



Expectations of an ESA Board Member

ESA encourages members to be candidates for the Board of Directors. It is important for potential candidates to understand what is expected of an ESA Board member. ESA is an independent nonprofit organization. The ESA Board is an active Board with a governance responsibility; ESA management is the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer.

The Board recommends that whenever possible, the Nominating Committee seek Board candidates for two-year terms that have demonstrated or expressed the following qualifications and standards:

1. Overall interest and enthusiasm in serving on the Board;
2. An active interest in the Association in one or more of the following areas—
 - a. Conference attendance,
 - b. Leadership Circle participation,
 - c. Working Group participation or other volunteer work;
3. High level of integrity;
4. Team work skills;
5. Ability to envision the future for energy storage;
6. Willingness and ability to support fundraising through membership recruitment and conference support;
7. Ability to communicate and express ideas verbally and in writing;
8. Willingness to contribute energy, ideas and time in support of the Association;
9. Willingness to assume an active role in the governance of the Association, over and above policy making on the Board, in areas such as serving as an officer or Committee Chair; and
10. Willingness to assume the responsibilities expected of any nonprofit Board—
 - a. Determine and support the mission and purposes,
 - b. Select, support and evaluate performance of Chief Executive Officer,
 - c. Ensure effective organizational planning,
 - d. Ensure adequate resources and financial responsibility,
 - e. Determine, monitor and strengthen programs,
 - f. Enhance organization's public standing and credibility,
 - g. Ensure legal and ethical integrity and maintain accountability,
 - h. Recruit and orient new Board members and assess Board performance.

Measurable Objectives of all Board Members:

1. Participate in at least 75% of regular Board Meetings (bi-monthly meetings, including teleconferences and three (3) in-person).
2. Chair and/or serve on a Committee of the Board.
3. Make or business contributions to the organization's annual operating needs (sponsorship, exhibitor, etc.).
4. Participate or attend most of the program activities.
5. Recommend a potential candidate for the Board membership to the Nominating Committee.
6. Secure at least five (5) new members for the organization.