



When considering joining a board, ask to participate in a meeting or two to assess if it is the right environment for you. The more you know, the more you will feel confident in your professional contribution – and the increased likelihood to lead tomorrow's legacy today.

Questions to ask if considering a board position:

1. Is the organization registered, and under what designation?
2. Do they have director's and officer's (D&O) liability insurance?
3. Are all tax forms current?
4. Are the by-laws current, clear, and are they being followed?
5. Do they have an annual audit from a reputable CPA firm? If so, ask for a copy of the latest final audit report.
6. Ask for financial statements of the organization for the past three years. Is the organization financially secure?
7. Is there a board policy manual? Ask to review.
8. Is there any pending litigation or other legal issues? Has the organization ever been sued? Solicit details.
9. What are the by-laws of the organization?
10. What sort of training and development is available to prepare for the board?
11. Ask about the organization culture and what practices they have in place to sustain it.
12. Ask what is the vision, mission?
13. Ask to view the strategic plan.