

Board member characteristics

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The Alliance board is the policy-making body of the Alliance, responsible for governance of the Alliance and the appointment of the Head of Secretariat. In close partnership with the Head of secretariat, the Board is comprised of volunteers from the Alliance member NGO community who strive to devise strategically and financially sound long-term plans to enhance the Alliance mission. The Board is composed of five Board members all appointed at the general assembly. The sixth member is the Head of Secretariat as an ex-officio member.

The Board of Directors is interested in attracting individuals to serve on the Board or on one of the Board's Committees or Task Forces who possess the following characteristics and experience:

Core characteristics:

- **Commitment:** sincere interest in road safety and a commitment to furthering NGOs and decade of Actions efforts; energetic, enthusiastic and willing to participate actively in board activities in support of the Alliance mission
- **Leadership:** strategic, innovative thinker with an ability to adopt a long-term view and serve as a catalyst for constructive change to further the Alliance mission
- **Decision-making:** intellectual rigor, innovation and analytical skills; ability to balance diverse and sometimes conflicting needs, forecast challenges, and adopt long-term, strategic approaches to devising solutions
- **Interpersonal Skills:** open-minded and willing to consider different views; intra-cultural sensitivity; commitment to work as a member of a team toward a common goal; oral and written English communication competency

Desired characteristics:

- Prior experience on a Board of Directors or committee of a company, non-governmental organization, or association
- Prior experience in strategy, budgeting, finance, project and management performance