About Directorship

There are 96 Directors on the Texas Lyceum’s Board who serve two consecutive three-year terms. The organization selects new directors to fill the seats of outgoing directors annually through a rigorous application process that ensures the board represents the diversity of Texas. The selection process verifies Texas Lyceum directors are active and involved in their communities, have demonstrated leadership abilities, and are eager to contribute their talents and time to the betterment of Texas.

By participating as a Director with the Texas Lyceum, individuals gain exposure to different perspectives on various issues affecting our state while also visiting varied locations and attractions across the state. After a Texas Lyceum conference Directors return to their business, nonprofit, or government service with a more robust understanding of our state, our population, and the issues we face.

Eligibility

The selection committee seeks applicants who have demonstrated leadership abilities in their communities and represent the diversity of our great state across a variety of industries in the for-profit, nonprofit and government sectors.

Each term begins on January 1st and a person’s first term as a Director must begin before their 46th birthday. Individuals applying for the Class of 2022 are not eligible for membership if their birthday is on or before January 1, 1975.

Director Responsibilities

Directors are expected to participate actively in civil discussions, reflect on the issues facing Texas, and commit to addressing challenges. The best and most impactful discussions are when all Texas Lyceum Directors participate. To that end, the Texas Lyceum adheres to a strict attendance policy: Directors must attend at least two meetings per year and a minimum of five meetings in a consecutive two-year period. Directors must also pay annual dues, described below.

Directors have a fiduciary responsibility to the organization, and in addition to attendance and dues payments, are encouraged to recruit new members, serve on planning committees and help raise funds for the organization.

Financial Commitment*: 

Annual Dues: 2021 dues were $1,250, which includes registration for the Texas Lyceum’s four quarterly meetings. Financial assistance is available for Directors who cannot meet the dues requirement.

In addition to annual dues, the Texas Lyceum occasionally hosts an optional fifth meeting. Registration costs for these optional meetings are in addition to dues.

Expenses: Directors are responsible for travel costs including hotel and flight/vehicle expenses to and from meetings. Every attempt is made to minimize meeting expenses.

*Dues are subject to change with each new calendar year.