers Without Borders Australia (EWB), is a member-based community organisation that creates social value through engineering, infrastructure and technology, which is fundamental to a life of opportunity, free from poverty. EWB aims to Engineer a Better World by creating sustainable and appropriate solutions where there is a significant gap in community access to engineering and technology. EWB connects, educates and empowers people through humanitarian engineering, with a focus on capacity development and education, both in Australia and internationally.

About the Board

The Board of Directors is responsible for the organisation's overarching strategic direction while ensuring that appropriate governance, risk management and compliance systems are in place. The Board monitors and safeguards the company so that EWB continues to achieve its mission, aims and objectives.

The expertise, experience and relationships Directors bring to the organisation enhance the Board's ability to perform its role and also assist in the achievement of EWB's strategic aims. Board members demonstrate robust and independent judgement.

The duties of a company director are promulgated by the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) (the Act), the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC), and the EWB Constitution. To be eligible to act as a Director, a person must not be disqualified from: managing a corporation under the Act; or from being a responsible person by the ACNC Commissioner within the previous 12 months. Directors of EWB are also expected to undertake a national police check to the satisfaction of EWB and complete the Australian Council for International Development's Code of Conduct training.

Directors are all volunteers and receive no payment for their involvement in these positions. Our Directors are both passionate supporters of EWB and volunteers beyond their attendance at Board meetings, and are each involved in Board subcommittees and occasional other roles as required.

Requirements of the Appointed Position

Responsibilities

- Preparation, attendance and participation at Board meetings
- Accountability for the oversight and direction of strategy, governance, risk management and compliance for EWB
- Attend to out-of-Board meeting responsibilities as required
- Chair the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee
- Serve as the conduit between the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee, EWB Board & Staff

Selection criteria

- Must embody the Engineers without Borders fundamental principles
- Qualified accountant – Chartered or CPA
- Significant professional experience and expertise in at least one of small business services, audit, tax or social enterprise.

Desirable

- Big 4 or mid-tier firm, preferably at Partner level
- International commercial experience
- Experience with start-ups
- Experience with non profits
- Willingness to provide professional technical advice, if and when required
- Experience on a board/s, advisory committee/s
- Melbourne-based

Estimated time commitment

- Three to five hours per week on average
- Up to an estimated eight Board meetings, and eight Finance committee meetings, each year
- Two-year term, starting mid-February 2018

Application process

Applications will be reviewed by a sub-committee who will put a recommendation to the Board. Applicants are to submit their resume with a cover letter outlining why they wish to be considered for this role to s.daniel@ewb.org.au by **COB Friday January 19, 2018**. Short-listed applicants will be interviewed in late January/early February, such that the successful candidate can attend the first EWB Board meeting in mid-February.

Learn about the existing board click here: