



Alumni Board of Directors FAQ sheet

What is the purpose of the Board of Directors?

A: To support the mission of the Alumni Office and the university by assisting with events, outreach, engagement, fundraising and other avenues. The BOD is an advisory committee for the alumni department and provides input on items such as new programming, fundraising ideas and new members of the board.

What positions serve on the board?

A: The BOD has a president/chair, vice president/chair/president elect, past president, executive secretary and members.

How often does the Board meet?

A: The Board of Directors meets quarterly for official meetings. Some members, such as the president and president elect, meet more frequently. Meetings are generally on Saturday's and last two hours

What is the time commitment of board members?

A: All official members are expected to be at the quarterly meetings unless they have a reasonable excuse for being absent. Other times board members are needed are during events and alumni activities. Alumni activities generally occur once a month on average and range from small networking activities to large multi-day events, such as Homecoming. Not every board member is needed for every event so members are able to choose their volunteer times based on their own schedules. All spots on the board are active for three years.

What are the benefits of being a board member?

A: One of the greatest benefits of being an Alumni Board of Directors member is being part of a great group of people who come from diverse backgrounds and have a wealth of knowledge in many areas and are great resources. Being part of the board provides members exclusive opportunities to gain knowledge on campus happenings, changes, meet and greets with personnel and more. It also offers members a chance to give back their university through volunteering their time and efforts and providing opportunities to current and former students to share their knowledge and help. Another great benefit is that all board members receive annual campus

parking passes so they can come to campus for events and park for free. Being a board member also looks great on resumes and helps build stature in communities and among professional networks. There are many other benefits of becoming a board member, the ones listed here are just a few!

What are the qualifications I need to become a board member?

A: Any person who has completed at least 45 credit hours at Western Oregon University (or OCE or WOSC) and has a degree, cares about the school and the mission of the Alumni and is committed to volunteering for the purposes of the BOD is qualified to become a board member.

How can I become a board member?

A: The first step is filling out the bio and questionnaire form which can be found online. The second step is meeting with a board of director's representative and going through questions and introductions. The last step is being voted onto the board by the current board members. Overall this process takes anywhere from two weeks to three months, depending on when the next meeting is.

Questions? Call or email Emily Lafon, Alumni Relations Coordinator, with any questions. She can be reached at Lafone@wou.edu or (503)838-8710.