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# Board of Directors Candidate Nomination Form



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Complete nomination forms must be submitted to the election committee or current executive office whether by email or in person by May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 ,9 pm Eastern (8 pm central, 6 pm pacific). Late submission will not be accepted.** The election committee will meet after May 19th to ensure that there are sufficient qualified nominations and may make recommendations to the membership based on nominations received.

## **Candidate Eligibility Criteria:**

Who is eligible to run for office?

### **Active members are eligible**

(Candidate must meet the following according to Parara USA bylaws)

- ❖ Must be 18 years old and meet all regular member eligibility as in section 4.3 of bylaws
- ❖ Pay annual registration fee (\$25) and annual dues (\$120) or paid donations greater than \$145 annually
- ❖ Must meet membership obligations as described in section 4.2 of bylaws

## **Nominating Agent Eligibility Criteria:**

Who can nominate others for office?

- ❖ Must be 18 years old and meet all regular member eligibility as in section 4.3 of bylaws
- ❖ Parara USA State Leaders
- ❖ All active members



# Nomination Form: For Board of Directors Candidate

**Election Year: 2018**

## Nominee (Candidate)

<b>Full Name</b>	
<b>Position Nominated to</b> (Identify a specific position or mark "open". Make it clear if running for president)	
City and State	
Cell phone	
Home Phone	
E-Mail Address	

## Candidate Background and Statement of Purpose

Summarize the candidate background and their statement of purpose (Why are you running for office?). The Candidate should fill this. The statement of purpose will be published to members.

(enter text here)



## I Declare to nominate the above person:

The persons who are nominating and endorsing the above person. The State chairperson signature is required for organized States. Without state chairperson signature then then two additional members must also endorse the above person.

State Chairperson Full Name	
State Chairperson Signature & Date	
(1) Endorsing Member Full Name	
(1) Endorsing Member Signature & Date	
(2) Endorsing Member Full Name	
(2) Endorsing Member Signature & Date	

## I, the Candidate hereby Consent to nomination & act as member of Board of Directors

The candidate signature and date hereby consent to nomination and act as member of Board of Directors. This section must filled out by candidate only.

Candidate Full Name	
Candidate Signature & Date	

## I, the Nominee also declare that I am qualified:

Please check all that apply

- Regular Bari member       Do commit to serve for 2 years  
 Active Parara Member  
 18 years or older

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## Election Committee: Contacts

Official email address: [Parara.election@gmail.com](mailto:Parara.election@gmail.com)

### 2018 Election Committee

**Peter Kujjo (WI): 414-840-9521**

**Francis DeKulung (MI): 517-885-8402**

**Elizabeth Donato (ME): 207-518-0793**

**Sebit Kenyi Gubari (CA): 619-214-7243**

To be added soon:

## (Office Only) Election Committee Qualification Review

The election committee hereby approves the person to meet qualifications and will make recommendations to members.

Signature & Date	
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# Sections of Parara USA Bylaws for Reference

## **Section 4.2. Rights and Obligations of Members**

- A. PARARA-USA shall have only one class of members.
- B. Each member shall:
  - 1. Only hold one membership in PARARA-USA.
  - 2. Have the same legal rights, privileges, restrictions, and conditions, except as explicitly provided in or authorized by the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws of PARARA-USA, or provisions of law.
  - 3. Support the mission, vision, purpose, and objectives of PARARA as stated in these bylaws.
  - 4. Pay his/her registration fee, monthly/annual dues and any other necessary financial contributions towards the running of PARARA.
  - 5. Attend meetings and participate in achieving the objectives and goals of PARARA.
  - 6. Observe and execute the resolutions of the General Assembly, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee.
  - 7. Comply with the resolutions and decisions of the majority even though he/she might have voted against them during the discussion.
  - 8. Discourage and eliminate acts that are detrimental to the unity and integrity of PARARA.
  - 9. Appear before the Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee when summoned in connection with an investigation or disciplinary action.
  - 10. Not be involved in unlawful acts or violation of the laws of United States.
  - 11. Know the Bylaws in details in order that business can be transacted legally and correctly.

## **Section 4.3. Eligibility for Membership**

Membership shall be open to any Bari and non-Bari person, defined as an adult (18 years and older), and who is a resident, or permanent resident, or citizen of United States of America, or entered the country legally as a visitor, and who supports the mission, vision, purpose, and objectives of PARARA-USA, and meets the conditions outlined under each of the membership definitions as specified herein:

- A. Regular Member:

1. Any Bari person, who is unmarried, married, divorced or widowed, who claims patrilineal descent through birth, adoption, assisted reproductive medical technology including use of surrogates.
2. Spouse of a regular male member.
3. Children (by birth, adoption, or assisted reproductive technology) of unmarried Bari female regular member, who is not able to claim descent from any male parent.

#### **Section 4.4. Membership Dues**

- A. The amount of the membership dues shall be as defined herein in these Bylaws, under the article for PARARA Financial Resources, Assets and Administration.
- B. Continued membership shall be contingent upon being up-to-date with payment of membership dues.
- C. Collection of the dues shall be conducted as an active process throughout the year.
- D. The amounts of all membership dues, sharing, and disbursements shall be determined annually by the General Assembly during the annual general meeting.

#### **Section 8.1.B. Membership Dues:**

The membership dues in PARARA shall be as follows:

1. **Registration Fee: \$25.00.** This is a one-time non-refundable fee, expected at the time of becoming a member. Note, this is not the annual membership fee.
2. **Monthly or Annual Membership subscriptions:** shall be non-refundable payment as follows:
  - i. Regular member: \$120.0
  - ii. Associate Member: \$120.00
  - iii. Honorary Member: voluntary contribution/pledge

#### **Section 4.8. Voting by Members**

- A. Active members shall be entitled to one vote per member on all matters requiring a vote of the members of the organization.
- B. Only active members can serve as proxy. Unless authorized by the Board of Directors, no member can serve as proxy for more than one person.
- C. Voting on matters related to election of any PARARA officials (in the Board of Directors, or Executive committee, or standing committee, etc), or impeachment, or removal from office shall be by ballot. The secretary at the meeting shall report the count of ballots.
- D. Voting via remote means (mail via approved mail carriers, or electronics, or other electronic communication media such as audio

only or audio and visual, or other emergent means) that permits mutual communication between the member and the election committee, shall be acceptable for certain situations as designated by the Board of Directors.

E. All Associate and Honorary Members have no voting rights.

The Chairman of the Board shall give a casting vote in the case of a tie, but only in meetings of the Board, or joint meetings with executive Committee.

### **Section 5.3. Election of Board of Directors**

- A. The election of the Board of Directors shall be conducted by active members every two years.
- B. Each office in the Board shall be contested for separately, through a simple majority of votes by the active members present.
- C. All positions shall be preceded by nominations, and following consent of the candidate.
- D. Up to three (3) members but not less than two (2) may be nominated to contest for each position.
- E. Election shall follow the following sequence:
  1. Election of the Chairman of Board of Directors.
  2. Election of Deputy Chairman of Board of Directors.
  3. Election of Secretary of Board of Directors.
  4. Election of three Councilors at-large.
  5. Appointment of two ex-officio Councilors from State of incorporation of PARARA-USA.

### **Section 6.3. Election of Executive Committee**

- A. The election of the Executive Committee shall be conducted solely and voted upon by active members at the general Assembly meeting every two years.
- B. The General Assembly shall elect the following:
  1. The President of Executive Committee.
  2. The remaining members of the Executive Committee without their positions; these will be filled under supervision of the election committee in a separate meeting.
- C. Each office shall be contested for separately.
- D. All positions shall be preceded by nominations, must be seconded, and followed by consent of the candidate.
- E. Up to three (3) members but not less than two (2) may be nominated to contest for each position in the Executive Committee.
- F. Voting via remote means (mail via approved mail carriers, email or other emergent means) shall be allowed as deemed justifiable by the Board of Directors.

### **Size of Executive Committee**

- A. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of:

1. President;
  2. Vice President;
  3. Secretary General;
  4. Secretary of Finance;
  5. Secretary of Culture and Education;
  6. Secretary of Community Development;
  7. Secretary of Information and External Relations;
  8. Deputy Secretary General;
  9. Deputy Secretary of Finance;
  10. Deputy Secretary of Culture and Education;
  11. Deputy Secretary of Information and External Relations.
- B. All members to serve on the committee shall be active members of PARARA; and shall be elected to serve for a period of two (2) years.
- C. Elected officers shall so serve until resignation, removed as defined in other articles of these Bylaws, or separated by death, or until election of her/his successor.
- D. All members may serve not more than two terms, if elected.

### **Section 7.6. Election Committee**

- A. An Election Committee of five members shall be formed by the Board of Directors, in every election Season, to:
1. Regulate, organize and oversee all elections as prescribed by these Bylaws.
  2. Oversee the swearing-in of all elected or designated members of the Board of Directors and of all elected officers of the Executive Committee.
  3. Supervise the hand-over process between the out-going and the in-coming Board of Directors or Executive committee.
  4. Look into and settle complaints and disputes over election matters.
- B. No member of the Election Committee shall be a candidate in an on-going election.
- C. It is preferable that members of the Election Committee be of experience and/or of legal expertise.
- D. An Election Committee shall begin its work Ninety Days (90 days) prior to election season and terminate Fourteen Days (14 Days) after election season.
- E. All election records shall be kept in the office of the Secretary General.

### **Section 9.3. Oath of Office**

- A. Prior to assuming their respective duties, all officials of PARARA-USA (members of: Board of Directors; the Executive Committee; election committee; Standing Committees; be they elected, or designated, or appointed) shall take the oath as designated below:



1. The Board of Directors and the Executive Committee shall take the oath of office before the Election Committee.
2. Members of the Standing Committees and of any other specialized or ad-hoc committees shall take the oath of office before the Executive Committee.
3. Members of the election committee shall take the oath of office before the Board of Directors.

B. The following statement shall be recited as an Oath:

I, ...(name)..., do hereby solemnly swear, to affirm and uphold the principles, objectives and integrity of PARARA-USA bylaws, that I will abide by them, that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of my office to the best of my ability, and that I will promote and protect the interests of all PARARA members in accordance with the spirit of these bylaws. So help me God.

