**Members at Large**

Term – 2 years

**Board Member Responsibilities**

Board members are expected to:

* Bring broad-based knowledge of issues affecting high-quality early learning and the early childhood profession.
* Carefully prepare for meetings by reviewing and synthesizing the provided background materials.
* Fully participate in group discussions by respectfully offering and listening to diverse points of view.
* Make thoughtful decisions that are in the best interests of the entire Association.

Additionally, individually and collectively, board members are expected to reflect:

* High-quality leadership with the commitment and ability to make meaningful contributions that will help the Association further its mission and vision.
* Understanding and commitment to LAAEYC’s vision, mission, core values and beliefs, strategic priorities, and LAAEYC Board Code of Ethics and Conduct.
* Broad knowledge and awareness of issues facing the early childhood field and ability to conceptualize the appropriate role for the Association as guided by its vision, mission, core values and beliefs, strategic direction, and policies.
* Demonstrated commitment to the Association’s desire to be a high–performing, inclusive organization that is enriched by and continually grows from its commitment to diversity, as embodied by its core beliefs.
* Strong interpersonal skills with ability to objectively consider diverse perspectives to guide major policy decisions of LAAEYC.
* Expertise in special areas needed by the Association, including knowledge of LAAEYC’s structure, and/or knowledge and experience in nonprofit governance and organizational development.
* Commitment of time and other resources to provide vision and leadership as an effectively contributing board member.
* Ability to be an ambassador and public spokesperson on behalf of LAAEYC and its principles.
* Demonstrated knowledge, skills, and experience, including fiduciary and fiscal responsibility, necessary to fulfill the specific responsibilities of their potential board role.

**Board Meeting Schedule**

* The board shall meet at least twice a year, inclusive of face-to-face meetings, conference calls and online meetings
* Meetings shall be called by the President or at the written request of at least a simple majority of the board
* The President shall arrange the annual schedule of board meetings