

QUESTIONS THE ORGANIZATION WILL ASK YOU AS A PROSPECTIVE BOARD CANDIDATE

When an organization is evaluating prospective candidates, it is customary for a board member – usually a member of the governance committee – to interview prospective board members.

If the organization does not follow this practice in one way or another, reconsider your choice. You want to know that the board needs you and cares about your intentions. You do not want to be just the next in line, a body ready to fill a seat. or a name on the letterhead.

Be prepared to answer questions like these:

- Why do you want to join this board?
- How much time are you willing to devote?
- What professional expertise can you bring to the board?
- Are you willing to make a financial contribution?
- How can the board count on your help in fundraising?
- How will board service affect your financial commitments?
- How will you fit board service into your personal, work, and other commitments?
- How could you serve as a link between the organization and the community or between the organization and potential supporters?

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