

## Description of Being an NFCB Board Member

The Board of Directors of the Federation of Community Broadcasters (NFCB) consists of seven people elected by NFCB's Participant Member stations, and the NFCB President who serves ex officio. Through planning, outreach and assessment activities, the board works closely with the NFCB staff to guide the organization's mission and goals. The board is responsible for NFCB's legal and financial operations. The board works to benefit NFCB, its member stations, and community radio as a whole.

Being a member of the NFCB Board is a serious commitment. Each board member works closely with a diverse group of people on a variety of tasks. Some of this work will be exciting – some will be routine. ALL of the board's work is essential to the success of NFCB. Each nominee should look for characteristics within her/himself that can contribute to a successful board. Some of these qualities are:

1. A clear understanding of NFCB's mission and purpose.
2. Ability to represent, promote and advocate for community radio, NFCB and its members in any situation.
3. Ability to listen actively, respect the opinions of others and work toward consensus.
4. Expertise in areas that assist the board and contribute to NFCB's effectiveness.
5. Willingness to participate in processes that honor the diversity of NFCB's membership.
6. Understanding of the board's legal and fiduciary responsibilities.
7. Ability to recognize and avoid conflicts of interest.
8. Understanding that board positions are not representative. Members are not expected to speak for a particular constituency. Personal agendas are not appropriate.
9. Ability to give a substantial amount of time. Each board member must attend two or three meetings per year, each lasting 2 to 3 days, plus travel time. Each board member can expect to devote about four hours each month to NFCB business, plus serve on one or more committees depending on expertise.
10. Willingness to make a personal financial contribution to NFCB within the board member's personal budget.

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