

**DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE
DEPARTEMENT VAN KUNS EN KULTUUR**

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**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF
THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND (BLINDLIB),
GRAHAMSTOWN, 2004 TO 2007**

Members of the library and information services sector, the blind and print-handicapped community, and the general public are hereby invited to nominate suitable candidates to be considered for appointment to the Board of the South African Library for the Blind (Blindlib), Grahamstown. The Board will consist of at least seven members, who will be appointed by the Minister of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology for the period **1 August 2004 to 31 July 2007**, after which the Board will again be reconstituted. The Board convenes four times a year in Grahamstown (in the Eastern Cape). Remuneration for Board members will be limited to the payment of reasonable subsistence and travel expenses when attending Board meetings.

The core functions of the Board are to formulate policies, approve Blindlib's budget and financial statements, appoint staff, and advise the Minister about matters concerning Blindlib in accordance with the South African Library for the Blind Act, 1998 (Act No. 91 of 1998).

Nominees should represent stakeholders who have the necessary skills to assist Blindlib in achieving its goals. They must have knowledge of library and information services, expertise in matters affecting blind and print-handicapped readers, expertise in managerial and financial matters, and knowledge of marketing, liaison, and fund-raising.

Anyone wishing to nominate a person to serve on the Blindlib Board should submit the following information to the Department of Arts and Culture:

- A letter providing the full names and contact details of the nominator, the reason for the nomination, and the names and contact details of three references of the nominee.
- The nominee's written acceptance of the nomination.
- An **abbreviated** CV of the nominee, explaining his/her suitability for appointment, and giving the nominee's -

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| (a) Title and full names | (g) Relevant experience |
| (b) ID number | (h) Fields of expertise |
| (c) Citizenship | (i) Membership of associations, Boards, etc. |
| (d) Full contact details | (j) Past and present service on boards |
| (e) Current position and name of employer | (k) Gender |
| (f) Academic qualifications | (l) Race |

The **closing date** for nominations is **31 December 2003**. Nominations should be addressed to -

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