



Position description

Board member (volunteer)

Canberra Symphony Orchestra (CSO) always welcomes expressions of interest from individuals passionate about contributing to the CSO as a member of its Board.

Currently, we are actively seeking Directors with skills and experience in one or more of the following areas:

- Music industry expertise
- Cultural and artistic strategy
- Digital application particularly AI
- Philanthropic expertise

Directors are engaged on a voluntary basis. The Board meets approximately bimonthly.

CSO is Canberra-based, however we welcome candidates, particularly with music industry expertise, from other locations in Australia.

About the organisation

Canberra Symphony Orchestra (CSO) is a champion of Australian music and a creative hub for the region. The CSO brings together dedicated musicians to present vibrant concert experiences and deliver transformative community and training programs. We are dedicated to making classical music accessible to everyone, and to enhancing people's lives through our community outreach programs.

The CSO is a registered not-for-profit charity. Our Board of Directors is engaged on a volunteer basis.

The CSO embraces and values diversity. All qualified applicants will be considered, and accommodations made for those requiring accessibility support. The CSO encourages applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Current CSO Executive and Non-Executive Directors are listed [here](#).



The Role of the Director

The role and duties of the Board include:

- Ensuring the sound governance of the CSO
- Strategic direction
- Risk oversight and maintenance including business continuity planning
- Ensuring compliance with all applicable laws and funding obligations
- Championing the CSO to members, staff, patrons and external stakeholders

You must comply with the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth), the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and all Commonwealth and Territory laws at all times. You must also comply with the CSO's Board Governance Charter and adhere to high standards of probity and conduct, particularly when representing the CSO, or when on CSO premises.

Ideally candidates will have training in the role of a Director.

Candidates must be eligible for and willing to obtain a Working with Vulnerable People card.

Term of appointment

Initial appointments terminate on the date of the Annual General Meeting, which is generally scheduled in May. Directors may serve up to 3 x 3-year terms. There is no tenure limit for the Chair of the Board.

Meetings

Board meetings occur approximately bi-monthly, however unscheduled meetings may be called from time to time to deal with urgent or unforeseen business.

There are currently three active Board Committees. These meet four to eight times annually depending on the Committee.

Subject to unavoidable professional or family commitments, punctual attendance at Board and Committee meetings is to take precedence over all other engagements.

Submission Instructions

Please send your completed [expression of interest](#) form and CV demonstrating experience and capability to serve as a Director to: Company.Secretary@csso.org.au.
Subject: *EOI – CSO Board Director Application*

For more information, visit:
www.csso.org.au