



APA Mission Statement

The American Pyrotechnics Association (APA) mission is:

- To encourage safety in the design and use of all types of fireworks.
- To provide information and support to our members.
- To promote responsible regulation of the fireworks industry.

APA Board of Directors Commitment Form

The following is a listing of APA board of directors' responsibilities. As a current officer or director of the APA Board, I am willing to make every effort to fulfill these responsibilities.

Overview

The board of directors is responsible for ensuring the association's long-term financial stability and integrity. Officers and directors ensure that the association fulfills its mission by doing quality work. Officers and directors recognize that in order to foster the association's continued viability and growth, maximization of revenues from all income sources is essential and I pledge to personally contribute needed resources and talents toward this end. I further pledge to seek to assure that APA members follow the code of ethics and conduct themselves and their businesses in a manner that benefits and improves the entire industry.

Responsibilities

- Holds legal and fiduciary responsibility for the corporation.
- Support the association's mission statement.
- Read and understand the financial statements and otherwise assure the board is fulfilling its fiduciary responsibility.
- Attend board meetings (a minimum of two in-person and two by conference call) and actively participate in decision-making.
- Share your expertise with the board and staff and when appropriate with the members.
- Connect directly with the membership; be attentive to members' concerns & opportunities and refer such issues to the appropriate committee or the full board, as appropriate.
- Be an advocate for the organization; actively promote APA to your industry contacts.
- Maintain your membership. Recruit additional and help to retain current members.
- Build revenues for the association by actively selling sponsorships, advertisements in APA publications, exhibitors, etc.
- Identify any potential conflicts of interest or activities that could be perceived as such. Recuse yourself from board matters as needed.
- Serve on at least one committee or task group each year.
- Select the APA Executive Director and annually review his/her performance against previously determined, shared goals.
- Work as a partner with the APA Executive Director to accomplish the association's mission.
- Participate in the association's conferences, meetings, and social events.
- Participate in strategic planning activities.
- Participate in all assessments to improve board performance.
- Work to develop new leadership and recommend potential board members.

American Pyrotechnics Association: Board Member Job Description

Desired Skills and Experience

- Be a member in good standing and exhibit knowledge of the APA's history, mission and goals, bylaws and policies.
- Candidates should typically have a minimum of five years of industry experience and deep knowledge of the industry gained either as a professional or volunteer.
- Have knowledge of the fireworks community and commitment to maintaining a strong association that is responsive to its membership.
- Ability to handle organization business with tact, enthusiasm, and commitment.
- Ability to communicate effectively.
- Ability to motivate committee members and build effective teams.
- Ability to take responsibility and follow through on assignments.

Term of Service

Members of the board of directors are elected for three year terms. Members may be re-elected according to APA bylaws.

Reimbursement

Directors are responsible for their own travel to and from meetings of the board. There is no financial compensation for serving on the APA Board.

Time Commitment

Attend each board meeting, serve or assist on committees, and be available to members, other leaders, and staff – estimated 5 to 10 hours per month to fulfill board service.

Benefits of Leadership Service

- Leadership provides an opportunity to make a difference in the association and the quality of the fireworks industry.
- Leadership provides an opportunity to identify industry needs that support and achieve association goals.
- APA leadership is a visible expression of dedication to excellence in the fireworks industry.
- APA board of directors helps to shape the association's direction and future.
- Opportunity to participate in discussions that help to craft regulations for the improvement of the industry.

Personal Commitment

I (*print name*) _____, am willing to make every effort to fulfill the association board of directors responsibilities as outlined above.

Signature: _____

Date: _____