

Questions to Ask a Prospective Board Member

- 1) What makes our mission meaningful to you?
- 2) What are some of your prior board leadership experiences?
- 3) What appeals to you about board service as a volunteer activity?
- 4) What motivates you?
- 5) What skills, connections, resources and expertise do you have to offer and are willing to use on the behalf of the organization?
- 6) What expectations do you have from the management of organizations on whose boards you serve?
- 7) Is there anything you think you would need from this organization to make this experience a successful one for you?
- 8) What are your personal aspirations that could be enhanced by service on our board?
- 9) How much time per month can you commit to meetings and serving the mission?
- 10) What professional or personal constraints on your time or service might you anticipate?
- 11) Of what importance to you is social interaction with other board members?
- 12) How do you feel about performance evaluations of individual board members and boards as a group?
- 13) Do you have any worries or concerns about joining the board?