

January 12, 2025

Dear WSC 2025 Delegates,

Our World Service Conference (WSC) Charter states, “The Board elects its own successors with nominees approved by the WSC or a committee thereof.” This practice has not been acknowledged at previous conferences. Each group is equal, and has the authority to nominate a qualified member of their choosing. This proposal marks a recommitment to follow our structure that safeguards the fellowship by keeping the Chronic Pain Anonymous Service Board (CPASB) close to the groups.

During this year’s WSC, we are asking the fellowship for nominations for CPASB members. The CPASB is the chief service arm of the WSC, which is the guardian of the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service. In managing the affairs of the corporation, the CPASB is authorized to maintain policies of the General Service Virtual Office (GSVO); control property and finances; make long-range plans; authorize expenditures; appoint committees; take actions to carry out the purpose of the fellowship; and approve the agenda for the WSC.

#### **Requirements to apply for CPA Member Trustee positions**

- Submit completed [application](#)
- 2 years of active CPA membership, including attending meetings and have a sponsor (co-sponsor, step-buddy or fellow traveler)
- Previous service experience in CPA
- Completion of the CPA Twelve Steps
- Possesses a good understanding of the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Qualities of an Effective Trustee

- Familiarity with the Twelve Steps, Traditions and Concepts
- Familiarity with the CPA service structure
- Understanding of group conscience and how it operates
- Ability to devote sufficient time to meetings and Board projects as required
- Basic computer skills, including email communication and word processing
- Ability to work with goodwill and a spirit of cooperation
- Good judgment, humility, integrity, and trustworthiness
- Effective verbal and written communication skills

Please bring the name of your nominees to the WSC OR by filling out this [form](#) by Friday January 24th, 2025

You can direct your nominees to complete this [application](#).

This process is to signify to the fellowship that the CPASB is committed to following our service structure, and protecting the voice of the groups.

We look forward to receiving your nominations and beginning a new process for filling seats on the CPASB.

**Current/Open positions:**

Trustee Board suggested positions

Chair: Jes G

Co Chair: Irene P

Secretary: Stephanie M

Treasurer: Janet C

CPA Trustee 1: Terry M

CPA Trustee 2: Greer P

CPA Trustee 3: Betsy H

**CPA Trustee 4:**

**CPA Trustee 5:**

**CPA Trustee 6:**

**CPA Trustee 7:**

Non-CPA Trustee 1: Ron W

Non-CPA Trustee 2: Jay S

**Non-CPA Trustee 3:**

**Non-CPA Trustee 4:**

We have open positions for CPA members and non-member trustees.

We are also looking for committee chairs for the Cooperation with Professional Communities Committee.

We invite you to read this letter at your regular business meeting and ask people who they think might make a great addition to the CPASB. Consider talking to your sponsor or step group about people you see as passionate about CPA. Or even take a look within and ask yourself if you think you could serve CPA in this way. We know we can fill these open seats on the board with your help. Thank you for your love of CPA!

Warmly,

The Chronic Pain Anonymous Service Board

(Betsy, Greer, Jay, Janet, Jes, Irene, Stephanie, Terry, Ron)