AAPIP Board Member Position Description
(for one Three-Year Term Beginning July 1, 2022)

Established in 1990, AAPIP is a justice-minded national philanthropy-serving organization that provides unique community spaces for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders (AANHPI), and allies in philanthropy. We are a membership-based organization, with more than 100 institutional members and with 11 chapters across the country, that centers equity and justice in philanthropy to move money and build power of AANHPI communities for an inclusive democracy. AAPIP’s core members include staff and trustees of foundations and other grantmaking entities as well as individual donors and philanthropy-serving professionals. We currently are a staff of seven, primarily based on the East and West Coasts working remotely.

In this newer moment of racial reckoning, AAPIP mobilizes today’s AANHPI leaders in philanthropy, equipping change-makers to advance a nuanced social, cultural, and political narrative toward equity and justice. Through multi-tiered activities, we engage AANHPIs and allies in philanthropy at every leadership level to apply their talents in service of an intersectional equity agenda that is multi-racial and inclusive of all AANHPI communities. AAPIP board members should expect to be active advocates and voices in support of all AANHPIs in philanthropy and AAPIP’s agenda.

AAPIP’s board of directors serves as the organization’s governing body responsible for guiding its mission and vision, along with providing legal and financial oversight. Board members are current institutional or individual members in good standing, serving a three-year term with the possibility of renewal for one additional three-year term. Board members are elected by AAPIP’s eligible voting membership for terms starting on July 1 in the year elected.

In this election cycle, AAPIP seeks top leaders from the philanthropic sector who will bring a wealth of philanthropic expertise and bench strength to balance the overall profile of board composition. Candidates will be screened for prior participation in AAPIP activities and alignment with AAPIP’s organizational direction, with a preference for those from under-represented geographic regions and ethnicities.

Responsibilities
● Guides and supports strategic direction of the organization in accordance with AAPIP’s bylaws.
● Works in concert with President to advance visibility and stature of AAPIP, serving as an external advocate for the organization’s mission, purposes and programs, including fundraising support.
● Actively participates in four board meetings, at least one committee, and board business including all relevant and timely preparation.
● Approve annual budget and audit.
● Builds relationships with other committee members, staff, chapter leaders and membership.
● Participates in local chapter activities where geographically applicable.
● Contributes annually to fundraising efforts with a stretch gift.

Skills and Qualifications
● Current AAPIP Institutional or Individual member in good standing with history of participating in AAPIP activities.
● Grantmakers rooted in social justice/equity to advance AAPIP’s racial and gender equity efforts.
● Leadership and influence in diverse philanthropic networks that can be leveraged to advance AAPIP’s mission and purposes.
● Commitment to furthering AAPIP’s impact through active participation in board service and being ambassadors for AAPIP, including for fundraising purposes.
● Background or experience with AAPI-related community issues, organizations, funding programs or advocacy efforts.
● Expansion of the Board’s racial, ethnic, geographic and/or gender diversity.