

American Indian Science & Engineering Society

Board of Directors

Member Requirements

The American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) is a national, nonprofit organization whose mission is to increase substantially the representation of American Indians and Alaska Natives in science, engineering and other related technology disciplines. AISES builds partnerships of support with Tribal Nations, schools, universities, non-profit organizations, corporations, foundations, and government agencies to provide academic, financial and cultural support to American Indians and Alaska Natives. Through our K-12, Higher Education and professional programs, AISES provides opportunities for its members to pursue studies and careers in science, engineering, and technology.

Per the AISES Bylaws, the Board of Directors is elected by AISES' general members. The Board represents the AISES membership, including student members, via the non-voting National Student Representatives, who attend all Board meetings. It is the responsibility of the Board to ensure the Society stays focused on the mission and to guide the headquarters' operations.

We are seeking equally talented and dedicated people who are willing to help us take AISES mission to the next level. If you are interested in possibly applying to be a Board Member, please review these basic requirements and let us know of your interest. You can find information about the roles, responsibilities and expectations of the AISES Board of Directors on our website at: <http://www.aises.org/about/people/board.html>. You may also want to view our Strategic Plan at [http://www.aises.org/about/AISES Strategic Planning 2005.pdf](http://www.aises.org/about/AISES_Strategic_Planning_2005.pdf).

Board Member Requirements.

- I will interpret the organization's work and values to the community, represent the organization, and act as a spokesperson.
- I will attend at least 75% of board meetings, committee meetings, and special events.
- Each year I will make a personal financial contribution at a level that is meaningful to me.
- I will actively participate in one or more fundraising activities.
- I will act in the best interests of the organization, and excuse myself from discussions and votes where I have a conflict of interest.
- I will stay informed about what's 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.
- I will work in good faith with the Executive Director and other board members as partners towards achievement of our goals.
- If I don't fulfill these commitments to the organization, I will expect the board chair to call me and discuss my responsibilities with me.
- I have the support of my employer and will cover my travel expenses associated with Board participation.