



Board Member Pledge

1. I will keep myself informed about the mission and goals of Arizona Association of Drug Court Professionals (AADCP), including our community's history, goals, challenges and current operations of the board. I will read the materials sent to the board and will ask for additional clarification if I do not have adequate information to make informed decisions.
2. I understand that, as a Board Member, I have no authority to act individually on behalf of the AADCP. Rather, the board acts as a body, following input from, and deliberation among, board members.
3. I will attend board and committee meetings regularly and make doing so a priority because I know the board requires the full participation of its members to govern effectively. I will also make attending board retreats and/or other training opportunities a priority in my schedule because I know that doing so is an important Board Member responsibility. I will comply with the attendance policy set forth in the bylaws, and understand absence can be a cause for removal from the board.
4. I will serve on at least one subcommittee of the board, at the request of the President of the board, and may additionally serve on special or ad hoc committees of the board as needed and at the request of the board President.
5. I will work hard to understand my own roles and responsibilities as a Board Member.
6. I will participate in the board's collaborative process with an open mind and an objective perspective in the consideration of all issues before the board.
7. I will guard against any conflicts of interest, whether personal or business related. If even the appearance of a conflict of interest exists, I will inform the board President and withdraw from consideration of the issue.
8. When carrying out my roles and responsibilities as a Board Member, I pledge to actively work only toward those decisions and solutions that are in the best interest of AADCP.
9. I will honor the principle of "no surprises," and expect that my fellow Board Members will do likewise. I will respect and abide by the course of the meeting set forth by the agenda. I will make my best effort to submit any requests to the Secretary for inclusion on the agenda at least two weeks prior to the next board meeting, and understand that the board's Executive Committee has the right to defer any matter not timely submitted to the next monthly meeting.
10. I will respect and participate in discussions with decorum and civil discourse.
11. I will be an advocate for AADCP and our community by supporting it publicly and helping others to understand the important contribution it makes to our community.
11. I will observe and comply with AADCP bylaws.

I, (print name) _____, have read the foregoing and pledge to abide by its conditions.

Signed _____ Date _____