Nominations are being sought for Directors-at-Large and Committee Chairs for the standing committees. All individuals so elected will become voting members of the Board of Directors of MAGAL. **Self-nominations are welcome and encouraged.**

The MAGAL Board of Directors meets 10 times per year, on the first Wednesday of the month, with the following exceptions: There is no January meeting. The June meeting takes place immediately following the Annual Membership meeting and dinner. For July and August there is one meeting on a date set by the board to best accommodate vacation schedules of the board members. All board members are expected to attend at least 7 of the 10 meetings each year.

The MAGAL Board of Directors is multi-disciplinary and diverse, and we seek to maintain diversity by encouraging nominations of individuals from varying geographic regions and with varying expertise and racial/ethnic backgrounds. All nominees must be MAGAL members in good standing. It is suggested that individuals serve as Director-at-Large or Committee Member before seeking election as an Officer or Committee Chair. Following is a brief description of the duties of these officers:

**President Elect:** The Past President or President-Elect shall exercise the power of the president in the President's absence or inability to serve, as well as to assist the Directors as needed.

**Clerk/Secretary:** The Secretary/Clerk is responsible for transmitting meeting notices, for recording attendance at meetings, for transmitting all correspondence and business to Directors at the meeting, and as parliamentarian for the Board. The Secretary will also be responsible for establishing nomination procedures, subject to Board approval, and to announce openings, collect nominations, and disseminate information on nominees to the general membership for election. In the absence or inability to serve of a President or President-Elect, the Secretary shall exercise the power of the President.

**Directors-at-Large:** Directors-at-Large are elected each year for two-year-terms (resulting in a total of 12 Directors-at-Large). Directors-at-Large are responsible for attending regular monthly board meetings, and for assisting the President, Officers, and Committee Chairs. It is expected that the Directors-at-Large will each devote additional time to furthering the goals of MAGAL.

**Chairpersons:** Chairpersons are elected each year for the following standing committees: Education, Membership, Public Relations/Website, Judicial Liaison/Legislative Affairs.

If you are interesting in serving in any of these positions, please self-nominate. If you want to nominate someone else, please seek his or her agreement to be nominated. For further information or to discuss the possibility of self-nominating, please contact any member of the Nominations Committee:

Nicole Robinson, LICSW, Clerk (Chair) (Email: NRobinson\_gal@yahoo.com; Phone: 781.279-9300)

Elizabeth M. Frick, Psy.D., Director-at-Large (Email: drefrick@gmail.com)

Thomas Ritter, J.D., Ph.D., Judicial Liaison Committee Chair (Email: tritter@atwoodcherny.com)

Gary Todd, B.A., J.D., Director-at-Large (Email: gtodd@toddweld.com)

Judith Bowman, J.D., Governance Committee Chair (Email: bowman@jfbfamilyservices.com)

**Nominations will close on April 30, 2021** and must be received on or before that date. Nominees are asked to provide a brief (500 words or less) paragraph with biographical information accompanying their self-nomination.

**Please send written nominations by April 30, 2021 to:**

**Nicole Robinson, 38 Montvale Ave, Suite 170, Box A7, Stoneham, Massachusetts 02180**

**Thank you for your support of MAGAL**