



Surrogacy Australia

Surrogacy Australia, Seeking Members of the Board of Directors

Surrogacy Australia is currently seeking expressions of interest for new Board members. We are a small charity and the role would suit individuals with a background in the non-profit sector or those with governance experience.

Mission

Surrogacy Australia is an incorporated charity, registered with the Australian Charities and Non-Profits Commission.

We are a community organisation that is working to progress the rights, social and legal status of Australians using surrogacy overseas and within Australia and we support Australians who are planning on becoming, or who are already, parents via surrogacy arrangements.

To this effect, the main activities of Surrogacy Australia are:

- **Working with Law- and Policy-makers** to educate and lobby for laws which protect surrogates, intending parents and children, in a process which requires careful planning and protections
- **Liaising with Academics** to encourage quality research into outcomes for surrogates and children born through surrogacy
- **Liaising with Media** to dispel misconceptions around the motives, the process and the outcomes for intending parents, surrogates and children
- **Supporting** current and potential surrogates and intending parents through their surrogacy journey through the provision of information and services focused on their experience

For more information, please see the Surrogacy Australia website at <https://www.surrogacyaustralia.org/>

Position

The Board supports the work of Surrogacy Australia and provides mission-based leadership and strategic governance. While day-to-day operations are led by the organisation's internal employees and consultants, the Board's relationship is a partnership, and the Board plays a critical role in assisting the organisation to achieve its goals as well as in the area of advocacy for legal reform at a state and federal level. Specific Board Member responsibilities include:

Leadership, governance and oversight

- Serving as a trusted advisors to assist in the development and implementation of Surrogacy Australia's strategic plan
- Reviewing outcomes and metrics created by Surrogacy Australia for evaluating its impact, and regularly measuring its performance and effectiveness using those metrics; reviewing agenda and supporting materials prior to board and committee meetings
- Approving Surrogacy Australia's annual budget, audit reports, and material business decisions; being informed of, and meeting all, legal and fiduciary responsibilities
- Assisting the board chair in identifying and recruiting other Board Members
- Partnering with other board members and Surrogacy Australia employees and consultants to ensure that board resolutions are carried out
- Serving on committees or task forces and taking on special assignments
- Representing Surrogacy Australia to stakeholders; acting as an ambassador for the organisation

Fundraising

Surrogacy Australia Board Members will assist with fundraising for the organisation and credibly solicit contributions from foundations, organisations, and individuals each year.

Board terms/participation

Surrogacy Australia's Board Members serve a three-year term to be eligible for re-appointment for additional terms. Board meetings will be held every second month and as otherwise needed as issues arise.

Applying

This is an extraordinary opportunity for an individual who is passionate about Surrogacy Australia's mission and the issue of advancing the rights of children, intended parents, surrogates and those who have undertaken a surrogacy process both within Australia or overseas.

Prior board experience is appreciated but is not essential. The ideal candidates will have achieved leadership stature in business, government, philanthropy and/or the non-profit sector.

Ideal candidates will have the following background/ qualifications:

- Professional experience including leadership accomplishments in business, government, philanthropy and/or the nonprofit sector
- A commitment to and understanding of Surrogacy Australia's mission, programs and policies
- Savvy diplomacy skills and a natural affinity for cultivating relationships and persuading, convening, facilitating, and building consensus among diverse individuals
- Personal qualities of integrity, credibility, and a passion for improving the lives of Surrogacy Australia's beneficiaries

Service on Surrogacy Australia's Board of Directors is without remuneration, except for administrative support, travel, and accommodation costs in relation to Board Members' duties. As a small organisation, Board Members would anticipate spending approximately 3-5 hours per month on average.

If you would like to express your interest in this role or if you would like further information please email Michael Langtree at president@surrogacyaustralia.org.