

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Call for Nominations

For Term Beginning in 2026



Are you passionate about the restaurant industry?

Are you interested in being at the table to set strategy for the future of the Delaware Restaurant Association?

Would you like to get to know other leaders in the industry to share ideas and discuss how we can collectively help the restaurant industry be more successful?

IF SO, SERVING ON THE DELAWARE RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY BE A GREAT CHOICE FOR YOU!

Thank you for your interest in being a Candidate to serve a three-year term on the Delaware Restaurant Association or Foundation Board of Directors. This is a very rewarding opportunity and gives you the chance to give back to the industry, connect with fellow restaurateurs and influence the overall direction of the important work done by the Delaware Restaurant Association (DRA) and the Delaware Restaurant Foundation (DRF).

There are board positions available beginning January 2025, both restaurant and allied member positions. The qualifications and responsibilities of a board member are listed below. Nominations are due by July 15, 2024. The DRA/DRF Nominating Committee will review all nominations and invite potential candidates for in-person interviews between. The Nominating Committee will present a final slate of candidates for approval by the DRA/DRF Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be employed full time by a dues paying member in good-standing for at least one year prior to nominee consideration.
- Must be an owner of, or engaged in the senior management of a foodservice or hospitality industry company.
- Must be able to sign the Board Commitment Statement at the end of the nomination form.
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Candidates who contribute diverse perspectives, particularly those from traditionally underrepresented communities are highly encouraged to apply. Diversity can encompass attributes that are experiential, demographic, and personal.

DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES/EXPECTATIONS

- Attend and actively participate in two regularly scheduled and any additional specially-called board meeting per year (January and July).
- Set direction for, support, and defend the policies, positions, and programs of the Association.
- Attend and support DRA/DRF events and programs - both financially and direct participation.
- Contribute to the association's Political Action Committee and Foundation.
- Support the DRA/DRF Mission.

DRA MISSION & GOALS:

The Delaware Restaurant Association & Foundation is dedicated to the enhancement and success of Delaware's foodservice industry. Our goals include:

I. Policy & Advocacy Strategy - Lobbying strategy, legislative priorities, and activating statewide engagement

II. Industry Branding & Image - Re-defining our industry and opportunities

III. Workforce Development - Attracting and retaining our next generation of industry professionals



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Candidate Submission Form

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GENERAL INFORMATION		
Candidate Name:		Position/Title:
Business/Corp Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:		Email:
Type of Business & Number of Units: (fine dining, full-service, QSR, catering, etc.)		Annual Food Service Sales Volume:
Please tell us why you would like to serve on the DRA/DRF Board of Directors. What sets you apart from other candidates?		
What special areas of interest do you have for serving on the DRA/DRF Board of Directors? What do you hope to accomplish by serving on the DRA/DRF Board?		
Please tell us what other organizations that you have participated in or supported. Both industry and non-industry related.		

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Please tell us how you would provide a unique perspective on the Board.

Please describe your past engagement with the DRA/DRF. If you have not been actively engaged, please share how you would proposed to get more involved with the Association/Foundation.

Do you identify with a traditionally under-represented group? Please describe.

Board Commitment Statement:

By submitting this nomination I am acknowledging my interest and business's support in serving on the Delaware Restaurant Association/Foundation Board of Directors. I am willing to commit the time and financial resources of the director post, including attendance at all Board meetings and Association/Foundation-sponsored events. I understand that this application will be reviewed by the nominating committee and, if approved, my information will be submitted to the members of the organization.

Signature:

Date:

To submit application, email to carrie@delawarerestaurant.org
or mail to 420 S. State Street, Dover, DE 19901