



Description for Board of Directors of The Waysmeet Center

Waysmeet Mission

The Waysmeet Center creates positive change through direct service grounded in compassion, equity, and social justice in the NH Seacoast and surrounding communities.

Board Member Position Description

Board members are given a unique opportunity to serve the community and provide strategic direction and oversight for the fiscal and operational health of the organization in line with its mission. Nonprofits are not legally allowed to compensate board members so there is no financial compensation for this position.

Qualifications for Board Membership

- Commitment to community-building, service, and social justice as well as an interest in engaging with the community.
- Ability to regularly attend meetings and actively participate in the governing of the organization.
- Genuine desire to support and grow the health and wellbeing of The Waysmeet Center as an organization, with an active role in fundraising and outreach.

Board Member Responsibilities

- Regularly attend and actively participate in monthly meetings of the Board of Directors.
- Supervise, oversee and advise the Executive Director in decisions about major projects and expenditures, budgets, and long-term planning of Waysmeet in ways that improve the social, physical and fiscal health of the organization. The Board of Directors has ultimate personnel responsibility for the Executive Director, and when necessary and appropriate, appoints and may remove an individual from that position.
- Assume fiduciary responsibility for the organization. This includes ensuring the financial viability and sustainability of the organization, monitoring the organization's income and expenses, approving budgets and financial documents, and advising decisions on investments and allocation of resources.
- Actively participate in the development, organization, and implementation of fundraising strategies and fundraising events. Help secure adequate ongoing financial resources for the organization to fulfill its mission.
- Contribute to the mission through participation in activities, programs, outreach, facility maintenance, and public relations for Waysmeet.
- Engage in active community outreach on behalf of the organization. Articulate the organization's mission, accomplishments, and goals to the public and garner support from the community. Serve as a liaison to the university and wider community.



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Time Commitment

The Board of Directors meets monthly, for 1.5 to 2 hours and one hour a month for subcommittee meetings or event preparation. Board Members participate in and attend Waysmeet functions and programs and assist with special projects throughout the year. This may include but is not limited to Cornucopia Food Pantry operations, outreach events, resident support, community dinners and other events hosted by Waysmeet, as well as fundraising events.

Term

Each member of the Board is elected for a three-year renewable term. Board members will be reviewed for renewal at the end of their term. Vacancies on the Board will be filled by nominations and approval by the majority of the Board after review and support of a prospective Board Member's application.

Additional Information

Please also review the attached *Guidebook for New Hampshire Charitable Organizations*, prepared by the NH Office of the Attorney General, Charitable Trusts Unit.