

Seeking Volunteer Board Members

English At Large is seeking candidates to join its Board of Directors. We are a nonprofit that helps adult immigrants gain greater understanding of the English language and U.S. culture through personalized instructional programs designed to support their highest aspirations. Our learners benefit from a large network of volunteers and community partners in Greater Boston committed to their success. We envision a world in which all people have the skills, knowledge, and confidence they need to take advantage of opportunity, enrich their communities, and achieve their life goals.

Our small staff supports the efforts of more than 200 volunteers who deliver high-impact programs in 24 communities north and west of Boston. We are expanding our organization to meet the growing demand for services for local immigrants who need to learn English in order to take advantage of opportunity and join in community life. English At Large serves almost 400 adult learners each year. Our organization receives support from the communities we serve through contributions from individual donors, foundations, civic and religious groups and corporations.

Functions of the Board of Directors:

- Provide fiduciary oversight and monitor the financial stability of the organization
- Monitor mission alignment and guide strategic direction
- Serve as ambassadors and represent EAL interests in the community

Successful Members of the Board of Directors:

- Become well informed about the work of the organization
- Participate in fundraising activities for the organization, assuming leadership as appropriate.
- Represent EAL in the community; connect people in your personal and professional networks to EAL's mission.

Commitment:

- Attend monthly board meetings consistently, usually scheduled one year in advance
- Serve as a member of at least one board committee during your tenure - new board members serve on the Development Committee during their first year on the board.
- Become a financial supporter of the organization through the direct donation or secured solicitation of at least a \$1,500 annual gift, and actively solicit new items for the annual online auction.

As part of our strategic plan to grow the organization, we will actively recruit and engage new members to our Board each year. New members will receive mentorship and training and will have opportunities to connect with English At Large programs, our staff and volunteers. We welcome inquiries from local individuals with diverse interests, backgrounds and experience.

To apply, please send a letter of interest and a resume or CV to Maureen Willis, Executive Director of English At Large, ed@englishatlarge.org, and she will share it with the Board search committee. We look forward to hearing from you.