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or to nominate another individual

Advisory Board Member - Role Description

Organization: Mission StageWorks 
Position: Advisory Board Member, Board of Directors
Reports to: Board President or Board Chair
Type: Volunteer, Advisory (Unpaid)

Introduction

Mission StageWorks seeks the expertise of industry professionals to advise its Board of Directors. Individuals who are passionate, dedicated, and interested in the strategic planning and stewardship of a growing arts nonprofit are welcome to apply.

Company description

Mission StageWorks is a San Francisco-based arts education and community center dedicated to theatre and performance training, storytelling, creative expression, and community enrichment. Through engaging the arts, we develop individual and collective voices in an effort to make a positive difference.

Mission

Mission StageWorks provides transformative theater arts experiences to enrich community relationships and empower diverse voices.

We offer performance education, spearhead community events, and support artists at every stage of their journey. Rooted in equity and innovation, Mission StageWorks cultivates an inclusive, accessible space for creativity and joy that uplifts our multigenerational, multicultural Bay Area community. Our approach centers on person-to-person care to foster authentic, meaningful connections and neighborly engagement—ensuring that heart and home are felt throughout our organization.

Position Summary

The Advisory Board Member serves as a strategic thought partner, providing guidance, insight, and sector expertise to support the growth, sustainability, and impact of Mission StageWorks. Advisory Board Members do not have governance or fiduciary responsibility but are key contributors to the organization's mission, vision, and long-term success.

Key Responsibilities

- ❖ Provide high-level advice on organizational strategy, policy development, program growth, and long-term planning.
- ❖ Ensure alignment of programs and initiatives with the organization's mission, values, and equity goals.

- ❖ Offer expertise in relevant fields such as nonprofit management, education, the arts, equity and inclusion, philanthropy, finance, marketing, or community engagement.
- ❖ Serve as a sounding board for leadership and staff, offering constructive feedback and new ideas on emerging opportunities or challenges.
- ❖ Leverage personal and professional networks to help increase the organization's visibility, partnerships, and resource development opportunities.
- ❖ Promote the organization publicly and represent its values with integrity and enthusiasm.
- ❖ Attend select meetings, strategic planning sessions, or public events as available.

Qualifications

- ❖ Passion for theatre, arts education, social justice, or community engagement
- ❖ Willingness to engage in collaborative dialogue and support staff and board leadership
- ❖ Ability to think strategically and work collaboratively
- ❖ Commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging (DEIB)
- ❖ Key experience areas sought include finance, academia, legal, fundraising, San Francisco community organizing, public policy, arts and nonprofit leadership, and more

Time Commitment

- ❖ Approx. 4–6 hours per month, including meetings and committee work
- ❖ Board term: 2 years (renewable)

To Apply or Nominate Someone

Please send a brief statement of interest and resume to Rob Lewis, Executive Artistic Director, at rlewis@missionstageworks.org. We welcome individuals from all backgrounds and lived experiences, particularly those from communities historically excluded from decision-making roles.

Or, please email to find out more.