



BOARD MEMBER APPLICATION



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On behalf of everyone here at Animal Outreach, thank you so much for your interest in board service. We know that those with an interest in being a leadership volunteer have many choices. In our community, there are an array of remarkable organizations engaged in the important work of making our world a better place. We are humbled knowing that you are interested in us.

The following application offers us an opportunity to know more about you, your skills, attributes and what you would bring to our board. It also gives you a sense of what matters to us in any board candidate.

The goal of our process is to determine if we are a good fit for each other – your level of commitment and ability to deliver on our expectations so that we are confident that you can help us to increase the scope and impact of our work. On the other side, we want to know what motivates you and how you think about our organization so that we can help to create an excellent board experience for you.

Thank you again for your interest in our work and for taking the time to complete this application with thought and care. We look forward to reviewing it with that same level of thought and care and to continuing our conversations.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name	
Address	
Home Number	
Work Number	
Mobile Number	
Email Address	
Employer	
Employer Address	
Type of Business / Organization	
Preferred Phone	Work Mobile Home



VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Past and Present Membership

Boards, committees, task forces in the public sector (business, civic, community, religious, political, professional, recreational or social)

Organization	Role/Title	Date of Service

Other Volunteer Experience:



WHY?

Those committed to volunteering in a leadership capacity have an abundance of organizations to choose from. We are most appreciative of your interest in ours and would like to hear more. Why our organization and not any other? Please share your motivation and what it is about our work that has led you to raise your hand to be a leading ambassador for us.

OUR WORK

What excites you about the work of our organization?



What do you see as 1-2 challenges and 1-2 opportunities for us in the next few years?

SKILLS / EXPERTISE

Please mark the skills and expertise you will bring to us that will strengthen our board and enhance the ability of our organization to deliver on its mission.

Public Relations	HR / Administration	Public Policy / Advocacy
Legal Expertise	Strategic Planning	Professional Nonprofit Experience
Event Planning	Grant Writing	Public Speaking / Presentations
Social Media	Real Estate	Information Technology
Fundraising	Web Design	Understanding budgets and financial reports
Facilities	Accounting	Financial investment Management
Marketing		



ATTRIBUTES

A board is more than a collection of individuals. It is an entity that governs, approves strategy and engages in robust discussion and debate on relevant issues. It must act as a single entity. As such, the personality traits you bring to the board will help us to ensure that we have a diversity of personality styles and traits that, when added to our current board members, will enhance the ability of the board members to work together as a governing body.

	Collaborative
	Respectful of varying points of view Willing and able to lead a discussion Facilitative style
	Enthusiastic
	Comfortable speaking in front of groups Manages time well
	Optimistic
	Responsive
	Strong work ethic
	Good sense of humor
	Asks tough questions with respect



FUNDRAISING

Among other responsibilities, board members play a key role in raising funds for our organization. It is an expectation of board service that you will introduce people in your sphere of influence to our work and invite them know and do more – as prospective volunteers, board members, staff and as donors. Our organization commits to providing you with the information and tools necessary for you to stand as a vocal and visible ambassador for our work. Can you speak to your level of comfort with this expectation?

TIME

Board service is a true commitment of time and energy. We estimate that board service could be a commitment of 2 to 6 hours each month. In addition, we ask for your attendance at special events.

Do you have any concerns or potential conflicts that may serve as impediments to this time commitment? If so, how will you manage the demands on your time?



References

Who recommended you for board service?

Please identify at least two references we can contact

Name	Relationship	Best Contact (Phone or Email)

OTHER

Have you ever been convicted, plead guilty or plead no contest to a crime? If yes, please explain.

RESUME

Please attach your most recent resume and / or professional bio when returning this application.