



Board Member Profile and Commitments

The Ideal Board Member....

Is a strategic thinker who works collaboratively with other Board members to ensure a successful and sustainable dragon boat festival. He or she is comfortable working within the policy governance model of Board leadership, providing the organization with the direction and oversight that will be needed to guide the executive director and direct service volunteers.

As individual active in the community, has a strong positive reputation, is respected, and is known for his or her trustworthiness and reliability. The Board member is connected with one or more important stakeholder groups, and is effective at bringing the views and concerns of these groups forward in Board discussions. Further, the Board member is comfortable in facilitating connections within the community to access resources.

Brings capabilities in one or more areas of management relevant to hosting festivals, such as marketing, communications, or volunteer management. Above all, the ideal Board members brings an interest in Dragon Boating and wants to see this cultural and sporting experience returned to Calgary on an ongoing basis.

The Commitment

- An active participant in regular board meetings (2-4 hours to prepare and attend the 8-10 planned meetings each year)
- Attends and represents the Dragon Boat Society at the annual festival and at various public events held during the year to promote dragon boating
- Adheres to board governance policies, especially:
 - Encouraging candid and respectful discussions at Board meetings
 - Supporting effective group decision-making
 - Respecting the confidentiality of Board discussions
 - Supporting Board decisions once made
 - Upholding conflict of interest policies
- Supports efforts to develop financial resources, including
 - Identifying prospective supporters and in facilitating introductions
 - Thanking supporters
 - Making a personal contribution