AVA BOARD MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

The mission of the AVA Organization is to create greater public awareness of vascular access and to empower our members with significantly more educational resources, networking opportunities, and advocacy tools in support of and dedication to the patients that we are entrusted to serve.

Please review the following list of expectations and qualifications. If you feel like you are qualified and interested in serving please submit the application for consideration. If you would like to discuss these responsibilities and qualifications, please feel free to email your contact information to AVA at AVA@avainfo.org and someone from the Board Development Committee will reach out to you.

Expectations of the Board as a Whole

As the highest leadership body of the organization and to satisfy its fiduciary duties, the board is responsible for

- determining the mission and purposes of the organization
- selecting and evaluating the performance of the chief executive
- strategic and organizational planning
- ensuring strong fiduciary oversight and financial management
- fundraising and resource development
- approving and monitoring the organization’s programs and services
- enhancing the organization’s public image
- assessing its own performance as the governing body of the organization

Expectations of Individual Board Members

Each individual board member is expected to

- know the organization’s mission, policies, programs, and needs
- faithfully read and understand the organization’s financial statements
- serve as active advocates and ambassadors for the organization and fully engage in identifying and securing the financial resources and partnerships necessary for the organization to advance its mission
- leverage connections, networks, and resources to develop collective action to fully achieve the organization’s mission
- help identify personal connections that can benefit the organization’s fundraising and reputational standing, and can influence public policy
- prepare for, attend, and conscientiously participate in board meetings
- participate fully in one or more committees

Further, board members are expected to

- follow the organization’s bylaws, policies, and board resolutions
• sign an annual conflict-of-interest disclosure and update it during the year if necessary, as well as disclose potential conflicts before meetings and actual conflicts during meetings
• maintain confidentiality about all internal matters of the organization

Qualifications

The following qualifications are required to serve as a Director at Large on the AVA Board of Directors:
• Demonstrate a passion and interest in supporting the execution of the AVA Strategic Plan.
• Previous leadership position within AVA organization preferred. Ie. Committee Chair, Network officer, Task Force Chair.
• Candidates from the clinical sector must hold the VA-BC certification at the time the application is submitted. The Certification must be maintained throughout the term of office if elected.
• Industry members must have completed the Industry Certificate Program at the time the application is submitted. The Certificate must be maintained throughout the term of office if elected.

To be considered for an executive officer position (President, Treasurer, or Secretary) the following additional qualifications are required:
• Must be a current AVA member.
• Must have completed a two-year term as a Director at Large.