



Massachusetts APSE Call for Board Nominations DUE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

Massachusetts APSE is looking for individuals interested in running for **three-year terms** on the Chapter Board. Being on the board is a great way to take an active role in a coalition advancing a pro-community employment agenda for citizens with disabilities.

Requirements for running for the MA-APSE Board

1. All individuals running for the MA-APSE board **must** have a current membership in APSE. To join APSE, go to: <http://www.apse.org/members>.
2. If the cost of the membership is a concern, please contact Jeff Gentry at jgentry@jvs-boston.org to discuss a potential scholarship.
3. Complete the attached Board Nomination Form, and **submit by Friday, December 20th** to Jeff Gentry at jgentry@jvs-boston.org and Kylee Warnock at kylee.warnock@nebaworks.com. Complete the Board Nomination Form below, and **submit by Friday, December 20th** to Jeff Gentry at jgentry@jvs-boston.org and Kylee Warnock at kylee.warnock@nebaworks.com.

BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

The Massachusetts APSE board provides oversight of chapter activities and determines what areas the chapter will focus on. As a volunteer organization, chapter board members are expected to dedicate time, energy, and ideas to organize and implement chapter activities. Individuals serving on the MA-APSE Board must:

- Have demonstrated interest and involvement in integrated community-based employment for citizens with disabilities.
- Support APSE's *Mission and Values* - <https://apse.org/about>
- Participate in monthly board and committee meetings (either in-person or by phone/on-line).
- Chair and/or serve on chapter committees, based on the board members' interests. Current committees include: **communications, conference & training, membership, public policy.**
- Have sufficient time to fully participate in all board activities, and actively contribute and assist with the ongoing development and growth of MA-APSE as an organization. Board membership requires a commitment of approximately 3 to 5 hours per month.

THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20TH.

What is APSE?

APSE, the **A**ssociation for **P**eople **S**upporting **E**mployment**F**irst is a 30+ year old 3,000+ member national organization that focuses exclusively on employment of individuals with disabilities in the community. What does that mean? It means jobs like everyone else, working side-by-side with people without disabilities. Details are at www.apse.org

What is Massachusetts APSE?

Massachusetts APSE is the state chapter of national APSE and has worked for many years on employment issues here in the Commonwealth, through a variety of advocacy and capacity-building activities, including an annual conference.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Jeff Gentry – 978-590-4466 – jgentry@jvs-boston.org, or Kylee Warnock – kylee.warnock@nebaworks.com

**Massachusetts APSE
Board Nomination Form**

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Telephone:

E-mail address:

NOTE: You must be a current APSE member to run for the board.

Please answer the Board Nominee Questionnaire on the following page. Answers to the questionnaire information should be no more than 1 page total, single-spaced, typewritten. This information will be shared, as written, with all Massachusetts APSE members who will vote in the board election.

E-mail completed form and questionnaire by Jeff Gentry at jgentry@jvs-boston.org and Kylee Warnock at kylee.warnock@nebaworks.com by Friday, December 20th.

Massachusetts APSE Board Nominee Questionnaire
PLEASE LIMIT YOUR RESPONSE TO 1 PAGE TYPEWRITTEN (Single Spaced)

Name:

1. Background- What is your background and involvement in the employment of people with disabilities, and what you are doing currently?

2. Importance of Community Employment - Why do you feel employment of people with disabilities in the community is important?

3. How You Can Contribute to Massachusetts APSE

Please explain why you are running for the Massachusetts APSE board, and how you feel you may be able to contribute as a board member.

4. Additional Information - Feel free to add any additional information that you feel would be useful for chapter members to know.