

Call for Board Members



**LIBRARY OF
MICHIGAN
FOUNDATION**

CONTACT

If interested in serving on the Library of Michigan Foundation Board of Directors, please contact:

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ABOUT

The Library of Michigan Foundation supports Library of Michigan programs including rare book collections, Michigan Notable Books, Michigan Center for the Book, Ready to Read Michigan, and more.

The Library of Michigan Foundation was created in 1985 at the behest of Governor James Blanchard. Governor Blanchard's vision was to form a private foundation to raise private funds to support the growth of the Library of Michigan. Governor John Engler followed and implemented this vision. Governor Engler called upon philanthropically minded citizens to recruit other leaders within the community. Over the years, thousands of generous donors have helped create and support enhancements to the Library of Michigan to better serve our state's citizens.

BOARD MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

The Board of Directors ensures the Library of Michigan Foundation does the best work possible in pursuit of its goals. Board members should believe in the purpose and mission of the Library and the Foundation, and act responsibly and prudently as stewards. Expectations include:

- Serve as an ambassador of the Foundation's work and values to the community.
- Actively participate in board meetings, serve on at least one committee, and be available for phone consultation.
- Give, what is for the board member, a substantial financial donation. The recommended amount is \$1500 annually or greater.
- Assume an active, contributing role in meeting the objectives of the Foundation by actively engaging in fund raising. Engagement may include individual solicitation, supporting special events, mail and/or email appeals, seeking and cultivating new prospects, and assisting the chief development officer in the solicitation of key prospects.
- Stay informed and up to date on the Library of Michigan activities through the review of newsletters and programs.
- Participate in and take responsibility for making decisions on issues, policies, and other board matters.
- Work in good faith with Foundation staff and board members as partners to achieve the organization's goals.

PAST BOARD MEMBERS INCLUDE

James Blanchard, Judge Avern Cohn, Pamela DeVos, Governor John Engler, Michelle Engler, Joel Ferguson, Gail Powers-Schaud, Richard McLellan, Dick Posthumus, Al Zehnder, and many more.