



DIRECTOR AT LARGE

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Role Overview:

The Director-at-Large doesn't have specific duties but they're often assigned tasks by the Chair which can align with their skill sets.

Other than having flexible duties, a Director-at-Large is as influential as any other Board member. They attend Board meetings, can join committees, and are full voting members. A Director-at-Large can also serve as a committee chair.

Key Responsibilities:

- participating in Board meetings
- providing input on key decisions
- contributing expertise or guidance on matters relevant to the organization's mission and objectives.
- exercising full voting rights as needed
- participating in committees and/or serve as chair of a committee
- carrying out other duties assigned by the Chair.

General Board Commitments

- **Meeting Attendance:**
 - Attend and actively participate in all Board meetings, both scheduled & special.
- **Preparation:**
 - Prepare for meetings by reviewing agendas, minutes, and relevant materials in advance.
- **Collaboration:**
 - Work collaboratively with fellow Board members and staff to achieve the organization's goals.



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- **Ethical Standards:**
 - Uphold the highest ethical standards, avoiding conflicts of interest and always acting in the best interest of the organization.
- **Continuous Learning:**
 - Stay informed about best practices in non-profit governance and animal welfare to contribute effectively to the Board's discussions and decisions.
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Additional Board Responsibilities

Fundraising

- Actively participate in fundraising efforts, including donor cultivation, campaign planning, and event organization.
- Leverage personal and professional networks to support the organization's financial sustainability.

Community Outreach

- Engage with the community to promote the organization's mission and programs.
- Develop and maintain relationships with community leaders, partners, and other stakeholders.

Advocacy

- Advocate for animal welfare and the organization's interests at local, regional, and national levels.
- Represent the organization in public forums, media engagements, and policy discussions.