

## **What Your Fellow Board Members Expect from You**

Nonprofit boards of directors have similar responsibilities to those of a for-profit organization – there are not a lot of differences. Individual board members are not islands as they exist in a team environment with other board members and staff. Here are our observations on what fellow board members expect from each other:

1. Regular attendance at meetings
2. Adequate preparation in advance of the meetings
3. A willingness to study and get to know the organization prior to joining the board
4. Full participation at the board meeting and accountability in governance
5. Sincere support of the organization, its executive, and staff
6. A commitment to teamwork over personal gain
7. An agreement to speak with one voice
8. A desire for continuous improvement
9. To plan and lead beyond your tenure