



BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENT

Article 1

I will participate fully in Verde Valley Archaeology Center (VVAC) through active involvement in projects and events, and as an active member of the Board of Directors. I will personally support the mission of VVAC, and will promote understanding, cooperation, and good will among VVAC, our community partners and those we serve.

Article 2

I understand the board is accountable for

- 1) Ensuring the protection and preservation of Verde Valley artifacts;
- 2) Ensuring the organization is doing that work truthfully and respectfully; and
- 3) Ensuring the organization has the capacity to do its work.

Towards that end, I commit to the following:

- 1) I will make VVAC, its mission and its goals, a personal priority and will attend at least 75% of the board meetings, lectures and special functions.
- 2) I will act in the best interest of the organization, and uphold its values; I will follow its established bylaws, policies and procedures.
- 3) I will participate in the fund-raising and strategic planning activities of VVAC.
- 4) I will make an annual donation to VVAC at a level commensurate with my ability to donate.
- 5) I will strive to acquire and maintain a working knowledge of the governance issues VVAC will address,
- 6) I will prepare for, attend, and participate in board and committee meetings, and I will attend orientation and other board education functions.
- 7) I will participate in financial decisions, including approval of the annual operating budget and monitoring of the financial condition throughout the year.
- 8) I will participate in discussions and decision-making with mutual respect and courteous conduct with fellow board members.
- 9) In addition to regularly volunteering for organizational tasks (making thank you calls, assisting with receptions and other events), I will serve on special task forces as needed.
- 10) I will recruit and suggest nominations to the Board of Directors.
- 11) I will support decisions as they are established by a majority of the board, but maintain the right to proffer a dissenting opinion (for the records).
- 12) I will hold confidential matters in confidence, and I will disclose conflicts of interest, recusing myself from board discussions on such matters.
- 13) I will respect the line between the board's policy-setting responsibilities and the staff's operational responsibilities with regard to chain of command.

Article 4

Further:

- 1) I understand that the board has power and authority only when speaking as a whole and that as an individual board member I have no individual power or authority.
- 2) I understand that being a board member does not confer upon me any special privileges or benefits within the organization and its operations.
- 3) I understand that the role of board member of VVAC is critical to the organization, and therefore my failure to live up to these commitments may result in my removal from the board.

Signature

Date