

Emporia State University Alumni Association Board of Directors

The Alumni Association of Emporia State University is led by a self-perpetuating volunteer board of directors that meets three times each year. The board is comprised of 21 volunteer members and several ex-officio members to provide advice and support for ESU's Alumni Relations efforts.

Purpose of the Alumni Association

The purpose of the Alumni Association shall be to advance the welfare of the University and to establish a mutually beneficial relationship between the University and its alumni and for such other purposes described in the Articles of Incorporation. Our mission is to build relationships and support for ESU – today and tomorrow.

Duties and Expectations of Board Members

- Actively attend and participate in three board meetings per program year (June, September, and February) ~ attendance may include conference call participation when travel is prohibitive.
- Provide insight into the formulation of association policies and guidelines, fiscal management, program objectives, and annual goals by serving on one committee of the Board of Directors.
- Initiate contacts on behalf of the University to promote stewardship, fundraising, and alumni engagement activities.
- Promote the University and Alumni Association by attending University events and activities when requested.
- Support ESU initiatives by establishing and maintaining positive relationships with your elected representatives in the Kansas Legislature and members of the Board of Regents.
- Attend, promote, and recruit alumni to attend the activities of Homecoming Weekend each year.
- Support the strategic efforts of the Admissions Office to recruit prospective students by participating in Teacher Appreciation Program (TAP).

Members of the board of directors communicate frequently with the members of the Alumni Association Executive Committee and Alumni Relations employees to help achieve these objectives. Each member is requested to check their email consistently and regularly reply to email and voice messages from Alumni Relations staff and Alumni Association leadership.

Standing Operating Committees

Each member of the board of directors serves on one committee per year.

Connecting Committee – this committee shall be responsible for overseeing the development and evaluation of programs, activities, events, and awards of the Corporation.

Serving Committee - this committee shall be responsible for assisting the University with student recruitment activities, career placement programs, and for nurturing graduates and current students to become active Alumni Association members. It shall also be responsible for providing staff with support by engaging alumni to maintain contact with designated government agencies and the state of Kansas Legislature. Finally, it shall be responsible for managing the nomination and election process for the officers of the Corporation.

Supporting Committee - The committee shall be responsible for supporting the cultivation, stewardship, and fundraising activities of the University and the ESU Foundation, as well as overseeing additional revenue-generating programs that support the Corporation.

Recruitment for Board Membership

Each Board member shall recommend at least one candidate for the Board prior to the first regular Board meeting of the calendar year. The Board shall vote on a slate of candidates presented by the Serving Committee during the first regular Board meeting of the calendar year.

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