
Sample Board Member Commitment Agreement

Election to the Board of Directors is an honor with attendant responsibilities. It calls upon the person elected for a dedication of time, thought, energy, and financial support towards the viability and support of the arts and our organization. Present board members are the inheritors and perpetuators of a cultural tradition for which their predecessors have worked unselfishly and tirelessly over the years. Board members are singled out as persons most capable of bringing the arts to the many thousands of people of all ages in our community. Through the board process you have the authority to vote and determine the overall policies, directions, and balance that the organization will adopt.

Election brings the privileges of first-rank service in an extremely worthwhile cause and public recognition for this contribution to the arts of the community. It brings close association with other outstanding men and women who look for a chance to leave civilization a little better than they found it.

General Responsibilities:

- Give all meetings and other activities pertaining to the organization a high priority on his or her calendar.
- Recognize that an essential function of a good board is fundraising and to cooperate fully in achieving the organization's financial goals by making his or her own gift as generous as possible and by participating in annual fundraising efforts, according to your ability.
- Stay current with all the facts upon which board members must base their collective opinions and decisions, including financial responsibilities.
- Be a constant ambassador and proponent of the arts and the organization to the general public and work to engage the people of our community in the arts and our organization.

Personal Vision Statement for the Organization

(Why I am involved in this organization):

Specific Responsibilities for the Current Year:

1. To serve as a major contributor on at least one committee: _____
Other committees: _____
2. _____
3. _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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