

# ITNS Call for Nominations 2010

I hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the position of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ for the International Transplant Nurses Society.

Participation on the ITNS Board of Directors is available to "Active" members in good standing. Eligibility of nominees will be verified by the Board of Directors Nomination Committee. Nominees will be contacted to sign a "Consent to Serve" form and provided with a more-detailed description of board duties. Nominees will submit a statement that will be placed on a ballot describing their interest in serving on the Board. There are five (5) positions open for 2010-2011 election.

## President-Elect

**Requirements:** This position requires previous ITNS Board experience. This officer goes on to serve as President for one year and then President-Emeritus for one year. This position is the beginning of a three-year term commitment. The first year especially concentrates on the preparation of the upcoming annual conference and the promotion of ITNS within different fields of transplantation, together with the current president and the president-emeritus.

## Secretary/Website Director

**Requirements:** This is a two year commitment; no prior board experience is required. Any active ITNS member in good standing for at least one year is eligible to run. The Secretary/Website Director prepares and distributes minutes of all meetings to the Board of Directors. He/She shall maintain records for the organization and keep the President informed of all correspondence. Management of the ITNS website in collaboration with the Executive Director and Website Management Company promotes ITNS as a professional nursing organization.

## Newsletter Director

**Requirements:** This is a two year commitment; no prior board experience is required. Any active ITNS member for at least one year in good standing is eligible to run. The Newsletter Director promotes ITNS as a professional nursing organization through the submission and dissemination of transplant education and ITNS activities in a regularly published newsletter. Also Chairs the Communications Committee and collaborates with the Secretary/Website Director to optimize communication with current members and to attract new ITNS members.

## Education Director

**Requirements:** This is a two year commitment; no prior board experience is required. Any active ITNS member in good standing with a Masters Degree in Nursing or higher is eligible to run. Candidates must currently be working in the field of transplantation. The Education Director maintains a major role with the planning of educational programs for ITNS such as symposia, workshops, and educational patient materials. He/She also is the Chair of the Education Special Interest Group (SIG) and seeks opportunities to expand educational opportunities for both transplant patients and transplant nursing.

## International Director

**Requirements:** This is a two year commitment with no prior board experience required. Any active ITNS member in good standing who resides outside of the USA is eligible to run. One of the international directors must reside outside of North America as well. This position is half of a 2 person team that works to further develop the international aspect of ITNS. The candidate must have knowledge and interest in the differences in transplant nursing across several countries and concentrate on the aspects necessary to keep ITNS an international organization.

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**Board Meetings –** There are **four** Board of Director meetings each year, with one of them held along with the annual symposium. Attendance and active participation is required at these meetings. Board meetings are usually held in conjunction with other ITNS events, with the majority of the meetings being in the United States. Board members are given advance notice of the dates and locations of these meetings and they are typically held Friday and Saturday, with travel days being Thursday and Sunday. Expenses for these meetings are currently reimbursed at 100% in accordance with the ITNS bylaws. Expenses include air travel, lodging, ground transportation, and meals. Occasionally, board members are invited to serve as presenters or faculty members for various ITNS educational meetings. These activities may extend the length of stay during a board meeting.

**Other –** It is extremely helpful to have access to email and fax services as much of the daily business of ITNS is handled via email. Newly elected board members will be inducted at the 2010 Annual Symposium October 28-30, 2010 in Minneapolis, Minnesota; however, their official duties will not begin until after the Symposium.

**Nomination deadline is March 22, 2010**