

The Role of an AGP Board Member

ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUTHORITY

The Board of Directors is the legal authority of the Art Gallery of Peterborough (AGP). It is accountable to its members, the community, funders and all other stakeholders for the ethical and effective governance of the organization, ensuring that the AGP's performance is in accordance with its Letters Patent and Bylaws, mission, vision, values and strategic objectives, and for the effective stewardship of financial and human resources.

QUALIFICATIONS/SKILLS

- Individuals who embody a commitment to Arts and Culture in the Peterborough area and beyond and a desire to grow the future of the Art Gallery of Peterborough
- Individuals who are future oriented, big picture thinkers and adept problem solvers who find opportunity through collaboration and consensus building
- Experience and skills in one or more areas of Board Responsibility: finance, governance, fundraising, diversity, inclusions, and equity, and/or strategic policy.
- All Board Directors must be current members of the AGP

TERM

Directors are elected by the AGP membership at the Annual General Meeting. Directors serve a three-year term and may serve for two consecutive terms.

TIME COMMITMENT

- A time commitment of between 8 to 10 hours per month for Board and committee meeting preparation and attendance – more time if you take on a leadership role
- Willingness to serve on at least one standing committee
- Preparation, attendance and participation in Board meetings, committee meetings and the Annual General Meeting
- Attending virtual and in person activities organized by the AGP, such as Exhibition Opening Receptions and Fundraising Events, is also encouraged

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Commitment to the Board Member Code of Conduct
- Ensure the AGP maintains respectful, supportive, and mutually beneficial relationships with the membership, community partners and all stakeholders
- Develop and update an ongoing strategic planning framework and ensure all decisions are made in accordance with the plan
- Review and approve an annual operating plan and ensure that objectives do not exceed staff, volunteer, or financial resources
- Ensure a high quality of exhibition and educational programs that meet the needs of constituents and conform to standards set by the arts sector regulatory and advisory agencies
- Ensure that policies, procedures and controls for financial stability and viability are in place, including approving annual and multi-year operating and capital budgets
- Act as stewards of the collection
- Develop and maintain an understanding of AGP activities, and of the Board's role, responsibilities, and governance activities
- Adopt a pro-active, non-partisan and positive stance on the value of diversity, inclusion, and equity within the AGP Board and its programs and outreach
- Participate actively in the growth of donors, sponsors, members, and supporters of the gallery
- Understanding of and commitment to the Art Gallery of Peterborough's mission statement