

Texas 2100 Board of Directors Agreement

I, _____, understand that as a member of the Board of Directors of Texas 2100, I have a legal and ethical responsibility to ensure that the Association does the best work possible in pursuit of its goals. I believe in the purpose and the mission of the Association, and I will act responsibly and prudently as its steward. As part of my responsibilities as a board member:

I will interpret the Association’s work and values to the community, represent the Association, and act as a spokesperson. In turn, I will interpret our constituencies’ needs and values to the Association, speak out for their interests, and on their behalf, hold the Association accountable.

I will attend board meetings, committee meetings, and special events, as outlined in the by-laws. I understand there is no remuneration for this role, except reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses to attend meetings.

As a board member I am encouraged to make financial contribution at a level that is meaningful to me. This is a purely voluntary action. I will actively participate in one or more fundraising activities.

I will excuse myself from discussions and votes where I have a conflict of interest. I have received a copy of the Association’s Conflict of Interest Policy and returned a signed copy to the Board.

I will stay informed regarding the situation within the Association. I will ask questions and request information. I will participate in and take responsibility for making decisions on issues, policies, and other matters. I will not stay silent if I have questions or concerns. I will work in good faith with staff and other board members as partners toward achievement of our goals.

If I do not fulfill these commitments to the Association, I will expect the Executive Director to call me and discuss my responsibilities with me. I have received a job description for this role and consider myself qualified and competent.

Association Responsibilities

The Association will be responsible to me in the following ways:

I will be sent, without having to request them, quarterly financial reports and an update of Associational activities that allow me to meet the “prudent person” standards of the law. (The “prudent person rule,” applied in many legal settings in slightly differing language, states that an individual must act with the same judgment and care as, in like circumstances, a prudent person would act.)

Opportunities will be offered to me to discuss with the executive director and the board president the Association’s programs, goals, activities, and status; additionally, I can request such opportunities.

The Association will help me perform my duties by keeping me informed about issues in the industry and field in which we are working and by offering me opportunities for professional development as a board member.

Board members and staff will respond in a straightforward fashion to questions that I feel are necessary to carry out my fiscal, legal, and moral responsibilities to this Association. Board members and staff will work in good faith with me toward achievement of our goals.

If the Association does not fulfill its commitments to me, I can call on the board president and executive director to discuss the Association’s responsibilities to me.

Signatures

Board Member

Date _____

Chair of the Board of Directors

Date _____

