

BOARD MEMBER APPLICATION

On behalf of everyone here at the Brain Injury Association of Ohio, thank you so much for your interest in board service. We know that those with an interest in being a leadership volunteer have many choices. In our community, there are an array of remarkable organizations engaged in the important work of making our world a better place. Here at the Brain Injury Association of Ohio, our Mission is to create a better future through brain injury prevention, education, and advocacy. We achieve this through four core activities of: information and referral, education, community support and advocacy.

The following application offers us an opportunity to know more about you, your skills, attributes and what motivates you the most to be of service in this organization. We are most appreciative of your interest in the BIAOH and would like to hear more about what it is about our Mission and work that has led you to raise your hand to be one of its leading ambassadors.

The goal of our process is to identify how the goals and activities of the organization match with the interests of our Board members to insure a mutually satisfactory experience and accomplishment.

Thank you again for your interest in our work and for taking the time to complete this application.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Name
- Address
- Home Number
- Work Number
- Mobile Number
- Email Address
- Employer
- Employer Address
- Type of Business / Organization
- Preferred Method of Contact: Work Mobile Home

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Past and Present Membership:

Boards, committees, task forces in the public sector (business, civic, community, religious, political, professional, recreational or social)

Organization	Role/Title	Date of Service

Please share your reasons and motivations and/or what it is about the work of BIAOH that has led you to offer your time, talent and energy in behalf of its program and purpose:

WHY?

Those committed to volunteering in a leadership capacity have an abundance of organizations to choose from. We are most appreciative of your interest in ours and would like to hear more. Why our organization and not any other? Please share your motivation and expand what has led you to raise your hand to be a leading ambassador for us.

What do you see as 1-2 challenges and 1-2 opportunities for us in the next few years?

SKILLS / EXPERTISE

Please mark the skills and expertise you will bring to us that will strengthen our board and enhance the ability of our organization to deliver on its mission.

	Public Relations		Reading / Understanding budgets and balance sheets		Public Policy / Advocacy
	Legal Expertise		Public Speaking / Presentations		Accounting
	Event Planning		HR / Administration		Strategic Planning
	Social Media		Marketing		Web Design
	Fundraising		Grant Writing		Information Technology
	Professional Nonprofit Experience		Facilities		Real Estate
	Financial investment Management				

A board is more than a collection of individuals. It is an entity that governs, approves strategy and engages in robust discussion and debate on relevant issues. It must act as a single entity. As such, the personality traits you bring to the board will help us to ensure that we have a diversity of personality styles and traits that, when added to our current board members, will enhance the ability of the board members to work together as a governing body.

- Collaborative
- Respectful of varying points of view
- Willing and able to lead a discussion
- Facilitative style
- Enthusiastic
- Comfortable speaking in front of groups
- Manages time well
- Optimistic
- Responsive
- Strong work ethic
- Good sense of humor
- Asks tough questions with respect

COMMITMENT

As a service organization, we have expectations that board members contribute in terms of time and money.

Among other responsibilities, board members play a key role in raising funds for our organization. It is an expectation of board service that you will introduce people in your sphere of influence to our work and invite them to know and do more – as prospective volunteers, board members, staff and as donors. Our organization commits to providing you with the information and tools necessary for you to stand as a vocal and visible ambassador for our work. Further, we expect every board member to make an annual financial commitment at a level you are comfortable with and that represents one of the most significant donations you make each year.

Can you speak to your level of comfort with this expectation?

TIME

Board service is a true commitment of time and energy. We estimate that board service could be a commitment of 4 to 6 hours each quarter. In addition, we ask for participation in our committees for our conference, our fundraising, our outreach/ education or other activities that help fulfill the organization's mission.

Do you have any concerns or potential conflicts that may serve as impediments to this time commitment? If so, how will you manage the demands on your time?

OTHER

Who recommended you for board service?

Have you ever been convicted, plead guilty or plead no contest to a crime? (If yes, please explain)?

Please identify at least two references we can speak with.

Name	Relationship	Best Contact (Phone or Email)

RESUME

Please attach your most recent resume and / or professional bio.