

# **Board of Trustees Overview of Responsibilities**

The purpose of the ArtPride New Jersey Foundation, Inc. Board of Trustees (ArtPride Board) is to act as the governing body with fiduciary and legal responsibility, as well as to serve in an advisory capacity for all organizational activities.

## **Responsibilities**

Trustees of the ArtPride Board are asked to fulfill the following responsibilities:

- Be an ArtPride New Jersey organizational member in good standing at the dues level appropriate to their organizational or company affiliation
- Attend meetings and actively participate in the work of the board
- Participate on at least one committee
- Participate in the financial support of the organization appropriate to their means, as per the goal of 100% board in annual financial support
- Protect the organization's assets consistent with donor restrictions
- Support organizational goals in equity, diversity and inclusion through direct leadership and action
- Assist the organization in obtaining resources to ensure the organization has adequate resources and capacity
- Recruit and orient new organizational members, volunteers and leaders with needed skills and talents
- Advocate for the organization in the community to build its public reputation
- Support strategic planning initiatives to demonstrate commitment to long-term objectives

## **Meetings**

Meetings are typically scheduled the first Tuesday of February, April, June, October and December. In addition, Trustees are expected to attend the annual, full day Board retreat in August. Committee meetings are typically held monthly or bi-monthly.

## **Board Giving**

To demonstrate our commitment to the mission of ArtPride New Jersey, Trustees agree that that 100% participation of the board in annual giving is required. This policy is intended to ensure that every Trustee supports ArtPride with an annual donation. Board giving is distinct and in addition to participation in/for fundraisers organization's activities. This policy does not mandate a minimum donation by Trustees. Most importantly, this policy reflects the agreement of the Board that each Trustee will prioritize their support for ArtPride and will make a contribution they as individuals consider significant and generous.

## **Board Size, Composition and Terms**

ArtPride's bylaws require that the Board of Trustees consist of not less than nineteen (19) nor more than thirty-five (35) persons. The Board is required to be composed of no less than 51% of representatives from organizations directly related to New Jersey's arts industry. Up to 49% of the Board may be representatives from the business/corporate sector, foundation sector or other leaders in the community who have a passion for and an interest in, the advancement of the Foundation's mission.

Each new Trustee shall serve a one-year term, with an option of extending to a full three-year term at the end of the first year of service. Renewing Trustees shall serve full three-year terms. No Trustee may serve more than three (3) three-year terms in succession. Trustees are able to extend their period of service by an additional (5) five years if they hold a position as an officer of the Board.