

Questions to Ask Yourself
before applying for Board or Committee Membership

Do I fully understand what this Board or Committee expects from me?

Am I committed to the goals and interests of the Board/Committee and to the mission and purposes of the organization?

Can I afford the demands on my time, resources and energy?

Will I attend meetings regularly, making them a priority for the duration of my appointment?

Am I willing to perform a reasonable amount of work outside of regularly scheduled Board or Committee meetings (how much?) and be well prepared for each meeting?

Can I work effectively with the other members of the Board, with the Program Executive and the Program Staff?

Do I understand the appropriate functions of a Board Member compared with the Program Staff and/or other volunteers?

What is my real motivation for desiring appointment to the Board?

Will I be there if the going gets rough and controversy arises?

Am I willing to participate in necessary Board training, education and development activities that will improve my effectiveness on this Board?