

I, _____, understand that as a member of the Board of Directors of NAMI Georgia, I have a legal and moral responsibility to ensure that the organization does the best work possible in pursuit of its goals. I believe in the purpose and the mission of the organization, and I will act responsibly and prudently as its steward.

As part of my responsibilities as a Board member, I will

1. **Interpret** the organization’s work and values to the community, represent the organization, and act as a spokesperson.
2. **Attend** all Board meetings and committee meetings in person or via conference call, but if I miss 3 of 6 regularly scheduled Board meetings during the NAMI Georgia fiscal year (May-April):
 - I understand that I will be removed from the Board and a replacement will be elected as per the bylaws. The Secretary will track attendance in the Board Minutes and provide notice to those who have missed 2 meetings, if feasible. A NAMI Georgia member in good standing may be re-elected to the Board of Directors.
 - I will make every effort to attend the May Annual Board Meeting in person.
3. **Attend** special events to show my support.
4. **Complete** the *Annual Contribution To Fundraising Worksheet* and make a personal financial commitment at a level that is meaningful to me.
 - I will actively participate in one or more fundraising activities to include, at a minimum, being a Walker on a Walk Team, if not a Walk Team captain.
5. **Act** in the best interest of the organization, and excuse myself from discussions and votes where I have a conflict of interest.
6. **Stay informed** about what is going on in the organization. I will ask questions and request information. I will participate in and take responsibility for making decisions on issues, policies and other Board matters.
7. **Work in good faith** with staff and other Board members as partners towards achievement of our goals.

If I do not fulfill these commitments to the organization, I will expect the Board President, or designated committee chair, to call me and discuss my responsibilities with me.

In turn, the organization will be responsible to me in several ways:

1. I will be sent the Board webpage and password, without request, giving me access to bi-monthly financial reports and an update of organizational activities that allow me to meet the “prudent person” section of the law.
2. Opportunities will be offered to me to discuss with the executive director/staff and the Board President the organization’s programs, goals, activities, and status: additionally, I can request such opportunities.
3. The organization will help me perform my duties by keeping me informed about issues in the industry and field in which we are working, and by offering me opportunities for professional development as a Board member.
4. Board members and staff will respond in a straightforward fashion to questions I have that I feel are necessary to carry out my fiscal, legal and moral responsibilities to this organization. Board members and staff will work in good faith with me towards achievement of our goals.
5. If the organization does not fulfill its commitments to me, I can call on the Board President and Executive Director to discuss these responsibilities.

Member, Board of Directors	Date
President, Board of Directors	Date