

# INTERNATIONAL DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION – ONTARIO BRANCH

## BOARD MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES (VOLUNTEER)

### **Are you passionate about Children’s Literacy?**

**You can make a difference to the 1 in 5 in Ontario that struggle to read and write**

The International Dyslexia Association (IDA) is a non-profit, charitable organization that concerns itself with the complex issues of dyslexia. The mission of IDA Ontario is to promote literacy through research, education, and advocacy for dyslexic individuals and their families in Ontario. We believe that **learning to read is a right**, not a privilege and that **all individuals have the right to achieve their potential**.

Due to the expansion and growth of IDA Ontario a number of opportunities have opened up at board level (volunteer capacity). This is your chance to help ensure that individuals with a language learning difficulty have the opportunity to lead a productive and fulfilling life.

### **Individual Board Members' Responsibilities**

As a board member you will have the following responsibilities:

- Attend all board meetings (approximately five a year) and functions such as special events
- Make a serious commitment to participate actively on committees or tasks forces, to include acting as chair where necessary
- Review agenda and supporting materials prior to board and committee meetings
- Volunteer for and willingly accept assignments and complete them thoroughly and on time
- Participate in fund raising activities
- Keep up-to-date on developments in the field of dyslexia and literacy

### **Current Opportunities & Requirements**

We are seeking experienced individuals to fill both general and specific roles on a volunteer basis. Specific roles are in the areas of: Social Media, Website Design / Administration, Finance, Fundraising, PR/Marketing and Email administration (information and referral). We are also seeking individuals with an expertise in literacy, education, policy making and law.

Ideal candidates are those who:

- Are passionate about literacy and providing opportunities to all children with dyslexia
- Have a background in or knowledge / understanding of Learning Difficulties in general and Dyslexia in particular
- Have or be prepared to develop a network of contacts in this area
- Are highly energetic and prepared to commit wholeheartedly to this cause
- For specific roles, hold a qualification or experience in the area being applied for

We are also always happy to hear from individuals who would like to volunteer at non-board level. To apply, please send an email, outlining your background experience and why you are interested in becoming a member of the board to Mary McAuliffe at [info@idaontario.com](mailto:info@idaontario.com) with “Application for Board Vacancies” or “Volunteer” in the subject line.