

The Immediate Past President of NFDA serves for one year on the Board of Directors, immediately following one year of service as the President. The Immediate Past President draws upon his or her experience, wisdom, and knowledge of the association to promote unity of purpose among governing bodies and to help leaders make informed decisions.

Principal Responsibilities of the Immediate Past President

1. Provides continuity in strategic purpose and direction.
2. Serves as a voting member of the Board of Directors.
3. Attends the following meetings and conferences: Board of Directors, Advocacy Summit, Leadership Conference and Convention, in person or virtually.
4. Serves on the national spokesperson team and committees and task forces as needed.
5. When requested, represent NFDA at state conventions.
6. Writes a column for The Director.
7. Identifies and cultivates future leaders.
8. Performs such duties as directed by the President or the Board of Directors.

Expectations

1. Is well acquainted with organization's mission and vision; is cognizant of internal and external forces that affect the organization.
2. Is actively engaged in programs, services, and fundraising initiatives.
3. Will work to unify and build consensus among leadership groups.
4. Makes time to check mail, faxes and electronic transmissions on a regular basis and respond to requests for information and feedback in a timely manner.
5. Exhibits high ethical and professional standards at all times.

Personal Qualities

1. Vision: the capacity to inspire a shared vision; the willingness to place long-term interests above short-term or personal gain.
2. Objectivity: to ability to listen carefully and provide advice and guidance when needed.
3. Energy and Commitment: enthusiasm for the job and the ability to inspire others. Must be willing and able to devote the time necessary to carry out all job responsibilities.

Qualifications

Individual members are the only members of NFDA that are entitled to serve on the Board of Directors. All individual members of NFDA must, to the extent required by State law, possess all necessary licenses to engage in the profession of funeral directing and/or embalming. All individual members of NFDA agree, as a condition of membership, to abide by the NFDA Bylaws and Code of Professional Conduct.

Experience

1. Service as President the year prior to serving as Immediate Past President.
2. Demonstrated active support of NFDA's mission, vision, values, programs and services.