

LANTERMAN REGIONAL CENTER

BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What are the expectations of Board members?

- a. Attend meetings of the Board and any committees of which the member is a member on a regular basis.
- b. Reading the information provided by the Corporate staff and the attorneys, accountants, other consultants and committees who or which provide supplemental information for the benefit of the Directors.
- c. Asking questions if the Director does not understand an issue and asking for more information so long as the request is reasonable and does not place an unrealistic burden on staff.
- d. Relying on experts and committee recommendations, when they are believed to be trustworthy.
- e. Speaking out and exercising independent judgment on all corporate decisions and making sure that individual votes are recorded on important matters.
- f. Supporting Board decisions once they are made.
- g. Delegating operation of the Corporation to trustworthy agents and overseeing their performance, without interfering with that performance. As a practical matter, Directors should not be involved in individual case management issues. Operational issues should be addressed through the Executive Director.
- h. Regularly reviewing the Corporation's purposes and advocating for its mission, with focus on the important issues and the state of the Corporation's finances.
- i. Referring to the Corporation's Bylaws and Roberts' Rules of Order in matters of procedure.
- j. Participating in training and Corporation activities.
- k. Following through on committee and special assignments.
- l. Demonstrating sensitivity to ethnic and cultural issues.

- m. Maintaining confidentiality on all Board issues as more thoroughly discussed below.
- n. Avoiding any appearance of conflict of interest as explained in the conflict of interest statement.
- o. Representing the Corporation only when specifically empowered and authorized to do so.

2. How often does the Board meet?

The Board meets every 4th Wednesday of the month. The Board meets 11 times a year, usually combining the November and December board meetings.

3. What is the term of a Board member?

The term of office for each member is two-years and they must be Re-elected each term. A Director may serve up to 3 terms; and one additional year for a total of 7 years in any 8 year period.

4. Committee assignments and time required?

Board committees develop policy recommendations for the Board's consideration and approval, and provide oversight in assigned areas. Most of the Board's work is accomplished through its committees. Each committee meets monthly usually 10 times per year. Board members are expected to have a least one committee assignment.

For example: someone with a business, finance, or insurance background we would recommend that they serve on our Administrative Affairs Committee.

We have the following committees:

1. Executive Committee*
2. Administrative Affairs Committee
3. Nominating Committee*
4. Client Advisory Committee
5. Programs and Services Committee
6. Service Provider Advisory Committee

* The members of these committees are elected by the Board

5. Is the Board expected to fund raise?

While the regional center is not dependent on fund raising efforts to support the programs and services of the Center, the Center takes on fund raising endeavors to support Center projects throughout the year such as our Holidays Are For Sharing Campaign that supports the Lanterman Help Fund.

There is however no expected level of financial support, however Board members are expected to support these endeavors by participating in the events and or by approaching personal contacts for such fund raising efforts or making personal contributions.

6. What are the backgrounds of the directors - what do they do for a living?

Our Board continues to be fully diverse. We ensure that the membership of the Board of Directors reflects the geographic and ethnic composition of the Lanterman service area. We have representation of regional center clients, a service provider representative, parents, community members, and advisors (previous board members). Their backgrounds range from finance, legal, accounting, the non-profit sector, insurance, volunteers, community members, and support groups.

7. Is there Directors & Officers insurance? Limits?

Yes - \$2,000,000.00

8. Please contact Frank Lara at (213) 252-4902 or flara@lanterman.org for any other questions you may have.