



So you want to be a Board Member....

Are you at a point in your life where you'd like to give something back to the community? Perhaps you want to fine tune your leadership skills and get more connected with the people and organizations around you. Or maybe you just want to feel like you're making a difference. If this sounds like you, then you might enjoy serving as a volunteer member on the Board of the MS Society. We are always on the lookout for talented and enthusiastic individuals, like yourself, who want to dedicate their time and energy to help the MS Society fulfill its mission.

What do Board Members do?

Board Members are supporters of the mission of the MS Society. They fundraise, advocate, recruit volunteers, organize events, foster alliances with other groups, and use their professional expertise to support the goals and objectives of the MS Society.

Board Members also hold a fiduciary responsibility. They hold the agency accountable to the public, including clients and funders. By reviewing financial statements, helping to develop long-range plans, and hiring and examining the role of the Staff, the Board works to ensure that the MS Society fulfills its legal, ethical and financial obligations.

What does Board Service require?

- 9 Board meetings a year and two planning sessions
- A commitment to a two year term
- Dedication to the work of the MS Society and its vision for the future
- Willingness to contribute your expertise and to work in different areas of agency governance, including cultivating contacts and fundraising
- Tolerance of differing views—a sense of humour helps!

What qualifications are needed?

Board candidates should possess the following:

- A post-secondary degree or equivalent work and life experience
- Leadership and critical thinking skills
- Ability to work effectively as part of a team
- Previous Board experience is a plus, but not required
- Fundraising experience

Why should I be a Board Member?

- Develop and enhance leadership skills
- Expand your personal network
- Develop, broaden and enhance business-related skills
- Deepen your understanding of the community
- Work with dedicated people to fulfill the MS Society's mission

