



BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITMENT STATEMENT

In 1974, the Golden Gate Business Association (“GGBA”) began as the nation's first business organization founded by gay and lesbian entrepreneurs. For thirty years, the GGBA has served as a dynamic voice for the Bay Area's LGBT businesses. Specifically, it has built a community of LGBT-oriented businesses providing substantial value to the economy and a strong representative voice to federal, state and local governmental leaders. The GGBA provides members with networking and mentoring opportunities, informal business advice, business leads and referrals. The organization provides a sense of community for members facing the task of doing business in today's rapidly changing and challenging marketplace.

The Board of Directors is empowered by the membership to govern the GGBA as a Chamber of Commerce 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization. In execution of this authority, the Board holds the following responsibilities and commitments, which are categorized as Time, Treasure and Talent. The first three are responsibilities of individual members of the Board, while the last outlines shared commitments of the Board as a whole.

Time:

1. Serve for the full length of your term.
2. Attend monthly Board Meetings.
3. Attend a strategy retreat once per year which is generally scheduled for December.
4. Chair at least one committee or subcommittee during their term.
5. Attempt to attend as many of the organization's other events, programs, socials, as possible.
6. Be an advocate in the community for the services, and programs of GGBA and the populations we serve.
7. Complete an annual statement of commitment of Board Service for the organization.
8. Accept an evaluation of actual service provided to commitments made.

Treasure:

1. Support the organization's fundraising activities.
2. Participate in the solicitation of donations by corporations, foundations, and individuals.
3. Commit to a financial fundraising commitment of \$2,500 per year to the organization. This can be via event ticket sales, derivation of sponsorship dollars or corporate partners, ad sales, silent auction sales, in-kind donation, cash donation, membership sales, asset donation, etc.

Talent:

1. Contribute individual expertise to the organization, if the need arises.
2. Approach the GGBA with a solid attitude of community support and volunteerism. Directors will need a leadership attitude, and also display good collaboration skills.
3. Set policy for the organization.
4. Authorize expenditures and income through an annual budget.
5. Approve all contracts that are not pre-authorized by the budget.
6. Execute strategic planning activities. Lead the organization by developing its mission statement, goals and objectives.
7. Assure a balance between the organization's goals and activities and its resources.
8. Assure the organization's compliance with all local, state, and federal laws.
9. Evaluate the organization's programs and operations.
10. Respect other Directors and organization members and act accordingly.
11. Support the organization's effort to grow and thrive, as much as possible given personal commitments and situations.

I have read and agree to make the above commitment:

Name (print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Board of Directors Benefits:

1. As a Director of the GGBA, you will enhance your leadership skills and develop key business management skills and experience.
2. Directors have many opportunities to do high level networking with members, Directors and corporations.
3. Directors will have VIP status for events and programs as dictated by the occasion.
4. A Director is a center of influence, and can have a high community profile.
5. The GGBA strives to find or plan special events to benefit our Directors.
6. Catered Board meetings and retreat.
7. Directors can have high profile presenter status at many of our events and programs.
8. Directors have opportunities to develop relationships with civic leaders: mayor, supervisors, and assemblypersons.