



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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