



We are Recruiting Board Members!

OUR MISSION

We aim to provide hope and improve quality of life by improving the way alcohol use disorder is understood and treated.

OUR VISION

We envision a world where alcohol use disorder is understood and treated as a health condition and viewed with compassion; where research, practice and policy change continue as a means to provide hope and reduce suffering.

OUR VALUES

HOPE:

To provide hope for those struggling with alcohol use disorder.

KNOWLEDGE:

To use objective evidence when providing new knowledge.

COMPASSION:

To advocate for a more compassionate perception of this disorder by positively transforming attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors.

ACCESSIBILITY:

To improve accessibility to knowledge and treatment in healthcare and in society as a whole.

IMPACT:

To transform lives and positively impact individuals, organizations, and communities.

INCLUSIVITY & DIVERSITY:

We are committed to ensuring that we are respectful and inclusive of diverse perspectives and communities. This includes ensuring that we are respectful and inclusive of Indigenous perspectives and ensuring that our work complements cultural supports and traditional healing practices.

OUR STORY

Our story began with one family physician's desire to spread a message of hope...

Dr. Jeff Harries provided medical treatment for patients with Alcohol Use Disorder for many years. And yet, it wasn't until he attended a 2017 healthcare conference that he learned that a majority of patients and providers across Canada didn't have access to the latest proven and effective medical treatments for Alcohol Use Disorder. He saw this knowledge and practice gap as a challenge and a call to action.

That call to action resulted in the formation of the Canadian Alcohol Use Disorder Society (CAUDS) in September 2020 to advocate for a compassionate, evidence-based, approach to treating Alcohol Use Disorder. Dr. Harries died from complications of ALS in 2021, and we are inspired to continue his legacy and implement a national strategy to transform lives across Canada.

OUR WEBSITE

To learn more about us, please visit www.cauds.org

BOARD MEMBER DESCRIPTION

CAUDS is a non-profit society dedicated to ensuring that we recruit board members that support and promote excellence in governance.

Our board members champion the importance of exceptional board leadership and understand that our organization needs a strong and effective board to fully realize its potential to realize its mission in addition to the standard roles and responsibilities of a board member, our board members are active advocates and ambassadors for the organization and are fully engaged in identifying and securing the financial resources and partnerships necessary for CAUDS to advance its mission.

CAUDS is recruiting board members with experience in philanthropy, legal, business and government relations.

The board of CAUDS meets 8 times a year. Meetings are generally held virtually with 2 in-person strategic retreats. Members are reimbursed for travel and related expenses and a modest honorarium is provided for meeting attendance. A full orientation is provided for all new and existing Board members.

EXPECTATIONS OF INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

- Know CAUDS vision, mission, policies, and strategic direction.
- Reflect the values of our organization.
- Be legally eligible for membership in a non-profit board of directors and willing to undertake a criminal record check.
- Review and understand board materials in advance of meetings.
- Serve as active advocates and ambassadors for the organization.
- Leverage connections, networks, and resources to achieve our mission.
- Prepare for, attend, and conscientiously participate in board meetings.
- Participate fully in one or more committees.
- Engage in learning opportunities to better understand Alcohol Use Disorder and the communities, clinicians, patients, and families we serve.
- Respect the experiences of all who bring their voices and lived experiences to the board and into the organization.

To apply, please request an application form at admin@cauds.org