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Board Statement of Understanding

ORGANIZATION NAME

As a member of the Board of Directors of ORGANIZATION NAME, I am fully committed to the vision and service of ORGANIZATION NAME and am dedicated to carrying out its mission and the work of the ORGANIZATION NAME. I understand that as a member of the ORGANIZATION NAME Board: I am responsible, with other board members, for friendraising and fundraising for ORGANIZATION NAME. I will take an active part in reviewing, approving, monitoring, and achieving our objectives.

1. I take a responsibility in knowing as much as I can about ORGANIZATION NAME, its work and outreach, and its vision for the future.
2. I accept the mission of ORGANIZATION NAME and understand that through my efforts, I contribute to the health and vitality of its service and work.
3. I will give a financial donation in each year to ORGANIZATION NAME, one that I feel is in line with my passion for and connection to the ORGANIZATION NAME mission. I may give this as a one-time donation each year, or I may commit to give a certain amount several times during the year.
4. I will actively engage in fundraising in whatever ways are best suited for me and most effectively serve the purposes of ORGANIZATION NAME. This may include individual solicitation, involvement in special events, writing mail appeals, and the like. I am willing to make a good-faith agreement to do my best and to raise as much money as I can.
5. I will be an enthusiastic booster, a positive advocate for ORGANIZATION NAME.
6. I will attend board meetings, be available for phone consultation, and serve on at least one committee.
7. I will do all I can to support the staff and encourage them to grow professionally and personally. I will be prepared to assist them whenever it is appropriate; however, I understand that it is not my responsibility to manage day-to-day operations. I won't manage—but I will encourage and expect the best results possible, the highest quality work possible, and ever-increasing production. Working together with the staff, we can achieve high objectives.
8. Among the boards I serve on, I shall consider my work with the ORGANIZATION NAME to be my most important priority—or at the very least, no lower than second in importance.

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9. In signing this document, I understand that no quotas are being set, and no rigid standards of measurement and achievement are being established. Every board member makes a statement of faith to be a partner with every other board member to strive for the great success of our cause. We trust each other to carry out the above agreements to the best of our ability.
10. I will review and understand the oversight and governance aspects of my board service and will gain a careful understanding of the by-laws and other non-profit policies that guide ORGANIZATION NAME.

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(Board Member)

In its turn, ORGANIZATION NAME is responsible to you in a number of ways. Here are some:

1. You will regularly receive status reports and information about our work, service, and progress.
2. You can call on the staff at any time to discuss programs and policies, goals, and objectives.
3. You can count on the staff to support your work in every way possible.
4. We shall do our best to make board meeting as substantive and productive as possible—with as little lost and meaningless time as possible.
5. Board members and staff will respond to the best of their ability in a straight-forward and thorough manner to any questions you have that you feel are necessary to carry out your responsibilities to ORGANIZATION NAME.
6. You can expect the staff and all board members to make this the most rewarding and fulfilling volunteer experience you have ever had.

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(Name, Title, Org)

Board Member Statement of Understanding compliments of Jerold Panas of Panas, Linzy, and Partners – thanks, Jerry!