

Leadership Criteria for Board Members

We realize that not every board member can embody all of these traits, but ideally these talents should be collectively represented on the board.

Stewardship

- Ability to learn fiduciary and financial responsibilities, financial acumen
- Understanding governance
- Generosity of spirit
- Stewardship orientation
- Familiarity with strategic plan, governance model, transformation of AGU

Intellectual engagement

- Desire to learn, innate curiosity, broad intellectual curiosity of topics affecting geoscience and the environment impacting geoscience and the AGU as an organization, willingness and ability to learn
- Vision, open to the possibilities
- Anticipate needs, opportunities, threats

Strategic thinking

- Balance risk with opportunity
- Ability to juggle several variables and make complicated decisions
- Courage of convictions coupled with the willingness to listen to other perspectives

Team player

- Team player, collaborator, willingness to work in the collective
- Culture sensitivity, awareness
- Flexibility
- Ability to understand and relate to stakeholders

Communication skills

- Effective written/oral communicators
- "Ear to the ground," in touch with community needs
- Good listening
- Professional manner
- A commanding presence, a voice that will be heard

Ethical integrity and transparency

- Objective, impartial
- Ethical, integrity
- Courage