

WHY SERVE AS A MEMBER AT LARGE? First and foremost, service as a member at large is an excellent way to have a substantial, and ongoing, impact in your community. As a member of a dedicated team of concerned and engaged citizens, you can identify long-term goals, seek out diverse opportunities for collaboration, and brainstorming innovative strategies for lasting change.

At the same time, serving as a member at large can be an invaluable way to meet others within your profession, as well as allow you to gain instrumental experience within the workforce. Other great reasons to become a member at large:

- ★ Learning more about nonprofit governance as well as getting hands-on experience with such tasks as strategic planning, financial management, and innovative directions.
- ★ Honoring and actively demonstrating your leadership skills. It's not just a resume booster!
- ★ Getting a behind-the-scenes look at internal organizational systems such as nonprofit management, human resources, marketing, fundraising, resource and program development, volunteer resource management, and so much more!
- ★ Finally, serving as a Member at Large can add a competitive advantage to your resume if you are interested in serving on the SECOME board.

MEMBERS AT LARGE: Members at large represent and are accountable to the general membership of SECOME. Like a board member, a member at large has a responsibility to act with care and loyalty to the corporation. These members shall report directly under the Board of Directors and represent the general SECOME membership. Members at large shall:

- a. Serve as a representative of their constituencies.
- b. Participate in the active planning of the business of the organization under the direction of the board.
- c. Be responsible for the committee participation and the compilation of appropriate reports, also attending required meetings.

Roles and Responsibilities: Although there are no set roles and responsibilities of a member at large, these members follow direction given by the board of directors with the idea of benefiting the organization to its maximum potential. Members at Large may serve, but are not limited to, as committee members, event volunteers, and participate in board meetings when applicable.

Application and Appointment: Any SECOME member can qualify for a member at large position; however, the board will ultimately decide on the appointments. Interested SECOME members may submit their resume and application to info@secome.org. Priority will be given to those members who reside in a SECOME member state (North Carolina, South Carolina or Georgia).