

Greetings!

Asian Women United of Minnesota (AWUM) is seeking applications for open positions on its Board of Directors. We are looking for candidates who are concerned about ending domestic violence and who want to commit time and energy to ensure that our community is responsive to women and children victimized by family violence. We want and need enthusiastic ambassadors for the organization. By serving on the AWUM Board, you play an important part in creating a safer environment for women and children in Minnesota!

**MISSION:** AWUM will end domestic violence by promoting safe and healthy relationships within the Asian-Pacific Islander (API) community. **VISION:** We are the leader in eliminating violence in the API community, and share the expertise of our best practices with others. Using the strengths of the API community, AWUM will uphold an environment free of violence, promote self-sufficiency for women, and foster nurtured and healthy children and families.

- Positions will begin January 1
- The Board meets quarterly – typically the second Tuesday of Mar, Jun, Sep, and Dec at 5:30 p.m.
- To apply for the AWUM Board, please return the attached application form to the Asian Women United of MN office no later than **November 30**.

The AWUM Board of Directors is a diverse group of individuals with varied backgrounds, skill sets, life experiences, ethnicities and ages. We provide leadership and governance for AWUM while promoting a positive organizational climate. Board members enthusiastically support AWUM in a variety of ways, making it a point to publicly support AWUM at various events held statewide throughout the year.

Thank you for your interest in the Asian Women United of Minnesota (AWUM) Board. It is an exciting and critical role, and we appreciate your willingness to explore this way to participate in AWUM. Please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or email if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Cook, Chair

Email: [Blazer409@aol.com](mailto:Blazer409@aol.com)

## **Asian Women United of Minnesota Board Member Information & Application**

**Position:** Asian Women United of Minnesota (AWUM) Board Member

**Function:** Commit to and support AWUM's mission, provide governance to AWUM, represent it in the community, and accept the ultimate legal authority for the organization.

### **Roles and Responsibilities of the Board: (Adapted from MAP for Nonprofits)**

#### **Care**

Actions must be in the best interest of the organization.

#### **Loyalty**

The good of the organization must come before the individual.

#### **Obedience**

The organization's governing documents must be followed, and the organization must comply with state and federal laws in carrying out its functions.

- A. Strategic Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation**
- B. Financial Management**
- C. Ambassadorship**
- D. Hiring and Supervision of Executive Director**
- E. Board Leadership and Development**
- F. Assist Director in Maintaining a Positive Organizational Climate**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check all the following demographics that apply to you:**

*\*Note – this information will be kept confidential\**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Battering survivor       | <input type="checkbox"/> LGTBQ person           | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural/Ethnic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Person with disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Twin Cities Metro area | <input type="checkbox"/> Community       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elder                    | <input type="checkbox"/> resident               | (please identify):                       |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Greater MN resident    | _____                                    |

**What strengths/skills could you contribute to the Board? (Check all that apply)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting/Financial           | <input type="checkbox"/> Lobbying/Grassroots Organizing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate/Business Connections | <input type="checkbox"/> Management                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice               | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community/Public Relations     | <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Planning             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Development               | <input type="checkbox"/> Women’s Issues and Studies     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal                          |   |

**Please provide 2 references.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please answer the following questions (if the space provided is not sufficient, you may answer questions on a separate sheet of paper):**

1. Please describe your interest in the battered women's movement.
2. What do you consider to be the causes and issues surrounding battering?
3. Do you have nonprofit board experience? If yes, please describe.
4. Why do you want to be on the AWUM Board of Directors? What would be your strongest contribution as an AWUM Board member?
5. What would you hope to gain from your experience as an AWUM Board member?
6. What do you see as some of the most pressing issues facing battered women in Minnesota, in particular in the Asian community? What role should the AWUM Board of Directors play in responding to those issues?

I verify that the above information is true.

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Signature

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Date

**Please return to: Claudia Waring, AWUM, PO Box 6223, Minneapolis, MN 55406  
E-mail: [claudia@awum.org](mailto:claudia@awum.org) Fax: 612-729-0660**

**Please submit your application materials by November 30 for consideration at the December meeting.**