

Spastic Paraplegia Foundation
Board Member Expectation Statement
General Expectations

1. Support the Foundation's mission, purposes, goals, policies, and programs while knowing its strengths and needs.
2. Suggest possible nominees to the Board who are men and women of achievement and who can make significant contributions to the work of the Board and the progress of the Foundation.
3. Serve actively on committees of the Board as requested by the Chair.
4. Attend activities and events sponsored by the Foundation whenever possible.

Meetings

1. Prepare for and participate in the Foundation's monthly Board meetings and scheduled committee meetings, including appropriate Foundation activities.
2. Ask timely and substantive questions at Board and committee meetings consistent with personal conscience, convictions, and ethics, while supporting the majority decision on issues decided by the Board.
3. Maintain confidentiality of the Board's executive sessions, and speak for the board or the Foundation only when authorized to do so.
4. Suggest agenda items for Board and committee meetings to ensure that significant policy-related matters are addressed.

Avoiding Conflicts

1. Serve the Foundation as a whole rather than any special interest group or constituency.
2. Avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest that might compromise the Board of the Foundation, and disclose any possible conflicts to the board in a timely fashion.
3. Never accept or offer any favors or gifts from or to anyone who does business with the Foundation.

Fiduciary Responsibility

1. Exercise prudence and sound fiscal practices with the Board in the control of and transfer of Foundation funds.
2. Faithfully read and understand the Foundation's financial statements and otherwise help the board fulfill its fiduciary responsibility.

Fund Raising

1. Make an annual gift to the Foundation and /or join the Foundation as a member according to personal means, and with the realization that the leadership role the Board plays in fund development.
2. Assist the Foundation with development of and implementation of fund development strategies.
3. Make the Foundation one of your three giving and serving priorities.