

Statements Supporting Nominees for Board Director Positions



Nominee: Mark Gibbs – Currently serving Chairman.

Dear Members,

I have been an elected member on the Ambulance Provident Fund (APF) Board since 2013. In that time I have served as Vice Chairman and Chairman, having held the Chair role for several terms to present.

Over the time I have worked with the Board to expand diversification of our investments to grow and expand our assets to allow the APF to support our members beneficiaries. In that time we have seen our value grow to almost \$7.5M (as of October 2023). Our investment diversification now includes a vast shares portfolio producing more income than membership fees, 3 properties and gold, along with cash reserves of nearly \$1M.

Recently we have seen the first MOU with NSW Ambulance introduced by this current Board, as well over the last few years we have worked tirelessly to draft a new Constitution, to meet ASIC rules, as well to ensure it reflects a modern entity and to ensure future growth of the APF and our membership. In my time as Chairman we have also introduced a Finance and Membership committee, with plans for an Audit & Risk committee to reflect areas of our new Constitution. I see opportunities for members who may not have time or want to be on a Board, though may want to play an active role in one of these committees.

I hold a certificate as Company Director from the Australian Institute of Company Directors, as well hold required Company Director Registration/ID in line with ASIC rules. I have also served on 2 other Boards with Rotary and an Age Care Foundation, though now my concentration is purely on leading the APF Board.

With our changing profession and mobility of Paramedic qualifications, I want to continue to lead the APF Board to support Paramedics and people who work in support of Paramedics,

like our amazing corporate staff. The APF needs to continue to grow our membership base, without an increase in our membership we won't have funds to invest to deliver the reason our APF founding members introduced the scheme, to support beneficiaries of members.

Cheers

Mark Gibbs ASM JP
Chairman, Ambulance Provident Fund

(PIC)

Nominee – Grant Prendergast – Currently serving Director.

Hello Members,

I joined the Ambulance Provident Fund at its inception as I saw the organisation as a way to protect my own family as well as support my fellow paramedics and their loved ones during times of personal hardship and loss.

I have been employed by the NSW Ambulance since 1980. From a personal development perspective and educationally, I have worked as an ALS officer and currently as an Intensive Care Paramedic. I have a Bachelor of Health Science – Paramedicine.

I have served on several Boards including as a current Board member of ACP for several years, the Board of Kenya Health, which is an Australian based aid organisation providing medical aid to underprivileged persons in Kenya, Africa, and the former Australian College of Ambulance Professionals (now Australasian College of Paramedicine).

As a 40-year veteran of the New South Wales ambulance, 30 years as a Team leader I have a thorough understanding of the challenges facing the modern paramedic workforce. The APF financial position has grown substantially during my current tenure due to the work of existing Board members. Using this knowledge, I work hard with other Board members to represent the best interests of our members.

As a Board member over recent years, I focused on working with the board to ensure viability, growth and strong financial management of our fund and will continue with this to support our members.

Grant Prendergast



Nominee – William Edwards

Dear Members of the Paramedic Provident Fund Board,

I am writing to formally submit my application for the position of Director within the Paramedic Provident Fund. With over 7 years' experience as a dedicated NSW Paramedic, I am deeply committed to the betterment and support of the paramedic community. My diverse background in healthcare, coupled with governance experience on various Boards and Committees, positions me as a strong candidate for this pivotal role.

Throughout my career, I have been actively involved in healthcare governance, previously working in the private healthcare sector, and now currently serving on the Board of NSW Ambulance Clinical Equipment Committee. I was recently appointed as the NSW Committee Member for the Australasian College of Paramedicine, where we contribute to policy development and program implementation aimed at enhancing the well-being of healthcare professionals. Additionally, my experience working as NSW Ambulance Health Relationship Manager and Sector Duty Operations Manager in collaboration with several Committees and Boards has equipped me with valuable insights into fund management and resource allocation.

The motivation behind my application is deeply rooted in my passion for advocating for the welfare and advancement of paramedics. My goal as a Director would be to leverage my experience in healthcare governance and financial oversight to secure the future of the Paramedic Provident Fund. By ensuring strategic financial management and investments, I aim to safeguard the financial security of paramedics and support their professional development and well-being.

My formal qualifications include the completion of a Masters of Clinical Exercise Physiology (Rehabilitation), Bachelor of Health Science (Exercise and Sport Science) and a Diploma of Paramedicine. My education has provided me with a strong foundation in both the Health and

Leadership aspects crucial to the Director's role. Furthermore, my continuous commitment to staying abreast of healthcare industry standards, combined with hands-on experience as a current registered Paramedic and Duty Operations Manager equips me to offer a unique and valuable perspective to the Board.

In conclusion, my dedication to the paramedic profession, coupled with a strong understanding of governance, financial oversight, and healthcare dynamics, positions me as an ideal candidate for the Director position within the Paramedic Provident Fund. I am committed to championing the interests of paramedics, ensuring their financial security, and driving initiatives that support their invaluable contributions to the community.

Thank you for considering my application. I am eager to bring my skills and dedication to the Paramedic Provident Fund Board and contribute meaningfully to its mission.

Sincerely,

William Edwards
