



Consider Contributing to the Global Law Enforcement and Public Health Association as a member of the Board of Directors.

At the **LEPH2018** Conference in Toronto in October 2018 the first elections will be held for positions on the GLEPHA Board of Directors. The purpose of this message is to advise current and potential GLEPHA members of the upcoming election and to request association members give thought to running for a position on the board of directors. Currently GLEPHA operates under an interim board.

A lot has been accomplished in the past 18 months: GLEPHA was incorporated under the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia; a set of Rules were established; collaboration agreements signed with the Canadian and European Public Health Associations; and our website was created. This work has laid a very good foundation for the functioning of the GLEPHA. The task over the next few years will be to grow our association. Among others, there are a number of key priorities for the board, namely to:

1. Create Strategic and Business Plans
2. Develop strategic alliances and partnerships, including partnership with the World Federation of PHAs
3. Increase both organizational and individual membership
4. Market the GLEPHA and the LEPH Conferences
5. Develop and implement a fund-raising strategy
6. Develop a GLEPHA Newsletter and (potentially) a LEPH Journal, and
7. Establish developmental opportunities for Masters and PhD candidates

The purposes of GLEPHA are:

1. To build a network of institutions and individuals interested and engaged in research or other activities into one or more aspects of the broad relationship between law enforcement and public health at international, national, regional and local levels.
2. To devise, support and engage in research and other collaborations in the LEPH field
3. To promote and support development of new researchers in the LEPH field
4. To undertake any activities like seminars, conferences or projects that enhance these purposes.

About the Board of Directors

The term for each board position is 2 years. Eventually a system will be put in place to alternate the election of half the board every year in order to ensure consistency in the operation of the board.

To be eligible for election one must be a financial member of the GLEPHA, and must maintain their membership to remain a board member.

The Board consists of—

- (a) a President; and
- (b) a Vice-President; and
- (c) a Secretary; and
- (d) a Treasurer; and
- (e) not more than 5 ordinary members

*The positions of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person.

** Because GLEPHA is incorporated in Australia the Secretary must reside in Australia in order to administer the operation of the incorporated association.

The election procedures are currently being overseen by Richard Bent (Vice-President), rcbent@sfu.ca and Bill Stronach (Secretary), bill_stronach@hotmail.com . Further information will be forthcoming about the election procedures including the nomination process, voting and proxy voting. Make sure you monitor the GLEPHA website at www.gleapha.wildapricot.org .

You are encouraged to contribute to the growth and evolution of our association by serving as a member of the board.

Should you have any questions, please contact Interim President Nick Crofts at nick.crofts@unimelb.edu.au, or either Bill or Richard.

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