

Expectations of the Board

Seattle Stand Down Mission

Aligning One Community to aggressively prevent and eliminate homelessness among veterans.

Fostering Camaraderie amongst active duty and prior services members by reconnecting them to the welcoming spirit of their military family.

Empowering our heroes and their families with resources necessary in order to overcome uncertainty and attain a future worthy of their sacrifice regardless of their length of service or discharge status.

Seattle Stand Down Vision

Peace, Hope, and Dignity for all who have served. A community where every veteran counts and never stands alone in their time of need.

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 executives
- 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 of Individual Board Members

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
- 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
- maintain logs and records for regular submission to the board to document work performed and expenses incurred in support of board operations

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