

VOLUNTEER FOR THE BOARD?

An invitation to serve on the board of directors of an organization is both an honor and a responsibility. It means that the organization, whether a for-profit company or a non-profit organization, thinks that that individual has the experience and the judgment and skills to help accomplish their objectives.

The organization relies on its directors to guide it on establishing policies, implementing strategies and achieving goals. The director's oversight requires the director to be able to read, understand and offer suggestions and comments on financials and policies.

Service on a board of directors can have its rewards. One element that defines a person interested in serving is good will towards a common purpose and succeeding on behalf of the group that they serve.

The best Boards of Directors are ones who members are free to exercise the very strengths that brought them to the table in the first place. They are both valued and held accountable for their contributions and commitment to the vision, health and long-term success of the organization.

Some people wonder are the time and risks of serving on a board worth it? If you take your role seriously, see to your education and remember that you are charged with protecting and extending the membership value then you will find that the returns are very rewarding both emotionally, expanded thinking, developing new skills, etc.

Good organizations need and deserve board members who genuinely care about, and can contribute to, their inner workings and objectives.

Part of your role is to give wise counsel, and to ensure that the organization and leadership stay focused and on track. Get input from all levels of the company and engage your fellow board members. Part of the privilege of sitting on a board is to have a voice.

Use yours to make a positive difference!

FAQs for Yolo AR Board:

1. *How long do I serve?* Two years that can be renewed at the end of that term for two additional terms
2. *How often do we meet?* We meet at most 10 times per year. Meetings are generally 1 to 2 hours long once a month on the third Wednesday of the month. The Board typically does not meet in the summer and in December.
3. *What are my responsibilities?* You are asked to attend the monthly meetings; serve as a conduit of board activities to your local brokerage as well as the general membership; be an ambassador and collect ideas and information from the membership on how the association can better meet their needs.
4. *What is my personal commitment?* Can I honestly commit the time, energy, thought and availability into the health, growth, disciplines and success of this organization. Will my schedule allow or will I be willing to block out the time for the monthly meetings? Am I willing to do what it takes to go beyond the surface, and take ownership on a personal level?
5. *What can I bring to the Board?* Board need members who are fully engaged participants. Just being present at meetings doesn't qualify as 'due diligence.' Think about the type of investment you are willing to offer. What time, expertise, resources or member connections can you bring to the table? Volunteer, make suggestions or star a sub-committee. Be proactive. Find ways you can personally be a part of the solution.

Why People Serve:

1. I want to give back to my profession
2. I have some great ideas for programs and services that I want to foster and develop while on the Board
3. I want to learn more about my association and my profession
4. Leadership and professional growth opportunities
5. I want to be able to have a leadership opportunity outside my office that allows me to expand my skills and learn new things that will make me a better realtors and service to my clients
6. I want to have an impact on my profession's future
7. I think volunteerism builds on my character and will allow me to be involved in new experiences
8. Connecting with other realtors. I want to be part of a group of professionals and begin developing new relationships
9. Motivated to make an impact on Yolo County real estate
10. Become a part of a growing and evolving organization