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### **Mission**

The mission of the German American Heritage Center is to preserve and enrich for present and future generations knowledge of the German immigrant experience and its impact on American culture.

### **Vision**

Our focus is cultural programs and immigrant contributions. We reach out to other cultural groups and demonstrate the contributions made by immigrants from many countries and from varied backgrounds to the ethnic palette which is the United States.

### **About Us**

Founded on August 1, 1994, as a private, not-for-profit organization, the German American Heritage Center seeks to preserve the heritage of our German speaking ancestors for present and future generations and to enrich our knowledge of the German immigrant experience.

The German American Heritage Center and Museum operates on a fiscal year basis and is designated as a non-profit organization under provisions of Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code.

### **Responsibilities**

As the highest leadership body of the museum, the board is responsible for:

- Determining the mission and purposes of the organization
- Strategic and organizational planning
- Ensuring strong fiduciary oversight and financial management
- Approving and monitoring the museum's programs and services
- Enhancing the public image of the museum
- Evaluating the performance of the Executive Director
- Assessing its own performance as the governing body of the museum

### **Time Commitment**

Attend board meetings: 1-hour meetings are held every other month on the second Tuesday at 5pm. Join at least one committee: meetings will alternate the months of board meetings. In-person attendance is preferred, but virtual attendance is available for most meetings.

### **Preferred Personal Characteristics**

*Ability to:* Listen, analyze, think clearly and creatively, work well with people individually and in a group

*Willingness to:* Prepare for and attend board and committee meetings, ask questions, take responsibility for and follow through on a given assignment, contribute personal and financial resources in a generous way according to circumstances, open doors in the community, evaluate oneself

*Develop certain skills if they do not already possess them, such as to:* Cultivate and solicit funds, cultivate and recruit board members and other volunteers, read and understand financial statements, learn more about museum industry standards

*To possess:* Honesty, sensitivity to and tolerance of differing views, a friendly, responsive, and patient approach, community-building skills, personal integrity, a developed sense of values, concerns for the museum's development and a sense of humor



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**Application for the Board of Directors**

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

What makes our mission meaningful to you?

What skills, resources, and expertise do you have to offer and are willing to use on behalf of the German American Heritage Center and Museum?

How could you serve as a link between the German American Heritage Center and Museum and the community or between GAHC+M and potential supporters?

What experience do you have serving on non-profit boards?

Please share any other information you feel important for consideration of your application to serve as a board member.