The Candidate Statement, your photograph and names of your nominators will be published on the Cochrane websites during the elections process, and the Candidate Statement and photograph will remain on the websites against the names of new members for the duration of their terms on the Board. For this reason, this Candidate Statement document template must be used; and full addresses, email addresses and/or unencrypted e-signatures excluded.

Please submit this Elected Member Candidate Statement in Word format by the stated deadline. It should be shared beforehand with your two nominators.

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| Family name (surname): |  |
| First name(s): |  |
| Today’s date: |  |
| Are you a current member of the Governing Board standing for re-election? | **[Yes/No]** |
| Will you be 30 years old or younger on 29 November 2021? | **[Yes/No]**  If yes, you will be asked to provide proof of your age following submission of your Candidate Statement |

**Questions 1-4: General experience and motivation**

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| 1. How and when did you first become involved in Cochrane and what has been your subsequent contribution to Cochrane’s work (maximum 200 words)? |
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| 1. What experience do you have serving as a member of a governing board, board of directors, management group or similar? This might be within a non-for-profit or charitable organization, or a hospital or university. Please include the roles you played and other relevant information (maximum 200 words). |
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| 1. Acting as a Board member requires a collaborative approach to decision-making, setting aside personal opinions and group affiliations and acting in the best interests of the organization as a whole. Please describe how you would fulfil this obligation, using examples from previous committee or other work (maximum 200 words). |
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| 1. What do you think would make you an effective member of the Cochrane Governing Board (maximum 200 words)? |
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**Questions 5-11: Specific Skills**

The Governing Board needs a range of experiences, knowledge and expertise amongst its membership. We do not expect any single Governing Board member to have all the necessary skills and experience; we are looking for diversity.

**We do not expect you to answer “yes” to more than one or two of the questions below.**

If you do answer “yes”, please provide at least one example which best demonstrates your skills or experience.

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| Desired skills and experience for this election: | Which means to you can: | Do you have skills and experience in this area?  [YES/NO] | If YES, please provide an example: |
| 1. Publishing and Open Access | Guide others through the complexities and opportunities for organizations in achieving Open Access to content and data |  |  |
| 1. Fundraising and business development | Develop and implement opportunities for income generation, build organizational relationships and connections, access donor and partner networks |  |  |
| 1. Digital product development | Guide user-centred design, development and delivery of new digital products, understand informatics and structured data |  |  |
| 1. Financial management | Oversee an organization’s fiduciary, risk and audit duties, lead financial and investment planning |  |  |
| 1. Advocacy | Act as an ambassador for an organization, influence and strengthen the commitment of public leaders or decision-makers to a cause, secure community support |  |  |
| 1. Science communications or public relations | Build organizational brand and profile online and in person, lead crisis management, design effective external and internal communications processes; OR  Educate and raise awareness of science-related topics, design strategies for effectively communicating complex ideas to different audiences, or lead the transfer of knowledge into action |  |  |
| 1. Making organizations more diverse and equitable | Guide equity, diversity and inclusion assessments and target-setting or provide lived experience of addressing issues of inequality |  |  |

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| 1. Anything else you’d like to say in support of your nomination (maximum 200 words)? |
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Declarations:

To be eligible to stand for election, candidates must confirm the following by putting a ‘tick’ (✓) or their initials in the boxes below:

I hereby confirm that I:

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| 1. Have accepted the [Terms and Conditions of Cochrane Membership](https://join.cochrane.org/membership-terms-conditions) and have been a Cochrane Member for at least 30 days prior to the close of voting in this election |  |
| 1. Have read the following guidance produced by the [National Council for Voluntary Organisations](https://www.ncvo.org.uk/accessible-guides) in the UK:  * **What is a charity** * **What is a charity trustee?** * **What trustees must do** * **How trustees look after the charity** |  |
| 1. Accept the [Governing Board Charter](https://community.cochrane.org/organizational-info/people/governing-board/governing-board-charter) |  |
| 1. Accept and will adhere to the [Code of Conduct for Trustees](https://community.cochrane.org/organizational-info/people/governing-board/membership/code-conduct-trustees) |  |
| 1. Have completed the Cochrane ‘Declaration of Interest’ Statement (Annex 1 of this document) |  |
| 1. Have completed the ‘Trustee Eligibility Declaration’ required by the [UK Charity Commission for all Trustees](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3) (Annex 2 of this document) |  |
| NAME: | |
| DATE: | |

Annex 1: Cochrane Declaration of Interest Statement

Candidates must make a declaration of conflict of interest, including financial or non-financial relationships with other organizations, professional relationships to other members of the Board, and other Boards she/he may sit on. In writing this statement, candidates should refer to Cochrane’s [conflict of interest policy](https://training.cochrane.org/online-learning/editorial-policies/coi-policy) (for Cochrane Groups) and the [declarations of existing members of the Board](http://community.cochrane.org/organizational-info/people/conflict-interest/board).

Please answer the following questions:

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| 1. **Financial interests**   **In the last three years, have you:** | **YES/NO (If YES, please provide details)** |
| a) Received funding: any grant, contract or gift, commissioned research, or fellowship from Cochrane or a related organization (i.e., any organization related to health care or medical research) to conduct research? |  |
| b) Had paid consultancies: any paid work, consulting fees (in cash or kind) from a related organization? |  |
| c) Received honoraria: one-time payments (in cash or kind) from a related organization? |  |
| d) Served as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or held a position of management with a related organization? |  |
| e) Possessed shareholdings, stock, stock options, equity with a related organization (excludes mutual funds or similar arrangements where the individual has no control over the selection of the shares)? |  |
| f) Received personal gifts from a related organization? |  |
| g) Had an outstanding loan with a related organization? |  |
| h) Received royalty payments from a related organization? |  |
| 1. **Do you have any other competing interests that could pose a conflict of interest that would reasonably appear to be related to the primary interest?** |  |

Annex 2: Trustee Eligibility Declaration

*As required by the* [*UK Charity Commission*](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission)

Please tick or initial in the boxes below to confirm the following:

I declare that I:

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| Am willing to act as a trustee of The Cochrane Collaboration |  |
| Understand Cochrane’s purposes (objects) and rules set out in its [Articles of Association](https://www.cochrane.org/sites/default/files/public/uploads/cochrane_-_articles_of_association_-_final_and_approved_-_october_2016.pdf) |  |
| Am not prevented from acting as a trustee because I:   * Have an unspent conviction for one or more of the offences [listed here](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/731084/010818_Disqualification_Reasons_Table_v2.pdf) * Have an Individual Voluntary Arrangement, debt relief order and/or a bankruptcy order * Have been removed as a trustee in England, Scotland or Wales (by the Charity Commission or Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator) * Have been removed from being in the management or control of any organization in Scotland (under relevant legislation) * Have been disqualified by the Charity Commission * Am a disqualified company director * Am a designated person for the purposes of anti-terrorism legislation * Am on the sex offenders register or equivalent in any country * Have been found in contempt of court for making (or causing to be made) a false statement * Have been found guilty of disobedience to an order or direction of the Charity Commission |  |
| Will provide true, complete and correct information to the Charity Commission if elected as a Board member |  |
| Understand that it’s an offence under section 60(1)(b) of the Charities Act 2011 (United Kingdom) to knowingly or recklessly provide false or misleading information |  |
| Comply with my responsibilities as a trustee that are set out in the [Charity Commission guidance ‘The essential trustee (CC3)’](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3) |  |