



Board Chair Job Description

WHO WE ARE:

For 38 years, The Chicago Ensemble has brought a fascinating array of chamber works to Chicago audiences. Offering an innovative mix of familiar masterworks and lesser-known repertoire, performed in varied combinations of instruments and voice, The Chicago Ensemble occupies a unique place in Chicago's cultural life. Outstanding musicians from the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Lyric Opera Orchestra, Chicago Sinfonietta and other distinguished area organizations are brought together as The Chicago Ensemble by Gerald Rizzer, Artistic Director and pianist. Through the *Discover America* competition for new chamber works, The Chicago Ensemble introduces Chicago audiences to innovative works by contemporary composers.

The Chicago Ensemble performs 10 subscription concerts per year, comprising five programs each in Hyde Park and the North Side. The group has often been featured on WFMT.

Learn more at: <http://thechicagoensemble.org/>

DUTIES:

1. Serves as Chief Volunteer for the organization.
2. Is partner with the Chief Executive in achieving the organization's mission.
3. Provides leadership to the Board of Directors who set policy.
4. Recruit and develop board.
5. Chairs meetings of the Board.
6. Encourages Board's role in strategic planning.
7. Appoints the chairpersons of committees, (If applicable), in consultation with other Board members.
8. Serves *ex officio* as a member of committees and attends their meetings when invited (If applicable).
9. Initiates discussion on issues confronting the organization with the Board.
10. Helps guide and mediate Board actions with respect to organizational priorities and governance concerns.
11. Monitors financial planning and financial reports.
12. Plays a leading role in fundraising activities and audience development.
13. Evaluates the effectiveness of Board members.
14. Evaluates annually the performance of the organization in achieving its mission.
15. Attends concerts.

TIME COMMITMENT:

8 hours/month