

## NSCJA Board Membership Criteria

Any member of the Nova Scotia Criminal Justice Association (NSCJA) who supports the aims and objectives of the NSCJA may be nominated for election to the Board of Directors. As an affiliate of the Canadian Criminal Justice Association, the objectives of the NSCJA are to:

- Encourage co-operation among individuals and groups in Nova Scotia interested in resolving problems that derive from criminal and delinquent behaviour;
- Promote awareness and understanding of current issues in Canadian criminal justice, including legislation, criminal justice services, public education, rehabilitation and victim resources;
- Foster and promote improved criminal justice programs, policies and legislation; and
- Acquire and disseminate information and knowledge about all aspects of criminal justice.

### **Preferred Requirements for New Board Members:**

1. It is desirable to include representation from the range of government, academic and community based partners that form and impact the criminal justice system as follows:
  - Current or prior employment experience in one of the government sectors of the NS criminal justice system with capacity and willingness to serve as a liaison person between the NSCJA and that sector.
  - Current or prior employment in one or more of the university academic communities that gives focus to justice issues or issues that impact the justice system.
  - Current or prior employment or volunteer experience in one of the not-for-profit sectors of the NS criminal justice system or partner agencies with capacity and willingness to serve as a liaison person between the NSCJA and that agency.
2. Board of Directors governance experience
3. Knowledge of the Criminal Justice System.

4. Professional designation and / or skill and competency in one of the following areas;
  - Financial Management / accounting
  - Law
  - Lobbying/Advocacy
  - Strategic Planning
  - Criminal Justice policy & legislation
  - Communications & website development
  - Coordination of learning events
5. Background or experience that enhances the diversity and gender balance of the Board is essential to reflect and respond to the interests of the Nova Scotia population.

**Mandatory Requirements for Board Members**

1. Membership in both the Canadian Criminal Justice Association and the Nova Scotia Criminal Justice Association.
2. Time and availability to attend and actively participate in at least 4 board meetings per year plus time to actively participate on at least one committee of the board.