

Independent Board Director (financial expertise)

Are you an experienced company director with strong financial expertise and a passion for human rights? Join the Older Persons Advocacy Network (OPAN) Board and help make a meaningful difference to the rights of older people across Australia.

About OPAN

OPAN is a national network of independent member organisations that give a voice to older people who are eligible or receiving aged care services. The network provides free and confidential aged care advocacy, information and education to older people, their families or other supporters. We are independent of government and aged care providers.

As a peak body organisation, OPAN works with government and other agencies to influence aged care policy through systemic advocacy. Our collective vision is of a society where older people are heard, informed and respected, and where they can enjoy and exercise their rights to live fulfilling lives.

About the role

The OPAN Board is seeking an independent director with financial expertise to join its member-based Board.

Key Responsibilities

- Strategic planning: contribute to the development and implementation of OPAN's strategic
- directions. Provide insights and ideas to help achieve OPAN's mission and objectives.
- Governance: uphold and promote the highest standards of governance, ethics, and accountability. Ensure compliance with relevant laws and regulations.
- Financial oversight: review and approve budgets, financial reports, and significant financial transactions. Contribute to advising on OPAN's financial stability and sustainability.

- Mission and values: embrace and promote the mission, vision, and values of OPAN. Work to ensure that all activities align with these core principles.
- Board meetings: attend and actively participate in board meetings, committee meetings, and special sessions of the Board. Prepare for meetings by reviewing materials.
- Committees: serve on the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee of the Board. Contribute expertise and guidance in the area of finance and accounting.
- Transparency and communication: promote transparency within OPAN and maintain open lines of communication with fellow board members, staff, and other stakeholders.
- Integrity: the highest ethical standards and a commitment to acting in the best interests of OPAN.
- Strategic thinking: a strategic mindset, particularly in the financial area, with the ability to think critically and make sound decisions.
- Time commitment: availability to attend board meetings and engage in board activities, as required.

Qualifications and experience

Board experience: prior experience serving on a board of directors, especially in a financial capacity, is highly desirable.

- Business experience: preferably with knowledge of relevant legislation governing the incorporation and operation of a federated not-for profit or similar organisation to OPAN, as well as not-for-profit compliance in the areas of corporate governance and directors' duties and responsibilities.
- Proven financial expertise: extensive experience in finance, accounting, funding/funding allocation models or related fields, with a strong understanding of financial principles, practices, and regulations.
- Certified Practising Accountant (CPA)

For enquiries and submission of application please contact executive@opan.org.au . Applications close by 15 January.

OPAN is an equal opportunity employer and encourages individuals from diverse backgrounds and experiences to apply.