

I Would Rather Be Reading Board Member Description



Position

The Board will support the work of I Would Rather Be Reading and provide mission-based leadership and strategic governance. While day-to-day operations are led by I Would Rather Be Reading's Executive Director, the Board-Executive Director relationship is a partnership, and the appropriate involvement of the Board is both critical and expected. Specific Board Member responsibilities include:

Leadership, governance and oversight

- Serving as a trusted advisor to the Executive Director as she develops and implements I Would Rather Be Reading's strategic plan
- Reviewing outcomes and metrics created by I Would Rather Be Reading for evaluating its impact, and regularly measuring its performance and effectiveness using those metrics; reviewing agenda and supporting materials prior to board and committee meetings
- Contributing to an annual performance evaluation of the Executive Director
- Assisting the Executive Director and board chair in identifying and recruiting other Board Members
- Partnering with the Executive Director and other board members to ensure that board resolutions are carried out
- Serving on committees or task forces and taking on special assignments
- Leverages social and professional networks, acting as an ambassador for the organization
- Ensuring I Would Rather Be Reading's commitment to a diverse board and staff that reflects the communities I Would Rather Be Reading serves

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Fundraising

Board Members will consider I Would Rather Be Reading a philanthropic priority, so that it can credibly solicit contributions from foundations, organizations, and individuals. I Would Rather Be Reading expects to have 100 percent of Board Members make a \$500 annual contribution.

Board members will actively engage in all I Would Rather Be Reading fundraising events including but not limited to; Give For Good Louisville, Lights on Main, and Triple Crown Trivia. Active engagement includes sharing social media posts, attending or participating, and using your social network to recruit attendees and sponsors.

Board terms/participation

I Would Rather Be Reading's Board Members will serve a two-year term to be eligible for re-appointment for one additional term. Board meetings will be held six times per year and committee meetings will be held in coordination with full board meetings.

Qualifications

This is an extraordinary opportunity for an individual who is passionate about I Would Rather Be Reading's mission and who has a track record of successful leadership. Selected Board Members will have achieved leadership stature in business, government, education, philanthropy, or the nonprofit sector.

His/her accomplishments will allow him/her to attract other well-qualified, high-performing Board Members.

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Ideal candidates will have the following qualifications:

- Extensive professional experience with significant executive leadership accomplishments in business, government, philanthropy, education, or the nonprofit sector
- A commitment to and understanding of I Would Rather Be Reading's beneficiaries, preferably based on experience
- Savvy diplomatic skills and a natural affinity for cultivating relationships and persuading, convening, facilitating, and building consensus among diverse individuals
- Personal qualities of integrity, credibility, and a passion for improving the lives of I Would Rather Be Reading's beneficiaries

Service on I Would Rather Be Reading's Board of Directors is without remuneration, except for administrative support, travel, and accommodation costs in relation to Board Members' duties.