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Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians Board of Directors Member Commitment Form

Policy

Board members will be required to complete the Board Member Commitment form at the beginning of each term.

Board duties

I will:

- Attend at least 75% of all board meetings by phone or in person.
- Review and read the agenda and supporting materials prior to Board and committee meetings.
- Serve on committees and take on special assignments as needed.
- Personally contribute to WAFP, WAFP-F, WAFP PAC, and WAFP LIF.
- Remain informed about WAFP mission, services, and policies and promote WAFP, as agreed annually by the Board.
- Provide support and advice to the staff but avoid interfering in management activities.
- Suggest nominees and participate in board recruitment.
- Support the organization by representing the organization in the community and with funders.

Board member code of conduct

As a board member I understand that I have duties of care, loyalty, and obedience to the organization.

- The duty of care is the duty to pay attention to the organization—to monitor its activities, see that its mission is being accomplished, and guard its financial resources.
- The duty of loyalty is the duty to avoid conflicts of interest.
- The duty of obedience is to carry out the purposes of the organization and to comply with the law.

As a board member I agree to:

- Act with honesty and integrity.

- Support in a positive manner all actions taken by the Board even when I am in a minority position on such actions. I recognize that decisions of the Board can be made only by a majority vote at a board meeting and respect the majority decisions of the board, while retaining the right to seek changes through ethical and constructive channels.
- Participate in (1) the annual strategic planning, (2) board self-evaluation programs, and (3) board development workshops, seminars, and other educational events that enhance my skills as a board member.
- Keep confidential information confidential.
- Exercise my authority as a board member only when acting in a meeting with the full board or when appointed by the Board.
- Work with and respect the opinions of my peers who serve this board, and leave my personal prejudices out of all board discussions.
- Always act for the good of the organization and represent the interests of all people served by the organization.
- Represent this organization in a positive and supportive manner at all times.
- Observe the parliamentary procedures and display courteous conduct in all board and committee meetings.
- Refrain from intruding on administrative issues that are the responsibility of management, except to monitor the results of the organization.
- Accept my responsibility for providing oversight of the financial condition of the organization.
- Avoid acting in a way that represents a conflict of interest between my position as a board member and my personal or professional life, even if those actions appear to provide a benefit for the organization. This includes using my position for the advantage of my friends and business associates. If such a conflict does arise, I will declare that conflict before the board and refrain from voting on matters in which I have conflict.
- Abide by these board operating procedures.

Signature

Date

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