



Sons of Norway Foundation Board of Governors – Job Description

Members of the Sons of Norway Board of Governors are fully committed to the vision and work of the Foundation and are dedicated to carrying out its mission of funding activities that preserve and promote Norwegian heritage, positively affect members, and make Sons of Norway communities a more vibrant place to live.

Successful candidates will:

- Be committed to the Foundation’s mission and make certain that the Foundation has the necessary funds to meet its goals and objectives.
- Actively participate with other Board members and staff in strategic planning and long-range visionary statements for the success of the Sons of Norway Foundation.
- Do all they can to support the staff and be prepared to assist whenever appropriate.
- Be responsible for the fund development of the organization, along with other Board members, and will work with them to take an active part in reviewing, monitoring and participating in achieving these goals.
- Take responsibility to know as much as possible about the Foundation including its work, outreach and vision for the future.
- Understand that as a Board member you are a champion for the organization. You will be a model for the others to follow. In order to ensure that the Foundation meets its goals and objectives, each Board member must take an active part in the organization’s activities including an annual financial donation or a written commitment to give a major or planned gift.
- Actively engage in fund development in whatever ways are best suited for you and most effectively serve the purposes of the Foundation. You must be willing to make a good faith agreement to do your best to raise as much money as possible.
- Attend Board meetings, be available for conference calls, be accessible by e-mail and serve on committees appointed by the Foundation Board of Governors Chair or by the Sons of Norway International Board of Directors President.
- Support the work of staff, but shall not become involved in the management of the organization.
- Bring the “Six A’s” to your Board tenure:
 1. **Be an Ambassador** – tell the Foundation’s story to your sphere’s on influence and wider community.
 2. **Be an Advisor** – and make effective decisions on programs and strategy.
 3. **Be an Advocate** – enthusiastic about the cause of the Foundation.
 4. **Provide Access** – help make introductions to people of influence on behalf of the Foundation.
 5. **Provide Affluence** – by giving a meaningful amount to you.
 6. **Provide Assistance** – serve on committees and complete tasks in a timely manner.