



## Associate Board Director (South Australian-based)

### Position description

#### Background

Optometry Victoria South Australia (OV/SA) is governed by a Board of Directors elected from our membership base. The key function of the Board is to ensure good governance of the organisation. While undertaking this important work, the Board considers the broad trends affecting the membership and the profession, and sets the vision and direction for the organisation, providing leadership for the profession and services to members.

Our Directors bring a range of skills and experience to the Board including backgrounds in clinical optometry, business and finance, research and academia, teaching and public health, while also having wide-ranging experience practising in metropolitan, regional and rural locations.

#### Associate Director role

For the purpose of developing future Board Directors and succession planning, the Board can appoint up to two members to the position of Associate Board Director.

Associate Board Directors attend meetings of the Board and access Board papers. Associate Board Directors also make an important contribution to the work of the Board, through participating in Board meetings, strategic planning meetings and committees of the Board. However Associate Board Directors are not entitled to vote on Board decisions.

Associate Board Directors are appointed to the Board for a period of up to two years usually with a view to becoming a Director. One Associate Director can be appointed with a registered practising address in Victoria, and one with a registered practising address in South Australia.

The Board is currently seeking to fill one position of South Australian-based Associate Board Director.

#### Time commitment

Approximately six Board meetings are held each year, and the Associate Board Director is required to regularly attend these meetings in person or by videoconference. Meetings are held in either Melbourne or Adelaide or online and we anticipate the Associate Board Director will be required to travel to Melbourne three times per year for meetings.

#### Essential skills

The Board is seeking applications from interested members with the following skills. Applications must address the essential key selection criteria and where relevant, the desirable selection criteria.

#### **Essential key selection criteria**

- Demonstrated ability to think strategically.
- Demonstrated ability to critically assess information.
- Alignment with Optometry Victoria South Australia's current [strategic plan](#).
- Effective communication skills.
- Commitment to the highest standards of governance.
- Current member of Optometry Victoria South Australia.

**Desirable selection criteria**

- Experience in staff management.
- Experience working within, or strong knowledge of, the eye care sector.
- Experience in financial management and analysis of financial reports and papers.
- A desire to personally build the profile of organisation.
- Experience leading a team or working in a team.
- Previous governance experience.

Applications should be addressed to Anne Weymouth, Chair, Optometry Victoria South Australia Governance committee and emailed to [n.ostrogney@optometry.org.au](mailto:n.ostrogney@optometry.org.au).

Applications must be received by COB 15 January 2024.

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