



VFBV Board Member – Role Statement

About VFBV

VFBV is the united voice of CFA volunteers and advocates on their behalf to CFA and other key stakeholders. The VFBV Board drives policy development based on volunteer input and is involved in management of issues that are of central importance to all CFA volunteers.

There are ten members on the VFBV Board, comprising eight members appointed from CFA brigades for terms of 2 years, and two ex officio Board members elected annually by State Council.

Day to day issues are managed by a Chief Executive Officer and policy and issues are debated and formulated through specialist committees.

VFBV Mission – advancing the interests of *all* Victorian fire brigade volunteers.

Key messages:

- Representing the interests of *all* Victorian fire brigade volunteers
- Combined voice of 58,000 members
- Commit time to protect their communities valued at half a billion dollars annually
- Community spirit is outstanding
- We are proud to represent them

Key Selection Criteria:

- You must be a volunteer member of a CFA brigade which is affiliated with VFBV.
- You can demonstrate your knowledge of volunteer issues in CFA and you have an understanding of equity issues.
- You can demonstrate a balance between your passion for the volunteer issues and your pragmatism in getting things done.
- You have a wide network of contacts within CFA that certainly extend beyond your brigade and probably beyond your region.

- You have good analytical and problem solving skills
- You have good debating skills, you can present ideas and you can argue in support of important points.
- You have good people skills, are a team player and can work within a team environment.
- You have the ability to travel to meetings and you are comfortable with the internet and receiving e-mails.
- Being recommended by your District Council will be highly regarded but is not essential.

Duties.

VFBV Board Members bring their background skills and knowledge to contribute to debate at Board Meetings. Board Members also network with others about policies and issues management. They are not only involved in making decisions but they are also prepared to promote Board decisions to others for the benefit of all CFA volunteers. At present, Board meetings are held on a monthly basis, normally on a week day approximately from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Selection of Board Members.

The selection process calling for applications, receiving written applications and interviewing short listed applicants. An interview panel will select the best volunteer candidates to serve as Board Members. The decision will take into account the combination of knowledge and backgrounds of the applicants.

How appointed.

The interview panel recommends the best applicants to the VFBV Board. On ratification of the recommendation, the successful applicants are appointed to the VFBV Board.

Term of office.

Board Members are usually appointed for two years.

Expected commitment.

The VFBV Board will meet regularly and meetings will be scheduled as required, probably on a monthly basis. Board Members would be expected to read Board papers and be available for direct contact by volunteers to discuss issues.

Payments.

This is an honorary position. Out of pocket travel and accommodation expenses to attend necessary meetings will be reimbursed. An allowance to contribute to telephone and internet expenses will be provided.