

STRONG PARKS, STRONG COMMUNITIES

Tool 6: Board Member Application

Please fill out this application to join the NPS Philanthropic Partner's Board of Directors.

Name		Date
Address	Email address	
Daytime phone ()	Evening phone ()	
Profession / occupation		
Please describe your prior board experience.		
Why are you interested in serving on the board?		
What are your specific areas of interest?		
What skills and background do you offer as a board member? <i>(please attach resume or other materials you feel would be helpful)</i>		

Signature

Date

Please note: Candidates who are approved to join the board are asked to sign the Board Member Agreement on the next two pages.

As a board member, I have certain expectations about my involvement with this board. These expectations include both what I want to give and what I want to get back in return.

What I expect from the Board

I want to serve on this board because:

The things I expect to enjoy the most about being on this board are:

The things I expect to enjoy the least are:

Through my involvement in this group, the areas where I want to grow professionally or personally are:

What I expect from this organization

- Clearly defined roles and responsibilities for board members.
- Orientation and training necessary to enhance my effectiveness as a board leader.
- Materials provided in advance of meetings where decisions or deliberation will occur.
- Timely and accurate financial reporting.
- Appropriate use of committees to assure efficient use of board time.
- Other: _____

I also recognize that this board has certain expectations of its members. It is as important for the board to get what it needs from me as it is for me to get what I need from the board.

What the Board expects from me

As a board (or committee) member, I bring these strengths, skills and knowledge to the organization:

I am willing to serve this organization in the following areas *(please check all that apply)*:

- Fund Development
- Relationship Building
- Other: _____

I accept responsibility for ALL of the following:

Time Commitment:

- Attend board orientation and training sessions
- Attend board meetings, committee meetings, and retreats
- Complete assignments and prepare for meetings

Participation:

- Participate in board fund development activities
- Make a financial contribution to the organization to the best of my ability
- Participate in meetings and ask appropriate questions when needed
- Serve on at least one committee as a part of my board role
- Participate in the ongoing tasks of the board
- Act as an advocate for the organization to the outside public

Knowledge and Preparation:

- Educate myself on the organization's purpose, history, and needs
- Keep current on the outside trends affecting this organization
- Keep current on the role and responsibilities of board involvement

Signature

Date