

# ~~12 GOLDEN RULES FOR BOARD MEMBERS~~

- × 1. Before you accept a position on the Board, commit yourself to attending every meeting.
- × 2. Contribute towards Board business by sharing your knowledge, experience and time.
- × 3. Get involved with your organization! If it offers services to the public attend its programs whenever possible.
- × 4. Take responsibility for doing things that you say you'll do.
- × 5. Be a promoter. Tell others about the value of your organization's products and services.
- × 6. Communicate regularly with members of the community or group you represent, so you can bring forward their needs and opinions. Keep them informed of Board activities.

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- × 7. Listen to the advice of the community, to your fellow Board members, and to the organization's Executive Director.
- × 8. Be positive about your organization and its Board in public, even if you don't agree with some of its decisions.
- × 9. Speak up when you disagree with an item being considered by the Board, but concede graciously if the majority doesn't agree with your rationale.
- × 10. Prepare for Board meetings, so that you can be an effective contributor.
- × 11. Maintain the confidentiality of the Board.
- × 12. Have fun, and enjoy the feeling of contributing something positive to your community!

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