

REACH, INC.
POTENTIAL BOARD MEMBER INFORMATION

General Information

Rehabilitation, Education, and Advocacy for Citizens with Handicaps (REACH), Inc. is a North Texas based nonprofit corporation with the mission of providing services for people with disabilities and education to the community. REACH achieves its mission by operating three resource centers on independent living:

REACH Resource Center on Independent Living, Fort Worth
REACH of Dallas Resource Center on Independent Living
REACH of Denton Resource Center on Independent Living

Through the centers, REACH provides an array of services which are detailed in the enclosed brochure.

Board of Directors

REACH has a 21 member board of directors. At least 51% of the board must be people with disabilities. Members serve staggered three year terms. Members are recruited from the 3 communities which REACH serves.

An initial orientation to the organization is provided to all new board members.

The board meets six times a year on the second Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. The meetings rotate among the 3 REACH offices and are held from 6:00-8:00PM. Ongoing board training is scheduled as a part of board meetings as requested/needed.

The work of the board is handled at the committee level. Each board member participates on at least one board committee (see enclosed committee descriptions). Each committee determines its own meeting schedule. Meetings usually last 1 hour. Committees members include board members, appropriate staff, consumers, and other community representatives, as desired/appropriate. The executive director participates actively on all of REACH's board committees.

The board elects officers, a President, Vice President, Secretary, & Treasurer, for two year staggered terms.

Total time commitment per board member is approximately 20 hours per year.

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EXPECTATIONS OF ACTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

The following activities are expected of every active member of the REACH, Inc. board of directors.

- * Participate in the initial orientation for new board members.
- * Participate in at least 4 of the 6 board meetings per year.
- * Serve on at least one board committee. Assist in recruiting other committee members.
- * Support the fund raising efforts of REACH, Inc. by making an annual financial contribution or by actively participating in a fund raising event.
- * Attend at least one of REACH's scheduled events such as the open houses, annual picnics, or training workshops.
- * Support REACH's public relations and outreach efforts by educating the community about REACH's activities whenever possible.
- * Become familiar with REACH's programs by visiting one of the Centers.
- * Get board approval before officially representing the organization on any issue.
- * Call the Executive Director prior to a board or committee meetings when you cannot attend. (This will be considered an excused absence.)