



SUBJECT: Role of Individual Board Members	CATEGORY: Governance	NO. G-1.3
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PREAMBLE

Acting on behalf of SIAS’s constituents, each board member is responsible for governance of the organization, fulfillment of SIAS’s mission, vision, and values, and legal accountability for its operations.

POLICY

Each member of the SIAS board is responsible for contributing to the management of board affairs and fulfilling the responsibilities of the board as identified in policy G-1.1.

PROCEDURES

Every board member is required to:

- Act honestly and in good faith.
- Give one’s loyalty to SIAS when acting on behalf of the board.
- Act in a prudent and diligent manner, keeping informed about the policies, business and affairs of SIAS.
- Ensure that information that is normally considered confidential (i.e. financial and personnel issues) remains so.
- Use one’s level of knowledge and expertise effectively in dealing with the affairs of SIAS.
- Serve as an advocate of SIAS.
- Prepare for board meetings by reading material distributed prior to meetings, and be ready to engage in thoughtful dialogue.
- Serve and participate actively in board committees.

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- Fulfill commitments within the agreed upon deadlines.
- Be accessible, at least by phone, to board staff and other board members.
- Build collegial working relationships with other board members, and be considerate and respectful of their ideas.
- Be knowledgeable of the issues presented by management or fellow board members.
- Contribute to debate on issues based upon personal experience, wisdom and expertise using objective or subjective reasoning.

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