

BOARD MEMBER EXPECTATION STATEMENT*

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

- 1. Support **XXXX**'s mission, vision, values, goals, policies, and programs while knowing its strengths and needs.
- 2. Suggest possible nominees to the board who are men or women of achievement who can make significant contributions to the work of the board and progress of **XXXX**.
- 3. Serve actively on committees as requested by the Board President.
- 4. Provide input and feedback to the Board President on the performance of staff members and volunteers.
- 5. Attend activities and events sponsored by **XXXX**.

MEETINGS

- 1. Prepare for and participate in board and committee meetings, including appropriate organizational activities.
- 2. Ask timely and substantive questions at board and committee meetings consistent with personal conscience and convictions, while supporting the majority decision on issues decided by the board.
- 3. Maintain confidentiality of the board's executive sessions, and speak for the board or **XXXX** only when authorized to do so.
- 4. Suggest agenda items periodically for board and committee meetings to ensure that significant policy-related matters are addressed.

AVOIDING CONFLICTS

- 1. Serve **XXXX** as a whole rather than a special interest group or constituency.
- 2. Avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest that might embarrass the board or **XXXX**, and disclose any possible conflicts of interest to the board in a timely fashion.
- 3. Never accept or offer favors or gifts to or from anyone who does business with XXXX.

FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY

- 1. Exercise prudence with the board in the control of funds.
- 2. Faithfully read and understand **XXXX**'s financial statements and otherwise help the board fulfill its fiduciary responsibility.

FUNDRAISING

- 1. Make an annual gift to **XXXX** according to personal means, but no less than the minimum amount established by the board for its members and with a realization of the leadership role the board must play in fund development.
- 2. Assist **XXXX** by implementing fund raising strategies through personal influence with others.
- 3. Participate actively in all XXXX fund raising special events, programs, and activities.
 - *Adapted from The Board Building Cycle by Hughes, Lakey & Bobowick, 2003