

### **ACA SEEKS CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The National Board of Directors of the American Camp Association is seeking candidates to fill open member-at-large positions beginning fall 2016. The Board is responsible for setting the direction of the Association.

The National Board believes that all board members, present and future, must:

- understand and value the vital role camp plays in the development of healthy children and young adults;
- advocate articulately for ACA and its vision;
- advance the mission, vision, values and ends of ACA by extending personal and professional credibility, expertise, and leadership to the organization; and
- think broadly and strategically about the role of camps and of ACA.

ACA is committed to recruiting board members from ethnically diverse communities throughout the United States, from a broad spectrum of professions. The Board is particularly interested in maintaining a diverse perspective and in involving as board members persons who have influence within their professional circles.

Board terms are three years. In-person meetings are held prior to the ACA National Conference and two additional meetings are held during the year, with conference calls four to six times a year. Most board members also serve on a national committee or task force.

The focus of this year's board nominations is primarily on camp directors whose work and professional expertise can further the goals of ACA. Those who demonstrate a commitment to youth development, who represent diverse and broad backgrounds and skills, and those with experience on a non-profit board would be most welcome. In addition, ACA continues to seek referrals of those in related fields who have a commitment to the camp experience and interest in serving on the national board.

Candidates should:

- have highly developed oral communication skills and be accustomed to speaking out in a group setting;
- be a "big picture" individual with the ability to grasp the nature of governance and operations of a complex, multi-faceted, intermediary, national organization;
- be a problem solver: adept at spotting issues, considering courses of action, developing a sense of pros and cons of various options, and reaching decisions;
- be self-confident, yet collaborative in spirit;
- be accustomed to dealing professionally with individuals of high achievement in a range of professions and activities;
- be a self-starter. He or she should take the initiative when appropriate to make contributions to the Board and not always be in a passive mode; and

- be committed to the board process, willing to attend and participate in meetings and conference calls.

If you are interested in serving on the ACA National Board of Directors or if you would like to recommend a candidate, please contact [boarddevelopment@ACAamps.org](mailto:boarddevelopment@ACAamps.org), attaching a resume and any other pertinent information, or complete the Board Prospect Form at [www.ACAamps.org/governance](http://www.ACAamps.org/governance). Interested candidates should submit resumes no later than December 1, 2015. If you are recommending someone other than yourself, please indicate if you have asked permission to submit that person's name and include that person's contact information.

It is anticipated that potential candidates will be interviewed by phone beginning in November 2015 and that recommendations for membership will be presented to the current National Board of Directors at the meeting during the upcoming ACA National Conference (February 2016) or in April 2016. Elected candidates will begin their board service immediately following the board orientation in fall 2016.