



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):	Nunn
First name(s):	Jack Stephen
Today's date:	22nd October 2021
Are you a current member of the Governing Board standing for re-election?	No
Will you be 30 years old or younger on 29 November 2021?	No

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)?
<p>I have been advocating for the work of Cochrane for over 10 years as part of my work to build partnerships between researchers and the public, with the National Institute for Health Research (UK) and Macmillan Cancer Support.</p> <p>When I moved to Australia in 2014, I became more directly involved in the work of Cochrane. This included creating an animation for explaining systematic reviews (which is used on the Cochrane site and has over 275k views); designing and leading training for Cochrane to help the public get involved; working on a Cochrane project to involve patients and the public in prioritising review topics; and working with the ACTIVE team to develop a way of reporting involvement in systematic reviews.</p>

More recently, in 2020 I was co-opted onto the Consumer Executive, have presented at numerous webinars and on a podcast on behalf of Cochrane, and was recently nominated to the Council in 2021. I remain passionate about the importance of the work of Cochrane and look forward to supporting the organisation in any way I can.

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 am the Director and founder of the Australian-based international education charity Science For All and have been volunteer Director and Chair of the Board of Directors for 3 years. In 2018 I was elected as Strategy Liaison for the Wiki Journals (open-access peer-reviewed journals published by the Wikimedia Foundation), which involves consulting multiple stakeholders and participating in high-level international strategy discussions for a global organisation comparable in structure and reach to Cochrane.

Since 2018 I have been a member of the Australian Department of Health's Medical Services Advisory Committee - Evaluation Sub-Committee (part of the health technology assessment process), and am familiar with the importance of thorough discussion, formal deliberation, reaching a group agreement, and presenting decisions publicly.

I volunteer on the Australian Citizen Science Association organising committee for Early to Mid-career researchers and am on the Editorial Board for the journals 'Research Involvement and Engagement', and the 'Wiki Journal of Science'. I am also a co-director of a small UK family business and am familiar with legal reporting required of UK organisations.

In all my work, seek to be inclusive, and am transparent about my values and any interests, including potential conflicting or competing interests.

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).

Working on the Australian Department of Health's Medical Services Advisory Committee, I am part of complex formal discussions, with experts from different areas presenting perspectives, and then group discussion and decision making. My task is to summarise any existing evidence, and provide input based on my own expertise. When I participate in decisions about health issues which have affected me personally, I am always careful to declare a personal interest or experience, noting the value and importance of such perspectives, and balancing these with multiple other perspectives.

As the Strategy Liaison for the Wikimedia Journals, inclusivity and collaboration are at the core of the work. My task is not to put forward my own agenda but gather the perspectives of others and reflect this in international strategy discussions.

Science for All makes all decisions transparently with a horizontal structure. As Director, I have facilitated decision making processes and led the co-design process for an international project seeking to standardise data about research and other initiatives. This process of co-designing ‘Standardised Data on Initiatives – STARDIT’ involved over 100 people and involved incorporating the perspectives of people from multiple countries and cultures, using transparent voting tools in order to make and report decisions.

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

I am passionate about involving the people we support through the work we do, including the public and patients.

By working in multiple countries for charities and universities, and with international organisations such as WHO, my ability to think and work collaboratively across both countries, cultures and languages has been strengthened.

At the Wikimedia Foundation, inclusive ways of working are a priority. We take action to ensure there is equity of access for everyone, regardless of gender, language, or culture.

My work with many small community organisations has also taught me the importance of volunteers and offering inclusive support to them.

My work with Indigenous peoples in different countries has let me see the reality of structural violence and health inequity, inspiring me to always ensure I am aiming to improve people’s lives. Working as a PhD researcher and co-investigator with various studies and reviews has also shown me the importance of supporting researchers, to ensure practices are inclusive and transparent.

My experience at Macmillan Cancer Support on the Staff Consultation Forum helped me understand the importance of supporting staff and volunteers in organisations to work together effectively, by listening to each other’s perspectives in order to achieve shared goals.

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:
5. Publishing and Open Access	Guide others through the complexities and opportunities for organizations in achieving Open Access to content and data	YES	I am the Strategy Liaison for the Open Access peer-reviewed Wikimedia Foundation journals and am on the editorial board for three open access journals. I am also leading the co-design of an open access data sharing platform to share human and machine-readable data about research.
6. Fundraising and business development	Develop and implement opportunities for income generation, build organizational relationships and connections, access donor and partner networks	YES	I am the founder and Director of the charity Science for All, which involves building partnerships with multiple stakeholders. We have received funding from government, universities, and other charities. We also led a successful crowd-funding campaign to fund a citizen science project. The STARDIT project (which we are hosting) has had over 100 people from multiple organisations around the world get involved and donate time and expertise.
7. Digital product development	Guide user-centred design, development and delivery of new digital products, understand informatics and structured data	YES	I have led the co-design of STARDIT, which in a working Beta version of an open access data sharing platform to standardise the way that information about initiatives is reported. It works across multiple languages using machine readable structured data. By leading the co-

			design from the start, I have worked with people from multiple disciplines to ensure the concept was useful, built and tested a working Beta on Wikimedia Foundation servers and submitted the Beta for peer-review in order to involve more people in helping improve the forthcoming version one. It has been adopted by Australian Genomics and I am working with multiple partner organisations to explore how it could be useful.
8. Financial management	Oversee an organization's fiduciary, risk and audit duties, lead financial and investment planning	YES	As Director of a charity, I manage complex organisational finances, including managing budgets for grants, consultancy and donations. This includes working with our finance team to manage payments, invoices and projects in a transparent way. Long term financial planning is part of our co-designed strategy, with decisions made transparently and involving as many people as possible.
9. Advocacy	Act as an ambassador for an organization, influence and strengthen the commitment of public leaders or decision-makers to a cause, secure community support	YES	I am on the Cochrane Council and a public advocate for the organisation. I am also the Strategy Liaison for the Wiki Journals and a public advocate for the Wikimedia Foundation. More broadly, I support the open access movement, and as Director of Science for All, fund projects to support women in STEM, Indigenous peoples and people affected by rare diseases.
10. Science communications or public relations	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	YES	I have been working for over a decade to develop learning and educational resources to support people to get involved in research. At Macmillan Cancer Support, I led the design, delivery and evaluation of 'Building Research Partnerships', using quality assured facilitator training to train people across multiple countries.

	audiences, or lead the transfer of knowledge into action		<p>For Cochrane, I led the creation of an animation for explaining systematic reviews, which is used on the Cochrane site and has over 275k views; designed and delivered training to support people to get involved in our work and have been a guest on podcasts and webinars advocating for Cochrane.</p> <p>As Director of Science for All, I've led the development of our organisational brand online and in person and managed our in-person volunteer communities through COVID.</p>
11. Making organizations more diverse and equitable	Guide equity, diversity and inclusion assessments and target-setting or provide lived experience of addressing issues of inequality	YES	<p>As Strategy Liaison for the Wiki Journals, ensuring inclusive ways of working are a priority for our work. My work on my PhD worked with people affected by rare diseases and people at greater risk of exploitation (including Aboriginal people), supporting them to get involved in co-designing research as equal partners, not just research subjects. My life's work has been about bringing an evidence informed method to being inclusive, including evaluating and reporting such methods in order to continuously improve.</p>

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

I have been passionate about Cochrane for over a decade, advocating for our important work through educational activities, online videos, podcasts, and international data sharing projects.

Organisations like Cochrane only exist because of dedicated staff, volunteers, and supporters. I believe the future success of Cochrane will be achieved by continuing to work with all of our supporters, staff and volunteers – ensuring all perspectives are included in order to work towards the important shared goals of the organisation.

If we can get trusted information to people at the right time, in the right language and right place, we will save and improve countless lives. Working to involve everyone in with work of Cochrane will ensure we can stay relevant, innovative, and connected with the important work ahead of humanity. However, we can only do this by taking an evidence-informed approach to involving people, listening, acting and learning. In the funding future ahead, we need to demonstrate how we are inclusive, how we are involving people and how we have impact. We need to share the data, we need to evaluate it, and we need to ensure our future actions are informed by the inspiring work on which Cochrane has been built.

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 Terms and Conditions of Cochrane Membership and have been a Cochrane Member for at least 30 days prior to the close of voting in this election	JN
2. Have read the following guidance produced by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations in the UK: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is a charity• What is a charity trustee?• What trustees must do• How trustees look after the charity	JN
3. Accept the Governing Board Charter	JN
4. Accept and will adhere to the Code of Conduct for Trustees	JN
5. Have completed the Cochrane 'Declaration of Interest' Statement (Annex 1 of this document)	JN
6. Have completed the 'Trustee Eligibility Declaration' required by the UK Charity Commission for all Trustees (Annex 2 of this document)	JN
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DATE: 22.10.21	

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:

1. Financial interests In the last three years, have you:	YES/NO (If YES, please provide details)
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?	<p>Yes –</p> <p>From 2016-2019 I received a La Trobe University Postgraduate Research Scholarship (LTUPRS) at \$26,288 AUD per annum, to complete my doctoral research.</p> <p>From 2019, I have been paid for consultancy for the charity Science for All (ABN: 37636063351 ACN: 636063351). Decisions about approving working agreements are made transparently and independently by the Steering Committee, and the organisation is auspiced by the Royal Society of Victoria. Science for All has been paid for consultancy by organisations including the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre, Monash Partners and being paid to support stakeholder involvement in an MRFF funded grant overseen by the University of Queensland. Since 2019, I have received \$17,000 AUD for this work.</p>
b) Had paid consultancies: any paid work, consulting fees (in cash or kind) from a related organization?	<p>Yes –</p> <p>I have been paid sitting fees by the Australian Department of Health as a Consumer Representative on the Medical Services Advisory Committee Evaluation sub-committee.</p> <p>I have also been paid for consultancy work for Science for All since 2019, as outlined in the answer to question 1a.</p>
c) Received honoraria: one-time payments (in cash or kind) from a related organization?	<p>Yes - Science for All has been paid the following honoraria for webinars which I have delivered since 2019, Science for All then paid me for my time.</p>

	1: Ludwig Boltzmann Gesellschaft – 200 Euro – webinar on participatory action research 2: Rare Voices Australia - \$250 AUD - webinar on participatory action research
d) Served as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or held a position of management with a related organization?	Yes - Director of the charity Science for All since 2019 (ABN: 37636063351 ACN: 636063351).
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
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?	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	JN
Understand Cochrane's purposes (objects) and rules set out in its Articles of Association	JN
Am not prevented from acting as a trustee because I: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have an unspent conviction for one or more of the offences listed here Have an Individual Voluntary Arrangement, debt relief order and/or a bankruptcy order 	JN

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have been removed as a trustee in England, Scotland or Wales (by the Charity Commission or Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator) • Have been removed from being in the management or control of any organization in Scotland (under relevant legislation) • Have been disqualified by the Charity Commission • Am a disqualified company director • Am a designated person for the purposes of anti-terrorism legislation • Am on the sex offenders register or equivalent in any country • Have been found in contempt of court for making (or causing to be made) a false statement • Have been found guilty of disobedience to an order or direction of the Charity Commission 	
Will provide true, complete and correct information to the Charity Commission if elected as a Board member	JN
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	JN
Comply with my responsibilities as a trustee that are set out in the Charity Commission guidance 'The essential trustee (CC3)'	JN