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JOB DESCRIPTION AND PERSON SPECIFICATION

Job Title:	**PSS Board member**	**Position:**	**Voluntary**
Specialism	**Academic with expertise in health and safety, maritime or other safety critical sector.** We are particularly keen to hear from female applicants and those from ethic minority backgrounds to support equality on the board. This is an ideal opportunity for someone looking for their first Non-exec Board role.		
Meeting schedule	**Six meetings per year plus ad-hoc team support**	**Term:**	**Three-year term, maximum two terms**

About us:

Port Skills and Safety Ltd is the professional safety and skills membership organisation for ports. We work in collaboration with our members to promote best practice and innovation, develop guidance and services to drive continuous improvement in safety and ensure a highly skilled workforce.

Our vision is to drive the port sector to become one of the safest places to work, with opportunities for individual growth and collective success. We drive positive change in skills and safety across the entire port sector.

Our values are:

Work Collaboratively.	Inspire Innovation.
Promote Excellence.	Encourage Respect.
Engender Trust.	Being Supportive.

Find out more at www.portskillsandsafety.co.uk

Board member vacancy

We are looking for an enthusiastic, highly motivated person wanting to help make a difference to the lives of UK port workers. You will have a passion for increasing levels of health and safety in ports and ensuring port workers have skills for today's workplace and future opportunities.

Our board members bring their specific expertise to the role and each lead on a core element of PSS's work. We currently have a vacancy for someone from an academic background with expertise in health and safety, maritime or other safety critical sector.

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As one of our Board Members you will help ensure we have a clear strategy, focused on our core values. You will help us to realise the aim of making the port sector one of the safest places to work.

This is an excellent opportunity to play a critical role in setting the future direction of a growing safety-critical membership organisation. The ideal candidate will provide strong leadership and direction and make balanced and adequately informed decisions, thinking about the long-term as well as the short-term. We particularly welcome applications from females or those from an ethnic minority background and this position would suit someone looking to take their first steps into a board position.

Our Board Members are unremunerated, but reasonable expenses can be paid when incurred solely for the performance of agreed duties.

You will be required to attend six board meetings (mainly hybrid – in London or online) per year. There may also be occasional work outside of these meetings to support the PSS secretariat.

Experience and Knowledge

- Academic credentials in health and safety, maritime or other safety critical sector.
- Understanding of governance structures and the duties of a board member.
- Commitment to the aims and objectives of the organisation, and a willingness to use professional networks to support these.
- Willingness to devote the necessary time and commitment.
- Strategic vision, integrity, accountability, and leadership.