



## Governing Board Elected Member Candidate Statement

The Candidate Statement, your photograph and names of your nominators will be published on the Cochrane websites during the elections process, and the Candidate Statement and photograph will remain on the websites 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>MALDONADO FERNANDEZ</b>
First name(s):	<b>MIGUEL</b>
Today's date:	<b>20 OCT 2021</b>
Are you a current member of the Governing Board standing for re-election?	<b>No</b>
Will you be 30 years old or younger on 29 November 2021?	<b>No</b>

### Questions 1-4: General experience and motivation

**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 authored a Cochrane Review (Maldonado Fernández M, Birdi JS, Irving GJ, Murdin L, Kivekäs I, Strupp M. Pharmacological agents for the prevention of vestibular migraine. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2015, Issue 6. Art. No.: CD010600. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD010600.pub2. Accessed 24 October 2021.)

I have been involved in new proposal of protocols and reviews within the Priorities of the ENT group, that finally have not crystalized in reviews.

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

I have served at the International Editorial Board of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (the official journal of the American Academy of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery), for the two allowed consecutive periods (from October 2017 to October 2021).

I am a member of the Ethics commission and the Evaluation of New Health Technologies at SESPA, the Public Health System in Asturias (Spain).

**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 organization as a whole. Please describe how you would fulfil this obligation, using examples from previous committee or other work (maximum 200 words).**

I consider serving at the Governing Board as an endeavour for the general good. Indeed I hold particular ideas and opinions, but I am aware that a compound perspective of the majority of the members is richer and more accurate than any particular view.

I have seen this to be the case as a member of several Commissions (research, ethics) at the Spanish National Public Health System.

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

I am eager to focus on the ambitious aim of a global open access to Cochrane. I like to apply, when possible, the John Cleese approach of an open phase of brainstorming and sharing of ideas, followed by closed phases of down-to-the task work.

I enjoy getting in touch with others and making proposals. Maybe this feature will be of use for the purposes of the Governing Board.

## Questions 5-11: Specific Skills

The Governing Board needs a range of experiences, knowledge and expertise amongst its membership. We do not 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 the questions below.**

If you do answer “yes”, please provide at least one example which best demonstrates your skills or experience.

Desired skills and experience for this election:	Which means to you can:	Do you have skills and experience in this area? [YES/NO]	If YES, please provide an example:
<b>5. Publishing and Open Access</b>	Guide others through the complexities and opportunities for organizations in achieving Open Access to content and data	YES	I collaborate as a peer reviewer at more than 10 journals, some of them Open Access publications. I have served at the International Editorial Board of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (the official journal of the American Academy of otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery). Member of the Ethics commission and the Evaluation of New Health Technologies at SESPA, the Public Health System in Asturias (Spain).
<b>6. Fundraising and business development</b>	Develop and implement opportunities for income generation, build organizational relationships and connections, access donor and partner networks	YES	I run a private practice (Otolaryngology) in Spain, besides my commitments in the Public Health System.
<b>7. Digital product development</b>	Guide user-centred design, development and delivery of new digital products, understand informatics and structured data	YES	Basic. I have posted a blog for evidence based health care (NUMBERSFORDOCTORS) in the past.
<b>8. Financial management</b>	Oversee an organization’s fiduciary, risk and audit duties, lead financial and investment planning	NO	
<b>9. Advocacy</b>	Act as an ambassador for an organization, influence and strengthen the commitment of	YES	I have acted as a link between CASP (Spain) and the Spanish ENT Society.

	public leaders or decision-makers to a cause, secure community support		
<b>10. Science communications or public relations</b>	Build organizational brand and profile online and in person, lead crisis management, design effective external and internal communications processes; OR Educate and raise awareness of science-related topics, design strategies for effectively communicating complex ideas to different audiences, or lead the transfer of knowledge into action	YES	I have strong experience in training and lecturing physicians and nurses in Biostatistics and Evidence Based Healthcare. I am enrolled in lecturing in the CASPe collaboration.
<b>11. Making organizations more diverse and equitable</b>	Guide equity, diversity and inclusion assessments and target-setting or provide lived experience of addressing issues of inequality	YES	As a member of the Ethical Committee for Research at the Public Health System in Asturias, I play a role in addressing possible inequities in research projects

**12. Anything else you'd like to say in support of your nomination (maximum 200 words)?**

I am lucky to have a reasonably wide international network of friends and collaborators. Some are former classmates and staff at the EBHC MSc in Oxford and the Master of Public Health at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health.

## 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	YES
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>	YES
3. Accept the <a href="#">Governing Board Charter</a>	YES
4. Accept and will adhere to the <a href="#">Code of Conduct for Trustees</a>	YES
5. Have completed the Cochrane 'Declaration of Interest' Statement (Annex 1 of this document)	YES
6. Have completed the 'Trustee Eligibility Declaration' required by the <a href="#">UK Charity Commission for all Trustees</a> (Annex 2 of this document)	YES
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<b>DATE: 23 OCT 2021</b>	

## 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](#) (for Cochrane Groups) 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 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?	NO
d) Served as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or held a position of management with a related organization?	NO
e) Possessed shareholdings, 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>	NONE

## 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	YES
Understand Cochrane's purposes (objects) and rules set out in its <a href="#">Articles of Association</a>	YES
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>	NO
Will provide true, complete and correct information to the Charity Commission if elected as a Board member	YES
Understand that it's an offence under section 60(1)(b) of the Charities Act 2011 (United Kingdom) to knowingly or recklessly provide false or misleading information	YES
Comply with my responsibilities as a trustee that are set out in the <a href="#">Charity Commission guidance 'The essential trustee (CC3)'</a>	YES