

AFP Foundation for Philanthropy Fundraising Board Member Expectations, Roles and Responsibilities

The mission of the AFP Foundation for Philanthropy is to advance philanthropic investment and impact. We fulfill our mission by serving as a catalyst for the nonprofit sector to address the sector's greatest needs; acting as a convener between the professional fundraiser and philanthropist to solve society's greatest challenges; and conducting and supporting in-depth research leading to strategic insights and innovative thinking in philanthropy.

The Foundation's success is dependent upon the personal commitment and active participation of fundraising volunteers. It is the Fundraising Board who builds the Foundation's accomplishments by supporting philanthropic relationships with AFP members, donors, and prospects.

The AFP Foundation for Philanthropy Fundraising Board is an advisory body that raises funds, advocates for the Foundation's mission to AFP members and external prospective funders, and provides strategic advice to staff. The Fundraising Board does not have a governance function and reports to the Foundation's Governing Board.

Recruitment for the Fundraising Board is overseen by the Committee on Appointment. Members serve 2-year terms, up to a total of 4 terms, for a maximum of 8 years.

Financial Support

- Personally contribute a minimum of \$1,500 annually and pay for travel expenses to in-person meetings, including registration fees when appropriate
- Identify prospective donors and introduce them to the Foundation, including funders and individuals outside the AFP family
- Solicit prospective donors and support Foundation staff making solicitations of major donors

Stewardship

- Meet with minimum of 3 individual donors annually and report results to staff
- Attend Foundation stewardship events

Advocacy

- Stay informed regarding the Foundation's initiatives including, but not limited to, multiple scholarship programs, the Research Council, and sponsorship of AFP programs in order to enthusiastically communicate the Foundation's mission and vision to others
- Meet with and present annually to at least 1 AFP Chapter and report results to staff
- Represent the Foundation at AFP meetings and sector gatherings

Engagement

- Participate in a minimum of 4 Foundation Board meetings per year, including 1 in-person meeting
- Serve on at least 1 committee of the Fundraising Board
- Provide objective guidance and feedback to the Foundation on key matters including, but not limited to strategic planning, case for support development, and stewardship programs
- Share expertise and networks to supplement staff resources
- Participate in an annual board performance review