



Board of Directors: Description of Duties & Application Instructions

Are you passionate about global disability inclusion, equity in education, and access to support services for people with disabilities? Disability Support International (DSI) is seeking dynamic, mission-aligned individuals to join our volunteer Board of Directors.

Organization Overview:

Disability Support International (DSI) is a Minnesota-based 501(c)3 nonprofit/NGO that began in 2016 to help address the immense needs of people with disabilities in places in our world where this is most needed. Our mission is to advocate, support, and empower to improve the lives of persons with disabilities in developing countries so they can live life to the fullest. We do this by working closely with in-country partners to build disability capacity, through training and support programming, to promote sustainable progress toward more inclusive societies.

Description:

This is a unique opportunity for individuals who share a passion for DSI's mission and who are interested in embarking on a much-needed area of development work. As a board member, you'll help guide our strategic direction, support programmatic and fundraising efforts, and ensure we continue to grow in service of people with disabilities in low- and middle-income countries.

Board Membership Options:

1. **Quarterly Contributing Members** - Attend quarterly virtual board meetings to support finance and governance of DSI and participate in an annual in-person retreat. Members support DSI through financial contributions at a personally meaningful level.
2. **Monthly Working Board Members** - Attend monthly virtual workshops and quarterly board meetings, provide active support through administrative, fundraising, or program activities, and participate in our annual in-person retreat.

All board members contribute to:

- Strategic planning and organizational oversight
- Fundraising and advocacy for our mission
- Policy and financial governance

Board Information:

Number of members currently: 5

How many needed: Minimum of 3

Meeting location: Remote via teleconference

Meeting time and frequency:

- Board meetings are currently held:
 - **Quarterly** (in Jan, April, July & Oct) on the **2nd Monday at 7-8:30pm CST**
- Board workshops are held **Monthly** at the same date/time

Skills & Qualifications:

Ideal candidates will have many of the following qualifications:

- Personal qualities of integrity, credibility, and a passion for collaboratively learning alongside of DSI's team and partners
- A desire and commitment to expand inclusive and sustainable practices on a global scale
- A commitment to DSI's partners and targeted population
- Education, experience, and/or skills in areas related to DSI's mission and operations, such as business, fundraising, finance, law, international development, human rights, special education, disability therapy services, and/or the nonprofit sector.

Expectations:

Time Commitment:

- Quarterly contributing member: 5-10 hours a quarter
- Monthly working board members: 5-10 hours a month

Length of Term: 1 year, renewable

Contribution Required? Yes. As with any nonprofit board, members are expected to contribute financially. 100% participation is sought and can be given or raised.

DSI's Board Member Policy can and will be shared, providing more details about roles, responsibilities, procedures, and expectations.

Apply online now at: <http://goo.gl/forms/XiZE6KPl1f>

Thank you for your time and interest in DSI's Board of Directors.

Need more info or have specific questions? Contact our Board Chair, Morgan Croft-Schornak by email at info@ds-international.org.

Want to learn more about DSI? Visit our website at: www.ds-international.org.