Alaska Public Media
Prospective Board Member Information Sheet

The following is standard information provided to help prospective board members understand their role as a Director for Alaska Public Media (AKPM).

On-line resources include:
- Public documents including financials and bylaws detailing board roles and responsibilities, term limits and committee structure: https://www.alaskapublic.org/public-documents/
- The current board membership: https://www.alaskapublic.org/about/people/

Among the Board responsibilities are:
1. Providing fiduciary and legal oversight;
2. Participating in strategic planning and implementation;
3. Participating in fundraising and development activities;
4. Participating in policy decisions;
5. Employing the President & CEO.

Board Members need to:
1. Have a demonstrated commitment to public media;
2. Have the skills, interests, and networks to support the board’s work;
3. Be able to commit the time needed to accomplish our goals.

We are committed to diversity to maintain a healthy mix of perspectives, skills and interests.

Board Members are expected to be contributing members to the organization. The amount of your contribution is up to you. We do ask that you consider AKPM as one of your primary contributions. We also expect Board members to support staff’s fundraising and development activities, e.g. radio spots for membership drives, join staff in funding solicitations, thank you notes, etc.

The time commitment includes monthly board meetings and committee work ranging from 2-4 hours a month with December and the summer months off. We meet the 4th Thursday of the month from 4p.m. – 6p.m. and hold two board retreats in Anchorage beginning with a Friday social and then an all-day Saturday work session. The retreats are in September and March, specific dates yet to be determined.

Board Members are expected to attend BOD and committee meetings in person, unless living outside of the Anchorage area or filling a regional seat. AKPM has video teleconference capability to accommodate virtual attendance at meetings. Statewide representatives are expected to travel to the two Board retreats in Anchorage. AKPM covers reasonable travel and lodging expenses for those two retreats.

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