



Summary

The Board will support the work of Studio Channel Islands Art Center and provide mission-based leadership and strategic governance. While day-to-day operations are led by the Art Center's Executive Director (chief executive officer), the Board-Executive Director relationship is a partnership, and the appropriate involvement of the Board is both critical and expected.

Specific Board Member Responsibilities

Leadership, Governance and Oversight

- Serving as a trusted advisor to the Executive Director as s/he develops and implements the Art Center's strategic plan
- Reviewing outcomes and metrics created by the Art Center for evaluating its impact, and regularly measuring its performance and effectiveness using those metrics; reviewing agenda and supporting materials prior to board and committee meetings
- Approving the Art Center's annual budget, audit reports, and material business decisions; being informed of, and meeting all, legal and fiduciary responsibilities
- Assisting the Executive Director and board chair in identifying and recruiting other Board Members
- Partnering with the Executive Director and other board members to ensure that board resolutions are carried out
- Serving on committees or task forces and taking on special assignments
- Representing the Art Center to stakeholders; acting as an ambassador for the organization
- Ensuring the Art Center's commitment to a diverse board and staff that reflects the communities the Art Center serves
- Holding themselves and others accountable to their responsibilities, agreements, and fundraising commitments
- Evaluating the Executive Director annually, using a mutually developed process and basis

Position Description – Board Member

Fundraising

Board Members participate in fundraising activities for the organization and make personal contributions to support its mission. They consider the Art Center a philanthropic priority and make annual gifts that reflect that priority. So it can credibly solicit contributions from foundations, businesses, and individuals, the Art Center expects its Board Members to make an annual contribution commensurate with their capacity.

Board terms/participation

The Art Center's Board Members will serve a three-year term to be eligible for re-appointment for one additional term. Board meetings will be held monthly, and committee meetings will be held in coordination with full board meetings.

Qualifications

This is an extraordinary opportunity for an individual who is passionate about the Art Center's mission and who has a track record of board leadership. Selected Board Members will have achieved leadership stature in the artist community or in business, government, philanthropy, or the nonprofit sector. His/her accomplishments will allow him/her to attract other well-qualified, high-performing Board Members.

Ideal candidates will have the following qualifications:

Extensive professional experience with significant executive leadership accomplishments in art or business, government, philanthropy, or the nonprofit sector

- A commitment to and understanding of the Art Center's beneficiaries, preferably based on experience
- Savvy diplomatic skills and a natural affinity for cultivating relationships and persuading, convening, facilitating, and building consensus among diverse individuals
- Personal qualities of integrity, credibility, and a passion for improving the lives of the Art Center's beneficiaries

Service on the Art Center's Board of Directors is without remuneration, except for reimbursement of nominal expenses in relation to Board Members' duties.