



Depression and Bipolar
Support Alliance

Board of Directors Role Description

MISSION

To provide help, hope, support and education to improve the lives of individuals who have mood disorders.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS—DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

As the highest leadership body of the organization and to satisfy its fiduciary duties, the board is responsible for:

- Determining the mission and purposes of the organization
- Selecting and evaluating the performance of the CEO
- Strategic and organizational planning
- Ensuring strong fiduciary oversight and financial management
- Fundraising and resource development
- Approving and monitoring DBSA's programs and services
- Enhancing DBSA's public image
- Assessing its own performance as the governing body of the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance

BOARD EXPECTATIONS

- Know the organization's mission, policies, programs, and needs
- Faithfully read and understand the organization's financial statements
- Serve as active advocates and ambassadors for the organization and fully engage in identifying and securing the financial resources and partnerships necessary for DBSA to advance its mission
- Leverage connections, networks, and resources to develop collective action to fully achieve ABC's mission
- Give a meaningful personal financial donation
- Help identify personal connections that can benefit the organization's fundraising and reputational standing, and can influence public policy
- Prepare for, attend, and conscientiously participate in board meetings
- Participate fully in one or more committees
- Follow the organization's bylaws, policies, and board resolutions
- Sign an annual conflict-of-interest disclosure and update it during the year if necessary
- Maintain confidentiality about all internal matters of DBSA

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