

Society of Australian Genealogists Board Members

Role type: Voluntary

The Society of Australian Genealogists (the "Society") is the oldest family history society in Australia with over 3,400 members, both in Australia and overseas. Its principal object is the advancement of genealogical education and family history research.

The Society seeks to appoint new Directors to its Board. Directors work closely with the Board, Chief Executive Officer, staff and associated volunteers to develop strategies, programs, initiatives and policies aligned with the 2020–2023 Strategic Plan. Priority areas are reviewed annually as part of the strategic plan cycle and may include new areas of focus as agreed by the Board.

The role requires attending 10–12 Board meetings per year which are currently held via Zoom. Directors may also be expected to participate in functions involving members and volunteers and to contribute to Board committees. The Society currently operates from two locations in the Sydney CBD.

Directors also act as ambassadors to education, government and industry sectors that employ and benefit from the services of professional genealogists and may partner or collaborate with the Society.

This is a unique opportunity to contribute to the development of the Society and, in turn, both the profession and the pastime of family history. An interest in family history is desirable but not essential.

Other potential benefits of Board membership:

- Professional development
- Increased networking and connections with professional genealogists and those with a passion for family history
- The opportunity to contribute to other Society initiatives of interest

Core Competencies

Candidates should be able to demonstrate their understanding of the role and responsibilities of board members in managing the affairs of the Society including financial and risk management, the development and implementation of strategies and compliance with their legal, ethical and fiduciary obligations.

The successful applicants will:

- Demonstrate a commitment to prioritising the interests of the Society, with the ability to review strategies constructively and openly and to contribute to effective decision-making by the Board
- Be a member or willing to become a member of the Society
- Previous board experience is highly desirable

Skills related to the role

Candidates with experience in any of the following areas will be highly regarded:

- Membership services
- Fundraising, particularly through philanthropic foundations or other funding bodies
- Management and development of not-for-profit organisations
- Collections and archives management
- Development and delivery of education programs
- Media and communications
- GLAM sector of Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums
- Industry experience in or with non-profit organisations

How to apply: You are invited to submit a one-page expression of interest addressing the skills you would bring as a Director on the Society Board. Please send to execofficer@sag.org.au, attention Melissa Hulbert, President of the Board of Directors, by 20 March 2021.