



**Michigan Nonprofit Association
Board of Directors Role Description**

Overview:

Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA) is a 501(c)(3) statewide membership organization serving nonprofits through advocacy, training, and equitable resources. MNA is dedicated to promoting anti-racism and social justice in the nonprofit sector. Working alongside community leaders, we harness nonprofits' collective power and knowledge to bring about equitable and just systems-level change.

Core Values:

Centering all we do in Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice, our core values are:

- Respect
- Integrity
- Strategic Impact
- Relationships
- Accountability
- Sustainability

[Click here](#) for more information on our values.

Vision for our work supporting Michigan's nonprofit sector:

- Michigan's charitable nonprofits are recognized and valued for our contributions in making Michigan the best state to live, work and care for community.
- Transformational policy changes and strong private/public relationships resulting in equitable access to capital for nonprofits and the communities they serve.
- Michigan nonprofit leaders reflect the communities they serve, embrace a vision of collective community care and are accessing resources that enable them to deliver on their missions and be effective changemakers.
- Charitable nonprofits are at the forefront of democracy, social and environmental justice issues resulting in increased community and civic participation.
- MNA is a place of belonging for those who work and serve here.

Desired attributes of interested candidates

Michigan Nonprofit Association is seeking candidates interested in serving on its dynamic statewide board of directors. Desired candidates are relentless champions for Michigan nonprofits and the social impact sector and are committed to our values of diversity, inclusion, equity, and justice.

Valuing collaboration and understanding systems thinking as well as experience in good governance of a nonprofit are essential.

Ideal MNA Board member candidates have experience in or represent one or more of the following:

- Work for a nonprofit/philanthropy
- Lead a nonprofit/philanthropy
- Currently or previously have served with a nonprofit in a volunteer capacity
- Understands the culture, issues, intersections, and inequities of poverty, within either an urban or a rural community setting
- Public policy and advocacy
- Former elected official or policymaker with understanding of appropriations process
- Direct financial management experience of a nonprofit and/or financial expertise that supports the charitable sector
- Economic development experience with a focus on BIPOC owned small business/entrepreneurship/leadership
- Experience and knowledge of issues specific to the following nonprofit subsectors:
 - Environmental Justice
 - Arts and Culture
 - Community Development

Commitments:

Members of the Michigan Nonprofit Association Board of Directors commit to:

- Acting as an ambassador of the Michigan Nonprofit Association among professional and personal networks.
- Actively support Michigan Nonprofit Association's vision of embracing diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice practices that lead to building stronger communities.
- Attending, to the best of one's ability, all Michigan Nonprofit Association board meetings, and meetings of other committees on which they serve.
- Being actively involved in attracting financial support for the Michigan Nonprofit Association.
- Sharing with the Michigan Nonprofit Association's Board of Directors and President & CEO any thoughts on how MNA might be more successful.
- Making an annual personal, organizational or company financial investment of at least \$500 in the Michigan Nonprofit Association and its work on behalf of the nonprofit community.
- Supporting and attending the Michigan Nonprofit Association programs, events, and activities.

Expectations:

- Board and committee meetings occur quarterly and have options of meeting both in person and virtually.
- At Large Directors serve a three-year term and may serve three consecutive terms.

Application Process:

Interested candidates should visit <https://www.mnaonline.org/about/meet-the-board/join-the-board> to complete an online application as well as send a cover letter of interest and resume to mnaboard@mnaonline.org