



## Governing Board Elected Member Candidate Statement

The Candidate Statement, your photograph and names of your nominators will be published on the Cochrane Community website during the elections process, and the Candidate Statement and photograph will remain on the website against the names of new members for the duration of their terms on the Board. For this reason, this Candidate Statement document template must be used; and full addresses, email addresses and/or unencrypted e-signatures excluded.

Please submit this Elected Member Candidate Statement in Word format by the stated deadline. It should be shared beforehand with your two nominators.

Family name (surname):	<b>Finestone</b>
First name(s):	<b>Sandra</b>
Today's date:	<b>11/14/18</b>

### 1. How and when did you first become involved in Cochrane and what has been your subsequent contribution to Cochrane's work (maximum 200 words)?

I have been an advocate reviewer for 4 years. I was encouraged to volunteer to do reviews by another advocate to whom I had worked in other advocate programs.

Since that time, I have reviewed 7 initial proposals and reviewed the proposals when they have been revised. At that time I have provided comments on whether the revised copies have addressed concerns raised.

I was privileged to review abstracts for the last annual meeting.

In addition to the direct work I have done with and for Cochrane, I let my extended community know about the work that Cochrane is doing and often use Cochrane references when giving a presentation about outcomes and patient participation.

### 2. What experience do you have serving as a member of a governing board, board of directors or similar? This might be within a non-for-profit or charitable organization, or a hospital or University. Please include the name(s) of the organization(s), the roles you played and other relevant information (maximum 200 words).

I was instrumental in forming the Orange County Breast Cancer Coalition and served as its President for 7 years. I also was on the originating board of the Komen Race for the Cures in Orange County

California. I was the President of the Orange County affiliate of Susan G. Komen 3 times and have been President of the Inland Empire Affiliate of Susan G. Komen also 3 times. I currently serve on a national advisory board for Medicare as well as two local committees for Medicaid. I serve on and FDA advisory board and the local Mental Health Board.

3. Acting as a Board member requires a collaborative approach to decision-making, setting aside personal opinions and group affiliations and acting in the best interests of the charity. Please describe how you would fulfil this obligation, using examples from previous committee or other work (maximum 200 words).

I am often the voice of reason in meetings where the passions of the participants are high. I often have strong opinions but always try to present my points of view in a reasonable, respectful manner. If my position is not supported by reason I am unlikely to bring others to my point of view. I am an accountant and am very logical and organized. I also have a doctorate in psychology so am trained to take note of not only spoken words but body language and I think I have honed that skill. I believe that more can be accomplished when groups work together. As mentioned I was instrumental in forming the Orange County Breast Cancer Coalition. Many well - meaning groups were scheduling events on the same days and by simply creating a calendar of events each of our programs were more successful and we were able to support each other without conflict.

4. What do you think would make you an effective member of the Board (maximum 200 words)?

My main focus in the volunteer work that I do is to ensure that the patient voice is always heard and considered. I believe this would be the most valuable asset I could bring to the committee in addition to being a pragmatic thinker.

5. What do you believe are the most important strategic challenges for Cochrane in 2019 (maximum 200 words)?

The volume of work that is currently being created is difficult to control Clinicians today cannot possible read all the information available to them. Cochrane has the ability to be an important part of solving that issue. Also, data is becoming a larger and important part of today's research; Cochrane could be invaluable in this area.

## Questions 6-12: Specific Skills

To function optimally the Governing Board requires a range of experiences, knowledge and expertise amongst its membership. We cannot expect any single Governing Board member to have all the necessary skills and experience. We are looking for diversity.

**We do not expect you to answer “yes” to more than one or two of these questions.**

If you do answer “yes”, please provide at least one example which best demonstrates your experience or expertise. You may wish to include:

- A description of the situation and the context
- What you did
- What skills and knowledge you deployed
- The outcome and your personal contribution

### **6. Do you have experience of Charity Governance (in any charitable organization around the world)?**

Yes or No? If Yes, please provide details and examples below (maximum 200 words).

I have incorporated non- profit organizations. I have acted as financial officer to many non- profits and have been involved in the formation of others. I have been on the board of directors of several charities and have also been involved in the writing of the mission statements and objectives of others.

I also currently sit on the board of a for profit business.

### **7. Do you have experience of Organizational Finance and Resource Management?**

Yes or No? If Yes, please provide details and examples below (maximum 200 words).

Yes, as mentioned above I have often acted as the financial officer of non-profits.

I currently have an accounting practise with the husband and deal every day with finances and resources management.

### **8. Do you have experience of People Management (often called ‘Human Resources’ in English) and Organizational Development?**

Yes or No? If Yes, please provide details and examples below (maximum 200 words).

As the president of several non-profits the management of staff often fell on my shoulders. When an executive directors has been part of the staff structure they would supervise and manage staff under

them and my responsibility would be to supervise the executive director.

I have assisted in creating a staff manual.

**9. Do you have experience of Consumer and Patient involvement in Evidence Production and Health Policy?**

Yes or No? If Yes, please provide details and examples below (maximum 200 words).

As mentioned above, the focus of my volunteer work is to act as a patient advocate. I review grants for the Department of Defence, I sit on a panel for the FDA, I sit on a national Medicare advisory committee and many other examples I could give you as examples of consumer involvement.

I chaired a committee with academia, pharma, FDA and consumers to insurance that in drug development the consumer perspective was considered.

I have been involved in legislative education at the local, state and national level regarding issues of health policy.

**10. Do you have experience of Advocating for Evidence?**

Yes or No? If Yes, please provide details and examples below (maximum 200 words).

I am on the board of CUE, Consumer United for Evidence Based Healthcare. I am the patient advocate on the Scientific Advisory Board for Susan G. Komen all who believe strongly in evidence based research and evidence based healthcare.

**11. Do you have experience of Widening Access, Participation, Reach and Impact of Research?**

Yes or No? If Yes, please provide details and examples below (maximum 200 words).

I work very hard addressing the issues of lack of access particularly in diverse communities. Where you live should not dictate if you live.

I currently serve as the patient advocate on several proposal looking at involving communities in clinical trials and clinical studies.

**12. Do you have experience of Fundraising & Development?**

Yes or No? If Yes, please provide details and examples below (maximum 200 words).

Fundraising is not my focus, but I chaired Race for the Cure in my community and support many other fund raising programs.

When speaking about research I also mentioned that funding is always needed and offer those I am speaking to examples of how they can contribute.

**13. Is there anything else you would like to say in support of your nomination (maximum 200 words)?**

I would only mention that I think the work that Cochrane does is important and if I can contribute in some meaningful way, I would like to do that.

**Declarations:**

To be eligible to stand for election, candidates must confirm the following by putting a ‘tick’ (✓) or their initials in the boxes below:

**I hereby confirm that I:**

1. Have accepted the <a href="#">Terms and Conditions of Cochrane Membership</a> and have been a Cochrane Member for at least 30 days prior to the close of voting in this election	✓
2. Have read the following guidance produced by the <a href="#">National Council for Voluntary Organisations</a> in the UK: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is a charity</li> <li>• What is a charity trustee</li> <li>• What trustees must do</li> <li>• How trustees look after the charity</li> </ul>	✓
3. Accept the <a href="#">Governing Board Charter</a>	✓
4. Accept and will adhere to the <a href="#">Code of Conduct for Trustees</a>	✓
5. Have completed the Cochrane ‘Declaration of Interest’ Statement (Annex 1 of this document)	✓
6. Have completed the ‘Trustee Eligibility Declaration’ required by the <a href="#">UK Charity Commission for all Trustees</a> (Annex 2 of this document)	✓

**NAME: Sandra Finestone, PsyD**

**DATE: 11/14/18**

## Annex 1: Cochrane Declaration of Interest Statement

Candidates must make a declaration of conflict of interest, including financial or non-financial relationships with other organizations, professional relationships to other members of the Board, and other Boards she/he may sit on. In writing this statement, candidates should refer to Cochrane’s [conflict of interest policy](#) and the [declarations of existing members of the Board](#).

Please answer the following questions:

<b>1. Financial interests</b>  <b>In the last three years, have you:</b>	<b>Yes/No (If yes, please provide details)</b>
a) Received research funding: any grant, contract or gift, commissioned research, or fellowship from Cochrane or a related organization (i.e. any organization related to health care or medical research) to conduct research?	no
b) Had paid consultancies: any paid work, consulting fees (in cash or kind) from a related organization?	no
c) Received honoraria: one-time payments (in cash or kind) from a related organization?	Yes. I receive an honorarium for serving on the Komen Scientific Advisory Board
d) Served as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or held a position of management with a related organization?	no
e) Possessed share-holdings, stock, stock options, equity with a related organization (excludes mutual funds or similar arrangements where the individual has no control over the selection of the shares)?	no
f) Received personal gifts from a related organization?	no
g) Had an outstanding loan with a related organization?	no
h) Received royalty payments from a related organization?	no
<b>2. Do you have any other competing interests that could pose a conflict of interest that would reasonably appear to be related to the primary interest?</b>	no

## Annex 2: Trustee Eligibility Declaration

As required by the [UK Charity Commission](#)

Please tick or initial in the boxes below to confirm the following:

### I declare that I:

Am willing to act as a trustee of The Cochrane Collaboration	✓
Understand Cochrane's purposes (objects) and rules set out in its <a href="#">Articles of Association</a>	✓
Am not prevented from acting as a trustee because I: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have an unspent conviction for one or more of the offences <a href="#">listed here</a></li> <li>• Have an Individual Voluntary Arrangement, debt relief order and/or a bankruptcy order</li> <li>• Have been removed as a trustee in England, Scotland or Wales (by the Charity Commission or Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator)</li> <li>• Have been removed from being in the management or control of any organization in Scotland (under relevant legislation)</li> <li>• Have been disqualified by the Charity Commission</li> <li>• Am a disqualified company director</li> <li>• Am a designated person for the purposes of anti-terrorism legislation</li> <li>• Am on the sex offenders register or equivalent in any country</li> <li>• Have been found in contempt of court for making (or causing to be made) a false statement</li> <li>• Have been found guilty of disobedience to an order or direction of the Charity Commission</li> </ul>	✓
Will provide true, complete and correct information to the Charity Commission if elected as a Board member	✓
Understand that it's an offence under section 60(1)(b) of the Charities Act 2011 to knowingly or recklessly provide false or misleading information	✓
Comply with my responsibilities as a trustee that are set out in the <a href="#">Charity Commission guidance 'The essential trustee (CC3)'</a>	✓