

AFP Chicago Board Membership Responsibilities and Eligibility Criteria

Members of the board of directors develop the policies for the Chicago chapter and monitor the execution of those policies. The board determines its present and future direction including long-range planning, fundraising, governance, financial management and personnel policy. In addition, AFP Chicago expects of all board members the following:

- To maintain active AFP membership, and demonstrate membership during at least two (2) of the past three (3) years (Chicago or other chapters) OR demonstrate substantial AFP Chicago committee responsibility during the past two (2) years;
- To promote the mission, vision and key messages of the Chapter;
- To ensure financial solvency and adhere to fiduciary responsibilities related to annual chapter activities;
- To attend all required board meetings;
- To serve as a chair of one board committee or participate on a committee or special project, as assigned by the President, President Elect, Immediate Past President or Chair of Directorship;
- To complete and submit on a timely basis all reports appropriate to board position;
- To sign the Conflict of Interest Statement and uphold its beliefs and values;
- To participate in the annual evaluation of the board of directors and ongoing board development process, including nominations of board leadership and committee chairs as appropriate;
- To lead/participate in annual planning, budgeting and leadership orientation activities;
- To support the efforts of the officers and chairs by actions such as 1) reviewing committee recommendations and materials presented to the board; 2) encouraging fundraising professionals to join AFP; and 3) encouraging member and nonmember participation in chapter programs;
- To ensure that all activities are in adherence with the Chapter's bylaws, policies and procedures;
- To annually support the AFP Foundation for Philanthropy with a gift;
- To support AFP Chicago's efforts to embrace and engage diverse individuals, groups and organizations within the fundraising profession;
- To serve as an ambassador of AFP Chicago, and to the extent possible, AFP broadly; and
- To promote understanding of the significance of philanthropy.

Directors and officers of the Chapter shall exhibit the highest ethical and professional standards of the fundraising profession in their employment and participation in the chapter. AFP Chicago recognizes the CFRE credential and similar professional certifications as such standards. The chapter encourages chapter officers and directors to hold such credentials as they hold office.

AFP Chicago believes that the most diverse board of directors is the strongest board of directors. The Chicago chapter recruits board members that reflect the broader Chicago community and the depth of viewpoints that it has to offer.

Board Member Financial Expectations

Required

- AFP/AFP Chicago membership dues (\$400 Professional; \$95 Young Professional)
- A gift, of any size, to the AFP Foundation for Philanthropy's Be the Cause campaign.

Additional Financial Expectations

- Chicago Philanthropy Awards Luncheon ticket (~\$100)
- Education programs registration (minimum 50%; \$30 per event)
- Ticket to annual member meeting/breakfast program (~\$50)