

## CALL FOR SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

**APPLY BY MAY 16, 2017: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mnohs\\_board](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mnohs_board)**

Minnesota Online High School (MNOHS), a teacher-led public charter school and a 501 c(3) nonprofit organization, is an award-winning online community school; a collaborative environment for board, faculty, staff and students and families across Minnesota; and a credible voice for creative, connected online learning.

The MNOHS Board of Directors election will run from May 23 to May 30 at 12:00 p.m. A link to secure online voting will be emailed to stakeholders on May 23. Election results will be announced at the MNOHS annual meeting on May 30.

MNOHS Board members are:

- REPRESENTATIVES of MNOHS to the larger community
- STEWARDS of the school's resources
- ADVOCATES for public, teacher-led, online and charter school education
- LEADERS in demonstrating commitment to each student's success

School board membership is a public office. An eligible board candidate must be: at least 21 years old, a resident of Minnesota for at least 30 days prior to the election, and an eligible Minnesota voter. **If you are interested in applying, please read the information below and complete the online application.**

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### What is the MNOHS Board of Directors?

- It is a volunteer board.
- At least one of the board members must be:
  - A licensed teacher working at MNOHS.
  - A parent or legal guardian of a student currently enrolled at MNOHS.
  - A community member who is not a relative of an enrolled MNOHS student or a MNOHS employee.
- Three of the board members are the governing officers (President, Secretary, Treasurer)

### What can I learn through board service?

MNOHS Board service provides learning opportunities for community members at all stages of their careers in business, non-profits, and education. As a member of the Board you can:

- Learn how educational innovations and education policy work in practice
- Understand the governance, management, and challenges of a non-profit organization
- Experience the inner workings of a successful virtual organization
- Develop new knowledge and skills in finance, policy, program evaluation, strategic planning, and more
- Apply your knowledge and skills in a new setting
- Develop relationships with others who are optimistic about K-12 public education

### How are board members selected?

- Board members are elected to three-year terms each May through a simple majority vote of the MNOHS voting members. If vacancies arise midyear, board members may be elected by the MNOHS Board of Directors to serve for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- According to the MNOHS Bylaws, each household containing one or more students, MNOHS employees, or community members currently serving on the Board is considered a voting member and receives one vote.
- Board terms are staggered so that approximately one third of board positions are up for election each year.

### What does a board member do? How much time does it require?

- All Board members participate in a three-hour online training/orientation, in trainings conducted before or during regular board meetings, and in optional follow-up trainings offered by outside agencies.
- Board members attend monthly, two-hour evening meetings through which they participate in the governance of MNOHS.
- Board members volunteer 3-5 additional hours per month for work on policies, resource development, strategic planning, or advocacy.
- All board members are responsible for determining and monitoring the mission of MNOHS and the strategy that supports it.
- The MNOHS Board is responsible for ensuring the accuracy and transparency of MNOHS's financial filings.

### When and where are board meetings?

- The MNOHS Board holds two-hour meetings one Tuesday each month from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The transaction of business occurs at these meetings. All business decisions require a quorum of board members to be in attendance. Typically, meetings are not scheduled in August.
- Meetings are held at the MNOHS offices in St. Paul – 2314 University Ave. W, Suite 10—and also online through our Collaborate webinar.
- Please note that all board meetings are public meetings. All attendees must be able to hear and see you. A working computer, headset, web cam and high-speed Internet access are therefore mandatory for attending remotely.

### How do potential board members file for election?

- Candidates for board membership are recruited by current board members or independently express an interest.
- Apply by May 16, 2017 by completing this online survey:  
[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mnohs\\_board](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mnohs_board)
- Questions? Contact MNOHS Executive Director Elissa Raffa: [e.raffa@mail.mnohs.org](mailto:e.raffa@mail.mnohs.org)

*Your application information will be used to determine that you do not have a conflict of interest. Information on your application will be used for school board purposes only, and will not be used for solicitation.*