Trustee Responsibilities

Preamble: While each of us brings different knowledge and experience gained from our particular organizations/sectors that represent the diversity of the dance ecosystem, as Trustees of Dance/USA we are committed to the greater good of the national, not-for-profit dance field. Our guiding responsibility is to provide sound leadership and guidance that addresses the field as a whole.

Participation and Time Commitment
• Attend regularly scheduled Board meetings, which occur three times per year (April hybrid; June and November virtually; exact determination of what is in person vs virtual will be assessed annually to ensure the health and safety of the Dance/USA team and its Trustees).
• Attend Dance/USA convenings such as its National Conference, Dance Forum, virtual programming.
• Actively participate on at least one standing Board Committee and/or Impact Group.
• Include mention of your organization’s membership in Dance/USA and your service on the Board in your biographical materials; add Dance/USA’s logo to your website and/or printed materials.

Fundraising / Resource Development
• Make a personal gift to Dance/USA. As the Board of Trustees provides leadership for Dance/USA’s fundraising efforts, it is expected that all Trustees will make an annual personal financial contribution to the organization starting at $500. While we respect that each Trustee has varying financial capacity, we ask that you to make a contribution that is personally meaningful to you at the highest donor level possible.
• Assist members of the Dance/USA team to identify sources of contributed and earned revenues for the organization.
• Consider making a planned gift to Dance/USA.

Membership
• Dance/USA is a member-based association. As such, maintaining a Dance/USA membership in good standing is paramount. If your organization is eligible for membership, you are required to keep your organization’s Dance/USA membership current by paying dues annually. If you or your organization is not eligible for membership, join Dance/USA as an individual member. Please note: Membership dues are in addition to your personal gift to Dance/USA as a Trustees (mentioned above in “Fundraising / Resource Development”).

Advocacy
• Respond to Dance/USA Action Alerts.
• Appoint a member of your team or Board (from your own organization, if applicable) as a member of Dance/USA’s Dance Advocacy Network.
• Participate in Dance/USA’s Capitol Hill Initiative.

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