

Board of Directors, Member at Large

Summary of Position

The Wilderness Education Association is governed by a group of peer-elected directors that serve for three-year terms. The WEA also relies on working committees to advance the mission of the organization. A member at large represents the interests of the membership.

Term of Duty

3 years

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

As the highest leadership body of the organization and to satisfy its fiduciary duties, the board is responsible for:

- determining the mission and purposes of the organization
- selecting and evaluating the performance of the chief executive
- strategic and organizational planning
- ensuring strong fiduciary oversight and financial management
- fundraising and resource development
- approving and monitoring the organization's programs and services
- enhancing the organization's public image
- assessing its own performance as the governing body of the organization

Expectations

Each individual board member is expected to

- know the organization's mission, policies, programs, and needs
- faithfully read and understand the organization's financial statements
- serve as active advocates and ambassadors for the organization and fully engage in identifying and securing the financial resources and partnerships necessary for the organization to advance its mission
- leverage connections, networks, and resources to develop collective action to fully achieve the organization's mission
- give a meaningful personal financial donation
- help identify personal connections that can benefit the organization's fundraising and reputational standing, and can influence public policy
- prepare for, attend, and conscientiously participate in board meetings held bi-weekly via teleconference
- Prepare for, attend, and conscientiously participate in two in person board meetings (board member is responsible for all costs incurred for travel)

- participate fully in one or more committees

Further, board members are expected to

- follow the organization's bylaws, policies, and board resolutions
- sign an annual conflict-of-interest disclosure and update it during the year if necessary, as well as disclose potential conflicts before meetings and actual conflicts during meetings
- maintain confidentiality about all internal matters of the organization

If you are interested in submitting your application for candidacy, [complete the following application](#). You will also need to submit a resume and a letter of intent with the application to the WEA National Office at nationaloffice@weainfo.org.

If you have questions, please contact the National Office at nationaloffice@weainfo.org.