

**Akron Area Arts Alliance (dba Summit Artspace)
Board Member Statement of Responsibility**

Purpose of the Board of Directors

Board members hold both the Akron Area Arts Alliance (dba Summit Artspace) and the common good of the community in trust. As servants of the common good, the Board's greatest value is its work as a concerned, thoughtful and interactive group and the use of its collective wisdom to make trustworthy decisions. The Board is entirely responsible for the effective and ethical use of all resources and assets of the organization.

Focus of the Board

The Board has leadership and oversight responsibilities. In its leadership role, the Board focuses on establishing the role of Summit Artspace in the community. It ensures that the right things are done. It attends to long-term vision and values, the "big picture", and the long-term consequences of current decisions. In its oversight function, the Board ensures that things are done right. In this role, the Board oversees the effectiveness and quality of the organization's programs and operations to ensure itself and the community that effective use is being made of the resources held in trust.

Terms and Conditions

Terms: Board members are elected for three-year terms and may serve two consecutive terms.

Meetings: Board meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8:00 a.m., unless members are notified otherwise.

Insurance: Directors and officers insurance is provided for Board members.

Conflict of Interest Policy: Board members are required to read the Conflict of Interest Policy and must sign a certification form stating that they have read and understand the Policy.

Responsibilities of Board Members

I, _____, agree to:

1. Participate by:

- Making every effort to attend regular board meetings.
- Serving on committees and contributing to the work and leadership of the committee.
- Engaging in the decision-making process through active seeking of information, supporting, questioning and challenging ideas or directions the board is discussing.
- Honoring commitments.

2. Enlarge the resources of the Board and Summit Artspace by:

- Contributing my personal expertise or access to needed expertise.
- Offering your expertise, thoughts, and concerns as valuable resources.
- Linking Summit Artspace to other key stakeholders and sources of power and information.
- Valuing and stimulating the collective wisdom of the group.
- Making a financial contribution in accordance with my means as well as assisting in fundraising efforts.

3. Understanding the mission of Summit Artspace and its role in the community by:

- Learning about the mission, history, programs and staff of Summit Artspace.
- Learning about the needs of the community and the other community resources that relate to the Summit Artspace mission and programs.

4. Recognize the distinctions between board and staff roles.

5. Hold myself to the fiduciary standards required of a board member:

- *Duty of Care*--to act as an ordinary, prudent person would in a similar circumstance. This requires diligent, attentive, informed participation.
- *Duty of Loyalty*--to act in good faith in the best interests of the organization. To provide full disclosure of the nature of the member's interests and abstain from voting on the issue when a conflict of interest may occur.
- *Duty of Obedience*--to act to ensure that the organization operates in keeping with the laws and rules governing its formation and in accordance with its own Code of Regulations and mission.

6. Resign when I can no longer perform my duties as needed.

I accept the responsibilities, terms, and conditions of membership on the Board of Directors.

Signature

Date