



EXPECTATIONS OF BSO DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the Bellingham Symphony Orchestra is a governance board, providing strategic leadership and having a fiduciary responsibility. This includes the functions of setting direction, making policy and strategy decisions, and overseeing and monitoring the organization's performance to ensure overall accountability. Therefore, members of the board are expected to:

- Embrace the mission and vision of the organization.
- Learn - and carry out - the legal responsibilities of the board.
- Purchase season tickets and/or regularly attend concerts.
- Attend all board meetings, retreats, and special events.
- Come to board meetings prepared to participate fully.
- Play a leadership role in at least one committee or task force.
- Make an annual personal financial gift according to your means.
- Support fundraising efforts as led by the Executive Director.
- Build relationships between the BSO, its donors, and the community.
- Build relationships between the board and players.
- Communicate clearly and respectfully, and support the decisions of the full board.
- Keep the administrator informed about concerns in the community.
- Exercise loyalty and confidentiality in dealings with the board.
- Fulfill commitments on time.

WHAT BOARD MEMBERS CAN EXPECT FROM THE BSO

- Board members should expect these things from their officers and staff:
- Clear and reasonable expectations.
- Consistent, timely communication from staff.
- Access to any information needed about the organization.
- Training, encouragement, and strategic advice to carry out tasks.
- Respect for the time, views, and talents that members offer to the board.