



BOARD MEMBER NOMINATION FORM

To be completed by the nominee

Name of Nominee: Robin Pinkston
Position: Member
Organisation: International Bureau for Epilepsy

Please give brief biographical details below:
(Less than 300 words)

Robin Pinkston is an American, but she has lived the past 24 years in Malta with her husband Earl and her young adult children, Kathryn, Thomas and Nathan. Her husband is a pastor at Knisja Evangelika Battista (Evangelical Baptist Church.). She became an advocate for epilepsy after her youngest son had a seizure at age 3 and began his epilepsy journey. She is the secretary for Caritas Malta Epilepsy Association, a member of the International Bureau for Epilepsy, and is regularly involved in advocacy and training in Malta.

Please outline why you believe that you are suitable to be a Board Member of EFNA – with particular emphasis on details of your skills, knowledge, interest and experience in this sector:
(Less than 500 words)

I believe I am a suitable candidate to be a Board Member of EFNA as I have lived as a caregiver for a son with epilepsy for the past 12 years in Malta and have experienced firsthand the importance of collaborating with others to make our voices heard. I serve as the Secretary of Caritas Malta Epilepsy Association and am involved weekly in advocacy and training events to help people with epilepsy in Malta. I also have experience, having served on the EFNA Board this term. While I am still learning about the other neurological conditions that are members of EFNA, I am glad to be a part of representing neurological associations that are ultimately made up of people with neurological conditions and helping to see changes for improvement being made on a European level.

Signature of Nominee:
Robin L. Pinkston

Date: November 17, 2022

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Please briefly outline why your organisation would like to be represented on the EFNA Board:
(Less than 300 words)

IBE is eager to be represented on the EFNA Board because we understand that many of the challenges faced by people living with epilepsy in Europe, are similar to those faced by people living with other neurological



disorders. Therefore, we believe that the cross-cutting plans rolled out by EFNA bring much added value to our community and we want to ensure that we play an active role in shaping the roll-out of such activities into the future.

Further, with the adoption of WHO's 10-year Intersectoral Global Action Plan [IGAP] on Epilepsy and other Neurological Disorders, we also feel it is more important than ever for the epilepsy community to work in tandem with the wider neurology community to advance our common cause; and to ensure synergies and alignment in approach, including in the European Region.

IBE's long-standing experience in the field of global public health, and our programme of work in lower and middle income settings, should also benefit EFNA's work on IGAP implementation.

Having played an active part in EFNA's governance for the past number of years, we are eager to continue our participation on the Board, which we believe is mutually beneficial.

Please briefly outline why you feel the above-mentioned nominee is suitable for the role of EFNA Board Member:
(Less than 300 words)

Robin brings an important and articulate caregiver perspective to the table, based on her lived experience. As neurological disorders place a major burden on the family and caregivers of those affected, we firmly believe that this perspective must be embedded in the governance of patient organisations such as EFNA.

Having already served a term on the EFNA Board, Robin would also bring essential continuity to the EFNA Board, as well as a growing knowledge, experience and expertise of neurology, neurological disorders and ongoing activities at the European level.

Robin is also well connected and active nationally, within Malta, as well as being part of a global community with IBE – which makes her well placed to understand the challenges and opportunities for those with neurological disorders and their representatives at all levels.

Robin is a competent and dedicated volunteer, who is committed to her role on the EFNA Board and would be eager to continue – and we fully endorse her candidacy.

Signature of Representative from Nominating Organisation:
Position: CEO

Date: 17/11/22

Please send your completed form to EFNA Executive Director, Orla Galvin: orla.galvin@efna.net