



Volunteer Position – Board Member

Title

Board Member

Description

Atlas Assistance Dogs™ (Atlas) is seeking Board Members to help sculpt Atlas Assistance Dogs' vision and growth as an organization. Our board is primarily a working board at this point, though we also welcome experienced advisors who have more knowledge than time. This is an excellent opportunity to really shape the direction of Atlas and have a huge impact.

About Us

Atlas Assistance Dogs expands access to those who want and legally qualify for an assistance (service) dog. We accomplish this employing ethical, modern, innovative, and proven approaches that challenge traditional assumptions about who can train dogs, how dogs should be trained, and what dogs and people can accomplish together.

There are many more who would benefit from service dogs than most organizations can supply. Atlas Assistance Dogs was created to fill these unmet needs.

We are committed to expanding the pool of qualified assistance dogs by working with dogs of all breeds and enabling people to obtain training and certification for their own dogs. We accommodate one-on-one, customized in-home training with certified, professional trainers. This enables more control over the very personal process of learning to work as a dog/handler team.

Atlas Assistance Dogs' certification standards meet and exceed international requirements. We are building a network of certified trainers and establishing a program to enable qualified individuals to train and certify assistance dogs and handlers according to our standards. Our goal is to make it possible to train and certify assistance dog/handler teams in as many locations as possible both in the US and Internationally. We are expanding the possibilities for assistance dog training. We take advantage of the combined power of virtual learning and communication, online and in person communities, traditional in-person sessions, and individual as well as group aspects, to provide the best training solution for trainers as well as dog/handler teams.

Key Responsibilities

- » Attend and participate in board meetings
- » Contribute input, skill, and resources to establishing and growing Atlas
- » Chair one or more active committees
- » Actively work with committee members, providing guidance and support
- » Comply with Atlas policies including non-discrimination, respectful treatment for clients and dogs, and protection of confidential information.

Location

Anywhere



Qualifications

- » Excitement about our mission and a desire to help others
- » Experience in one or more of the following is preferred
 - Previous board experience
 - Building a non-profit or other business
 - Dog training; particularly positive reinforcement training
 - Education/Instruction/Certification
 - Working or volunteering in animal rescue organizations
 - Raising or breeding dogs
 - Developing and executing fundraising strategies
 - Marketing/Communications and Branding experience
 - Human medicine- doctor/nurse
 - Animal medicine- veterinarian
 - Mental health-Counselor/Social Worker/Psychologist
 - Legal background/experience
 - Accounting/Financial background/experience
 - Experience with service dogs and their handlers
 - Scientific research and methodology
- » Excellent strategy and leadership skills
- » Any board member who serves as an elected officer of the board as well as any board member who has access to personal information of volunteers, clients, trainers or evaluators will be asked to complete a background check. Prior criminal history does not necessarily preclude involvement on the board.

EXPECTED COMMITMENT

- » Ongoing commitment to being a member of the board and influencing the organization
 - Monthly 1 hr. meeting (phone call)
 - Annual 2-day meeting. Held each June on a weekend.
 - Involvement on committees
 - Support of outreach and fundraising efforts
 - Terms are 3 years