



Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women

APPLICATION FORM Board of Directors - 2015-2016

APPLICANT *(Print or type)*

Name: _____

Title/Position: *(if applicable)* _____

Program/Organization/Agency: *(if applicable)* _____

Address: work home *(select one)* _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: work _____ home _____ cell _____

FAX: _____ E-mail: _____

I want to serve on the Board of Directors:

I am or will become an individual paid voting member

I am or will become a member of a paid organization

■ Why do you want to be a MLAW Board member? What do you hope to achieve? What skills, expertise, or knowledge do you bring to the Board of Directors?

■ What do you think are the MLAW's most important events or activities? What should they be in the future? _____

■ What do you think are the most important priorities for a statewide women's legislative coalition?

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF MLAW BOARD MEMBERS 2015 – 2016

LEADERSHIP

- **Provide leadership and guidance** for the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW).
- **Support the mission and activities of MLAW** and represent MLAW as an ambassador to the community. **Promote community involvement** in MLAW.
- **Work collaboratively** with other board members and community partners to **advance MLAW's goals**.
- **Promote MLAW membership and solicit new members**. Encourage others to join MLAW and support MLAW's mission and activities.
- **Monitor and ensure the financial health** of the organization.
- **Be a resource or provide resources for MLAW**.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

- Be an **individual paid voting member** of MLAW **and/or** represent an **organization that is a paid member**.
- **Commit to serving a one year (renewable) term**.
- **Represent a lead group, allied service provider, coalition or organization, or be an allied professional, a person with special expertise/skills, or a community advocate**. Membership on the Board of Directors is an **individual commitment**. Agencies and organizations do not have designated seats on the Board of Directors.
- **Attend 75% of the monthly board meetings in person** (usually 9 of 12 meetings a year). When board members are not able to participate in a meeting, they must notify the board president or MLAW administrative staff (Jessica Morgan) to register an excused absence. Because Board membership is an individual commitment, Board members cannot have surrogates attend in their place.
- Make a **personal financial contribution** to MLAW at any level that is comfortable. It is expected that 100% of the board will make a financial contribution to demonstrate their commitment to MLAW. This may include donations or event sponsorships.

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MLAW ACTIVITIES

- **Organize, assist, and attend the annual MLAW fall conference and the annual Legislative Reception and Briefing.** Participation in any other MLAW activities is encouraged.
- **Select the final MLAW legislative issues** based on ballot results and final vetting of legislative issues to assure conformance with MLAW principles and criteria. Select any additional legislative issues for advocacy during the Legislative Session.
- **Advocate for the MLAW Legislative Agenda** during the Legislative Session.
- **Provide liaison with lead groups** working on MLAW legislative issues; report on the progress of issues during the Legislative Session.
- **Coordinate with other advocacy groups**, including the Women's Legislative Briefing (WLB) and attend the WLB.
- **Provide information** through the MLAW website, Facebook page, and Constant Contact e-mail list/e-newsletter.

Thank you for your interest in the MLAW Board of Directors.

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