



Board Member rights and Responsibilities

As board members, we have the right:

To make legal and fiscal decisions for Slighe nan Gaidheal.

To receive appropriate notice (3 to 4 weeks, when possible) of board meetings, deadlines and other business dates from the board secretary or other designated representative.

To be kept informed of business that concerns the board, and to have access to necessary files, documents, etc.

To have adequate time (three days, when possible) to respond to board business which is conducted by phone or by e-mail.

To determine which tasks best suit our talents, and what we have the time and resources to accomplish.

To present our opinions and ideas to other board members, and have them received and discussed with respect.

To decide whether or not suggestions from members of the organization will be implemented.

As board members, we have the responsibility:

To make the best decisions that we can for the good of the whole organization, keeping always in mind, as we attempt to meet the needs of our members, that we must remain true to our mission statement and safeguard the fiscal health of the organization.

To give notice to the secretary, as soon as possible, of any unavoidable absences from planned meetings, and to make arrangements to have our reports and agenda items presented by another member.

To attend all board meetings unless an absence is unavoidable (two absences allowed, after which the issue requires board discussion and possible action) and to keep minutes, directories and other board material accessible for reference.

To keep up with and respond to board business conducted by phone or e-mail within the agreed upon time period (three days) and to keep the board updated on contact information.

To finish the tasks we take on in a timely manner; and to keep the board updated on our progress; if we cannot finish, or need help, we have the responsibility to notify the board of the problem as soon as possible.

To present our agenda items to the board in an organized and business-like manner, and to listen to other board member' opinions and ideas with respect.

To listen to each member of the organization who wishes to share opinions or suggestions, to communicate that member input is welcome, and to follow up (personally or through the newsletter or other means) on the results of such input.