

Association of Power Exchanges (APEX) Board Member Contract

I, _____, understand that as a member of the Board of Directors of APEX (board), I have a responsibility to ensure that the organization does the best work possible in pursuit of its goals. I believe in the purpose and the mission of the organization, and I will act responsibly and prudently as its steward. As part of my responsibilities as a board member:

1. I will interpret the organization's work and values to the community, represent the organization, and act as a spokesperson.
2. In turn, I will interpret our constituencies' needs and values to the organization, speak out for their interests, and on their behalf, hold the organization accountable.
3. I will attend at least 75 percent of board meetings annually.
4. I will stay informed about what is going on in the organization. I will ask questions and request information. I will participate in and take responsibility for making decisions on issues, policies, and other matters. I will not stay silent if I have questions or concerns.
5. I will work in good faith with staff and other board members as partners toward achievement of our goals.
6. I will maintain confidentiality of board deliberations and will publicly support the decisions of the board.
7. I will excuse myself from discussions and votes on matters for which I have a conflict of interest.
8. I will fulfill any applicable legal and/or fiduciary responsibilities owed to APEX as a member of the board.
9. If I do not fulfill these commitments to the organization, I will expect the board chairman to call me and discuss my responsibilities with me.

In turn, the organization will be responsible to me in the following ways:

1. The organization will help me perform my duties by keeping me informed about issues in the industry and field in which we are working and providing regular financial reports.
2. Board members and staff will respond in a straightforward fashion to questions that I feel are necessary to carry out my fiscal, legal, and moral responsibilities to this organization. Board members and staff will work in good faith with me toward achievement of our goals.
3. If the organization does not fulfill its commitments to me, I can call on the board chairman to discuss the organization's responsibilities to me.

Signed: by _____, Board Member

Date _____

and by _____, Chairman of the Board of Directors

Date _____