



USGBC Middle Tennessee Chapter 2010 Board of Directors Election Application

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Tennessee**

Nominees: Please answer the following questions in the space provided and electronically submit by COB October 22, 2009. The Nomination Committee reserves the right to delete narrative exceeding the space provided. Application material will be made available to the Nominating Committee for evaluation and to the chapter membership if selected for the slate.
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Submitted By:

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Membership Category: Contractors and Builders

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A. In general, why do you wish to be a member of the Chapter Board?

I desire to see the Chapter's mission to "promote buildings that are environmentally responsible, profitable, and healthy places to live and work" move forward in Nashville. Working as a member of the Chapter Board seems like a practical and effective way to contribute.

B. Please provide a summary of your professional qualifications, knowledge and experience of most relevance to the Chapter. Also indicate the degree to which you have senior management and executive level experience.

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Professional Summary: 2007- Synergy Business Environments, Nashville

2003-2007 Director of twocities Art Gallery, Shanghai

2000-2003 Chaplain for the Chicago Bears and the Chicago Fire, Chicago

1998-2000 Special Projects, Shanghai

1995-1998 Chaplain at the University of Washington, Seattle

Educational Summary: Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies, The University of Alabama

Masters in Divinity, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

- C. The Chapter is committed to strengthening its membership diversity. What resources could you bring to bear (e.g., demonstrated expertise, leadership positions, and willingness) to help further Chapter participation from high priority sectors including: real estate, energy/utility, finance/insurance, residential, corporate, and product manufacturing? You can also address other sectors you think require greater involvement in the Chapter.

I work for a local supplier of corporate, educational and health care furnishings; We work with large and small product manufacturers in the industry. This past October I leveraged one of the relationships we have with a manufacturer to provide product, free of charge, for the Chapter's Green Carpet Event.

- D. One of the important functions of Board members is fundraising and other activities to support priority needs of the Chapter. This may take many forms, including: direct sponsorships; helping secure funding or otherwise opening doors from corporate, governmental, and charitable sources; seeking third-party sponsors; recruiting new members; in-kind support, etc. Please explain your ability and willingness to participate in resource development.

I secured my own salary for many years through privately solicited sources; I raised \$250,000 in investment capital to launch the twocities art gallery in Shanghai, China. As the Chapter remains committed to promoting buildings that are environmentally responsible, profitable, and healthy places to live and work in Nashville I can in good conscience seek funds for the Chapter.

- E. Describe what expertise, experience and resources you would bring to any of the following priority activities: Fundraising, Membership Growth, Local Advocacy, Board Leadership

As noted, I have fund raising experience. As to board leadership I was moderately involved with the launch of an NGO, the Social Venture Group in Shanghai, China.

- F. Describe your experience from other organizations with successful chapter programs.

N/A

G. Leadership positions (volunteer or professional) with nonprofit governance.

N/A

H. Other areas you believe are critical for the Chapter.

Rigor: I think that organizations that are not guided by financial profit must find other measures to work with rigor. I am committed to it.
Working on a Board: I think that those who serve on a board must be willing to exercise empathy with other's views as well as be able to compellingly articulate their own views. I am committed to it.

I. Please identify any affiliations, memberships, and accreditations which may be pertinent for Chapter leadership.

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J. Are you a chapter member in good standing and employed in the membership category depicted above?

Yes.

K. Are you able to attend at least 7 of 10 regularly-schedule Board meetings each year?

I am.

L. The Board's conflict of interest policy is summarized in the Fact Sheet. As the full statement indicates, conflicts are not inherently improper but Directors must be conscious of such conflicts and act with candor and care in dealing with such situations. Will you abide by the Chapter's conflict policy and can you do so without significantly affecting your Board responsibilities?

I will.



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If elected to the USGBC Middle Tennessee Board of Directors, I will commit to the following basic responsibilities of a Director as requested:

- help determine the organization's mission and purposes;
- hire staff (if applicable);
- ensure effective organizational planning;
- ensure adequate resources;
- manage resources effectively;
- determine, monitor, and strengthen the organization's programs and services;
- enhance the organization's public standing;
- ensure legal and ethical integrity and maintain accountability; and
- recruit and orient new board members and assess board performance

If elected to the Board, I will also commit to the following specific responsibilities reflected in the election materials:

1. Remain a Chapter member in good standing;
2. Contribute knowledge and experience to help assure success of priority programs and needs of the Chapter;
3. Help influence key players and sectors in the industry including high priority sectors of real estate, corporate, energy/utility, finance, residential and product manufacturers;
4. Help recruit new members for the Chapter;
5. Serve on committees as needed including leadership positions;
6. Help secure funding for the Chapter's programs through sponsorships, corporate and charitable sources, and other significant sources of funding;
7. Abide by the USGBC's conflict of interest policy;
8. Attend at least 7 of 10 Board meetings each year.

Submit Electronically

Date/Time Field