MOUNTAIN LAKE PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TRUSTEE POSITION DESCRIPTION

Basic Function

Trustees work with the Chair of the Board, the CEO, and other members of the Board to provide leadership for Mountain Lake Public Telecommunications Council. Trustees are expected to understand, support and fulfill the responsibilities set forth below and in the description of the Role of the Board of Trustees and the expectations outlined in the organization’s Governance Principles.

Primary Responsibilities

1. Actively participate in regular Board meetings. Read materials distributed prior to the meetings, and share experience and expertise during Board discussions. Actively participate in engaging the management in thoughtful review of the company’s performance. Support decisions that are arrived at by the Board. Ensure that information shared at the meetings is held in confidence.

2. Serve on at least one Board committee. Attend scheduled meetings and participate actively, providing advice and feedback on an on-going basis.

3. Mountain Lake Public Telecommunications Council asks the community it serves to support its mission financially. Trustees are asked to lead the community with their personal gifts and their willingness to participate in fundraising efforts, and to assist the organization by providing information and personal contacts to individuals, companies and foundations which are potential supporters of MLPTC. Board members are expected to be members of MLPTC at the major gift level or higher.

4. Watch Mountain Lake Public Telecommunications Council’s station and provide candid and constructive feedback, advice and comments on the program service to MLPTC’s leadership team. Provide candid and constructive feedback, advice and comments on other aspects of MLPTC, consistent with the Role of the Board.

5. Mountain Lake Public Telecommunications Council relies on its Trustees to be its most active and vocal supporters, telling the MLPTC story in the communities it serves. This role of advocate is distinct from the roles of the Board Chair (see Role of the Board of Trustees) and the CEO as MLPTC’s official spokespersons.

6. Participate in MLPTC sponsored community events/programs. Be willing to be an “official board representative” at such events.
Qualifications

1. Have an interest in public television, a willingness to assist in setting and achieving its goals, and the ability to devote the time necessary to attend and participate in Board and Committee meetings.

2. Have a history of active community participation and/or a role within a local/regional/national corporation or organization which would enable the Trustee to provide context and perspective to Mountain Lake Public Telecommunications Council’s Board. Be willing to apply one’s experience to the Board’s decision-making process.

3. Have a reputation in the community that enhances Mountain Lake Public Telecommunications Council’s reputation and strengthens the role of the MLPTC Board in supporting the mission, vision, and values of the organization.

4. Be willing to forego sitting on another regional public broadcasting board simultaneously.

NOTE: This position description should be reviewed within the context of Mountain Lake Public Telecommunications Council’s Governance Principles and the Role of the Board of Trustees.