
2019 EXECUTIVE BOARD APPLICATION



Consideration of the WBE Board Experience

WBE board members fulfill the vision and mission of WBE by orchestrating and executing WBE events and programs throughout the year. We rely upon committed and capable members to contribute to the growth and development of WBE. Our aim is to fill our board with passionate women inspired to consistently deliver engaging events and programs designed to support women to learn, grow, and prosper personally and professionally. Board membership presents an opportunity to shape the future of WBE and the lives of women, while personally expanding your own skills and visibility within the community.

Board members have responsibilities in leading a committee as well as participating in setting the direction of WBE. This is an opportunity to practice your leadership skills and champion your team while working alongside the other board members. Service on the board is a safe environment for you to co-create, learn and stretch within your unique strengths and challenges. Learning opportunities may include problem solving, how to get unstuck, how to seek help and support, or finding your personal leadership style. Your presence at meetings builds connection with other Board members during the year which lays a foundation of commitment and enthusiasm inspiring how our members connect with each other.

The requirements for application to the Board are:

- Current WBE membership
- Familiarity with WBE through breakfast attendance and volunteer service
- Desire to step up to the challenge of becoming a leader who is visible, powerful, and compassionate role model
- A clear sense of what you want to GET as well as GIVE to the Board and the WBE community.
- The time and ability to lead a committee and attend monthly board meetings.

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Meeting Commitments:

- Get Acquainted Brunch (prior to Board Selection) February 9, 2019
- Board Retreat (a Saturday to Sunday event) March 2-3, 2019 TBC
- Strategic Planning March 16, 2019 TBC
- Breakfasts 2nd Thursday of each month
- All Board meetings *First and third Tuesday monthly
- Annual Meeting November (typically follows bfast)
- Board Recruitment for next board October-November
- Board Selection December-January

In addition, participation in WBE Programs - Leadership and Professional and Personal Development Classes/Workshops is highly encouraged.

* Exceptions are holidays when the meetings are moved and if board as a whole agrees to move meeting date.

The Board commitment is for a **25-month period**, to allow for overlapping support. On average, Board membership takes about 20 hours per month including breakfasts, Board meetings, and your own committee meetings.

On becoming a Board member, breakfasts and classes are discounted during your term on the Board. Board members receive free WBE membership for two years. Please feel free to talk with any current WBE Board Member in terms of their experience and what you might expect to gain from an experience of your own.

Submission of Application

We do require that you complete an application, which is attached to this letter. The deadline for submission of your application is January 31, 2019.

I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to grow as a leader and give back to this organization of amazing women!

Sincerely,

-Cheryl

Cheryl Clemans
WBE President

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BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name: _____

Business: _____

Brief description of your business: _____

Address (home or business to receive WBE correspondence):

Preferred Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date Joined WBE (est ok): _____

As we operate on a GIVE/GET approach to service on the board, please let us know what you want to GET as well as GIVE to the Board and the WBE community.

Please provide:

1. A statement of why you are seeking a WBE board position.

2. Three contributions (GIVES) you would make to WBE as a Board member.
These could be professional skills or capabilities, special talents and/or gifts you will bring to your board service. These could also be recommendations in helping our organization thrive.

3. Three ways you feel you would benefit (GETs) from serving on the WBE Board:

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Also – we'd like to know:

1. Which WBE classes or programs have you attended?
2. WBE committees/teams you have volunteered with and/or current Board members you have worked with:
3. Any non-WBE volunteer experience?
(if already on your resume or LinkedIn profile, please state "see resume or LinkedIn profile")

Please attach (or include) the following:

1. A current resume, CV or link to a LinkedIn profile
2. A personal or professional reference – this could be another WBE member.

Additional Information for you:

- Please let us know of your interest in applying for the board ASAP (before completing the application), so we can make sure you are invited to the recruitment events and pair you up with a current board member who will be able to answer all your questions about the application process and board experience. Please contact WBE's President, Cheryl Clemans by email at cheryl.clemans@gmail.com, any board member or info@wbex.org.
- There will be a Get Acquainted brunch for all candidates and current board members on February 9, hosted at the home of one of our board members. This gathering is the final step in the process of applying for the board. All candidates who have submitted applications will have the opportunity to share information about themselves and hear about board experiences from current board members. It is always a very special morning of sharing.
- Board applicant selection process takes place February 19.
- Board service begins with strategic planning in March.

Send your application and attachments via email to:
Cheryl Clemans at Cheryl.clemans@gmail.com by February 9, 2019.

Should you have any questions, please contact WBE's President, Cheryl Clemans any other board member listed on our website <https://wbex.org/managing-board>.

**We appreciate your interest in applying for the WBE Board.
We look forward to learning more about you!**