



BOARD MEMBER APPLICATION

On behalf of everyone here at the Wickford Art Association (WAA), thank you so much for your interest in board service. We know that those with an interest in being a leadership volunteer have many choices. In our community, there are an array of remarkable organizations engaged in the important work of making our world a better place. We are humbled knowing that you are interested in us.

The following application offers us an opportunity to know more about you, your skills, attributes and what you would bring to our board. It also gives you a sense of what matters to us in any board candidate.

The goal of our process is to determine if we are a good fit for each other – your level of commitment and ability to deliver on our expectations so that we are confident that you can help us to increase the scope and impact of our work. On the other side, we want to know what motivates you and how you think about our organization so that we can help to create an excellent board experience for you.

Thank you again for your interest in our work and for taking the time to complete this application with thought and care. We look forward to reviewing it with that same level of thought and care and to continuing our conversations.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home PH _____ Work PH _____ Mobile _____

Preferred Method of Contact: () Home () Work () Mobile

Email Address _____

Employer Name _____

Employer Address _____

Employment: Type of Business / Organization _____

Are you a current Member of WAA () Yes () No

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Please note any Past and Present Membership: Boards, committees, task forces in the public sector (business, civic, community, religious, political, professional, recreational or social)

Organization Name	Role/Title	Dates of Service
Other Volunteer Experience		

WHY?

Those committed to volunteering in a leadership capacity have an abundance of organizations to choose from. We are most appreciative of your interest in ours and would like to hear more.

Why our organization and not any other? Please share your motivation and what it is about our work that has led you to raise your hand to be a leading ambassador for us.

OUR WORK

What excites you about the work of our organization?

What do you see as challenges and opportunities for us in the next few years?

SKILLS / EXPERTISE

Please mark the skills and expertise you will bring to us that will strengthen our board and enhance the ability of our organization to deliver on its mission.

- Public Relations
- Reading / Understanding budgets and balance sheets
- Public Policy / Advocacy
- Accounting
- Event Planning
- Facilities Management
- Financial Investment Management
- Fundraising
- Grant Writing
- HR / Administration
- Information Technology
- Marketing
- Legal Expertise
- Professional Nonprofit Experience
- Public Speaking / Presentations
- Real Estate
- Social Media
- Strategic Planning
- Web Design
- Other skills/expertise _____

ATTRIBUTES

A board is more than a collection of individuals. It is an entity that governs, approves strategy and engages in robust discussion and debate on relevant issues. It must act as a single entity. As such, the personality traits you bring to the board will help us to ensure that we have a diversity

of personality styles and traits that, when added to our current board members, will enhance the ability of the board members to work together as a governing body.

- Collaborative
- Respectful of varying points of view
- Willing and able to lead a discussion
- Facilitative style
- Enthusiastic
- Comfortable speaking in front of groups
- Manages time well
- Optimistic
- Responsive
- Strong work ethic
- Good sense of humor
- Asks tough questions with respect
- Other attributes _____

FUNDRAISING

Among other responsibilities, board members play a key role in raising funds for our organization. It is an expectation of board service that you will introduce people in your sphere of influence to our work and invite them to know and do more – as prospective volunteers, board members, staff and as donors. The Wickford Art Association commits to providing you with the information and tools necessary for you to stand as a vocal and visible ambassador for our work.

MEMBERSHIP

Further, we expect every board member to also be a member of the association, and be current on membership dues. Can you speak to your level of comfort with this expectation?

TIME

Board service is a true commitment of time and energy. We estimate that board service could be a commitment of time each month. In addition, we ask for attendance at gallery openings, participation in the Wickford Art Festival, and other special events the association has during the year.

Do you have any concerns or potential conflicts that may serve as impediments to this time commitment? If so, how will you manage the demands on your time?

OTHER

Who recommended you for board service? _____

Please identify at least two references to whom we can speak.

Name	Relationship	Best Contact Phone

RESUME

A member of our nominating committee will be in touch soon. Please note that we hold all applications for up to one year. Please forward this application and an accompanying resume and/or cover letter and/or professional bio to WickfordArtAssociation@gmail.com with ‘**BOARD APPLICANT**’ in the subject line of your email.

We appreciate your time and interest!