

## Statement of Understanding For Members of the Board of Directors

As a member of ASK Resource Center's Board of Directors, I am fully committed to ASK's Vision, dedicated to carrying out its Mission, and fully embrace its Values. I understand that in accepting this position on ASK Resource Center's Board of Directors:

- 1. I am responsible, with other Board Members, for friend-raising <u>and</u> fundraising for ASK Resource Center. I will take an active role in reviewing, approving, monitoring and achieving our friend-raising and fundraising goals.
- 2. I will take responsibility in knowing as much as I can about ASK Resource Center, its work and outreach, and its vision for the future.
- 3. I accept the mission of ASK Resource Center and understand that through my efforts, I contribute to the health and vitality of its service to humanity.
- 4. I will embrace the values of ASK Resource Center as I carry out my work as a board member.
- 5. I will give, annually, what is for me as substantial a financial contribution as possible. I will also consider employer, special and capital fund gifts / estate gifts as appropriate for me.
- 6. I will get, annually, unrestricted donations that equal \$1,000 or more.
- 7. It is my responsibility to contact the Executive Director if I need to reduce any kind of contribution I have committed to due to unforeseen circumstances.
- 8. I understand that as a Board Member, I lead the way. I am a role model for others to follow. I will bring the following attributes to my Board tenure: Ambassador, Advisor, Advocate, Accessibility, Affluence, and Assistance.
- 9. I will actively engage in the organization's fundraising events in whatever ways are best suited for me and most effectively serve the purposes of ASK Resource Center.
- 10. I will attend board meetings, be available for phone consultation, and serve on at least one committee. If I am not able to meet my obligations as a Board Member, I understand that I can offer my resignation at any time, and that I may be asked to offer my resignation.

- 11. I will do all I can to support the staff, and encourage them to grow professionally and personally. I will be prepared to assist them whenever it is appropriate. I also understand that there are times when I must stay out of their way. I will not manage. I will expect the best results possible and the highest quality work possible. Working together with the staff, we can highly achieve.
- 12. I know that I am being entrusted with confidential and private information, and I will uphold that confidentiality of the organization, staff, clients, and other board members.
- 13. Among the boards I serve on, I shall consider my work with ASK Resource Center to be higher than or equal to in importance and priority.
- 14. In signing this document, I understand that every Board Member makes a statement of faith to be a partner with every other Board Member to strive for the great success of our cause. We trust each other to carry out the above agreements to the best of our ability.

Board Member Signature	Date

## In turn, ASK Resource Center's staff is responsible to me in the following ways:

- 1. I will regularly receive status reports and information about our work, service and progress.
- 2. I can call upon the staff at any time to discuss programs, policies, goals and objectives.
- 3. I can rely on the staff to support my efforts to assist in the growth of ASK Resource Center.
- 4. I can be assured that the board meetings will be as substantive and productive.
- 5. I will be encouraged by the staff to take an increasingly larger role in organizational leadership.
- 6. I can expect Board Members and staff to respond to my questions and concerns to the best of their ability in a straightforward, honest, authentic and thorough manner, so I may carry out my responsibilities to Ask Resource Center.
- 7. I can expect the staff and Board Members to endeavor to make this a most rewarding and fulfilling volunteer experience.

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