



Board of Directors

Board Member Position Description

SYTA is the premier association of businesses dedicated to providing life-enhancing travel experiences to students and young people. We instill confidence in our travelers by establishing quality and safety standards for travel providers, and we empower our members through advocacy, education, training, and networking opportunities.

Title: Board Member, Student & Youth Travel Association (SYTA) Board of Directors (unpaid position)

Term: Three years, August – August; renewable by application

Role of the Board: The Board of Directors governs the Association, establishes policy, and exercises corporate authority in accordance with the bylaws. The Board provides strategic direction and fiduciary oversight to ensure the long-term strength and sustainability of SYTA.

Purpose of a Board Member: To serve as a voting Director responsible for advancing SYTA's mission through strategic governance, fiduciary oversight, and active engagement.

Responsibilities of Board Members:

- Regularly attend and actively participate in Board meetings (in-person or virtual)
- Serve on and/or chair at least one committee annually
- Attend and engage in SYTA events and designated Board development activities
- Prepare for meetings and remain informed on key issues and agenda items
- Contribute professional expertise, judgment, and industry perspective
- Participate in strategic planning and budget oversight
- Support and evaluate organizational performance
- Represent SYTA professionally within the industry and broader community
- Uphold and advance the mission and values of the Association

All Board Members are expected to make a personal contribution to the SYTA Youth Foundation. A minimum Wingman-level contribution (\$500) is encouraged and may be made personally or through the member's organization.

Qualifications:

- Current SYTA member in good standing
- Demonstrated commitment to the student and youth travel community
- Ability to engage constructively in governance discussions and decision-making
- Strong communication and collaborative skills
- Demonstrated integrity and professional credibility