

MGA Board Attributes

Leadership Attributes:

- Leadership – A board member has demonstrated ability to manage, guide, coach, or inspire others.
- Visionary – A board member focuses on future potential, ask insightful questions, and are open to new ideas, ensuring the board helps continue to shape the future.
- Spokesperson ability – Every member of a board of directors is a spokesperson for an entire group, and as such, has the ability to enhance or denigrate its reputation.
- Integrity – A board member understands that decisions may need to be made that are not popular with the members and good judgment must come into play.
- Credibility – A board member's personal conduct must reflect favorably upon the group and the association.
- Ethical Behavior – A board member will support and follow the NGA's Standards of Practice.
- Commitment – Serving as an association leader is both an honor and a reward, but it requires a demonstrated commitment to the organization and its mission and goals.
- Enthusiasm – A board member should have a zest for serving on the board.

Knowledge Attributes:

- Knowledge – A board member demonstrates intelligence, good rainmaking skills, and is well informed about the profession and the association.
- Fiduciary Responsibility – A board member demonstrates a thorough understanding of the responsibility to be prudent and handle both the financial and programmatic affairs of the organization accordingly.
- Decision Making Ability – A board member has the ability to weigh facts, impacts, and consequences, and make a decision, much like a person responsible for the administration of a business.
- Logical thinking skills – A board member has demonstrated the capacity to absorb information and apply reasoning skills.
- Problem Solving Ability – A board member has demonstrated the ability to be a thinker who focuses on the problem as stated and tries to synthesize information and knowledge to achieve a solution.
- Competent – A board member has demonstrated competency in her or his field of expertise.

Interpersonal Attributes:

- Team player commitment – A board member exhibits well developed interpersonal and communication skills that are essential to teamwork.
- Staff Relationship-building skills – A board member must be able to work effectively with the staff team. Facilitating collaborative teamwork between volunteer leaders and staff, along with open and effective communication, is essential to get things done.
- Time - A board member must be able to devote adequate time to the job including traveling to and from Board meetings, being on conference calls, preparing reports as needed, and attending major MGA events as an ambassador.
- Organizational representation – A board member must subordinate personal, business, and regional biases to the good of the group.