

BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENT PLEDGE

I will exercise the duties and responsibilities of this office with integrity, collegiality and care.

I pledge:

1. To establish as a high priority my attendance at all meetings of the board, committees and task forces on which I serve.
2. To come prepared to discuss the issues and business to be addressed at scheduled meetings, having read the agenda and relevant background material.
3. To work with and respect the opinions of my peers who serve this board, and leave my personal prejudices out of all board discussions.
4. To always act for the good of the organization.
5. To represent the organization in a positive and supportive manner at all times and in all places.
6. To observe the parliamentary procedures, and display courteous conduct in all board, committee and task force meetings.
7. To refrain from intruding on administrative issues that are the responsibility of management, except to monitor the results and prohibit methods that conflict with board policy.
8. To avoid conflicts of interest between my position as a board member and my personal life. If such conflict does arise, I will declare that conflict before the board and refrain from voting on matters in which I have conflict.
9. To support in a positive manner all actions taken by the Board of Directors even when I am in a minority position on such actions.
10. To agree to serve on at least one committee or task force, attend all meetings, and participate in the accomplishment of its objective. If I chair the board, a committee or a task force, I will:
 - a. call meetings as necessary until objectives are met
 - b. ensure that the agenda and support materials are mailed to all members in advance of the meetings
 - c. conduct the meetings in an orderly, fair, open and efficient manner
 - d. make committee program report/minutes to the board at its scheduled meetings
11. As needed, to participate in:
 - a. strategic planning retreats
 - b. board self-evaluation programs
 - c. board development workshops, seminars, and other educational events which enhance my skills as a board member
 - d. fund raising and ensure the organization has adequate funding for its programs.