

METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM

The Board of Directors is the chief elected body of the Library System. The Board represents the membership. The MLS Board has the following representation:

- 9 members represent public libraries including trustees and a public library administrator
- 2 members represent academic, special and school libraries

According to the library system's *Administration Operational Plan* the Board is responsible for the hiring of a competent Executive Director who reports to and is accountable to the Board.

Other responsibilities include:

- Ensure financial accountability; approve and review the budget on a regular basis
- Establish policies on how the System will operate
- Monitor the strategic long-range plan of service
- Evaluate the Executive Director on an annual basis
- Meet a minimum of nine times a year, consistent with the Administrative rules
- Review bylaws on an annual basis and revise bylaws as necessary
- Advocate for libraries and library issues
- Cooperatively identify, nurture, and utilize the talents, strengths, and experiences of Board members
- Exercise leadership for MLS

Board member commitment includes:

- Attendance and participation in all Board meetings.
- When absent from a meeting, review minutes and results of the missed meeting
- Prepare for participation by reviewing documentation prior to the Board meeting

What are the terms of service?

- MLS Board members serve without remuneration for a three-year term. One may serve two terms or a maximum of six years.