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Board Selection Criteria

Agency, Board or Commission		Nova Scotia Gaming Foundation
1	Statute	The Nova Scotia Gaming Foundation Regulations made under clause 2(n) of the <i>Provincial Finance Act</i> R.S.N.S. 1989, c.365 and clauses 127 (1)(f), (h), (j) & (bc) of the <i>Gaming Control Act</i> S.N.S. 1994-95, c. 4 O.I.C. 98-109 (March 19, 1998), N.S. Reg. 26/98 as amended up to O.I.C., 2000-414 (August 11, 2000), N.S. Reg. 141/2000
2	Purpose	To receive, maintain and disburse funds for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects and initiatives related to knowledge development, translation, and dissemination, regarding problem gambling (research, education, skills training, awareness and communications); • Projects and interventions intended to provide treatment and remediation of the effects of gambling; • Community capacity building relative to problem gambling; support for ongoing operations providing addiction services to Nova Scotians; • Special initiatives of a population health/health promotion nature related to the prevention of problem gambling.
3	Functions	<p>Governance, approving projects, managing, disbursing and monitoring funds as mandated by the current Memorandum of Agreement.</p> <p>To collaborate and cooperate with other government and non-government organizations and agencies, both provincially and inter-provincially, to best facilitate effective response to problem gambling issues and needs through knowledge acquisition, translation, and dissemination.</p> <p>To participate in, or otherwise support, government's approach to gaming/gambling in Nova Scotia, eg policy development, program development, inter-sectoral collaboration.</p> <p>To advance a perspective of social responsibility and ethical public policy relative to gaming in Nova Scotia.</p>

4	Composition	Not less than three directors. Recommend a maximum of nine, with optimum Board of seven to nine members. Representative of the population and geographical regions of Nova Scotia and include a wide continuum of diversity - racial, geographic, religious, socioeconomic, youth, gambling practitioner, research, women and consumer based.
5	Formal Qualifications	None
6	Work & Experience Requirements	Comfortable working in a policy governance model. Demonstrated interest and commitment to problem gambling as a professional or in a voluntary capacity an asset.
7	Skills Required	Strong commitment to and interest in problem gambling, good interpersonal and communication skills, ability to articulate a vision and manifest that vision, personal attributes considered important in a leadership role (eg. Integrity, respect, honesty, trustworthiness, etc) Chair position: requires proven leadership abilities, experience chairing organizations, good communications skills.
8	Statutory Nomination Requirements	None
9	Term of Appointment	Determined by the Minister. Recommend each member to serve for a three-year term. Board membership to be staggered so there are never fewer than 2/3 experienced members on the Board. Chair appointed by the Minister from among the members of the Board.
10	Remuneration	Reasonable expenses only, incurred in the performance of their Board duties. (travel, per diem)
11	Anticipated Time Commitments	Minimum six - half-day meetings per year, with more as required to carry out the Board responsibilities and related Foundation activities.
12	Other Notes	Board Members who complete their terms, may re-offer on the Board's recommendation and Minister's approval for another term.