



Homes for Generations

## Board of Directors Candidate Interest Form

### Members of the Board of Directors

**Play a key role** in addressing the Twin Cities' critical shortage of affordable housing. Since 1986, Aeon has built and renovated 1,934 units of housing, annually giving more than 3,000 people a place to make their home.

**Support and work** for the fulfillment of Aeon's vision and mission:

Vision: Every person has a home and is interconnected within community.

Mission: Create and sustain quality affordable homes that strengthen lives and community.

**Work with a diverse group of people**, one that reflects the communities Aeon serves, including residents of neighborhoods and Aeon properties, along with business and community leaders. Board members are not expected to represent a particular category or constituency; rather they are encouraged to bring a broad perspective to the board's deliberations and actions.

**Act as the steward** of the public's trust, upholding high standards of accountability. Aeon has adopted a policy governance model of operations, where the board has two main functions:

**Governing** relates to the exercise of legal authority and strategic leadership over the activities of the organization, determining the values and principles that guide the board and staff, and instituting policies to shape Aeon activities.

**Monitoring** relates to the responsibility of ensuring adherence to board established policies and government regulations and laws, along with the responsibility of analyzing and assessing organizational performance as a whole.

**Receive board training** and a comprehensive orientation, so no experience is required.

**Are part of an award winning organization** that provides more than 3,000 individuals a safe and quality place to live.

Please review the attached material before applying for a board position.

### Reference Material About the Board of Directors and Aeon

Board Job Description

2011 Annual Calendar of Meetings and Events

Questions and Answers

Aeon's 2007 – 2011 Strategic Plan

Excerpts from Aeon's governance policies, *Board governance: values, principles and policies*.



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**Instructions for completing and returning this form to Aeon**

THANK YOU for your interest in becoming part of Aeon’s Board of Directors.

Please take a moment and read through the material sent with this application and then proceed with completing the Interest Form. An electronic version of the material is available at Aeon’s website: [http://www.aeonmn.org/board\\_membership.html](http://www.aeonmn.org/board_membership.html). If you’re using a PC to complete the Word version, type in the white boxes and double click on boxes to mark them “checked.”

Once you’ve completed the form, mail it to:

Aeon, 822 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 300, Minneapolis, MN 55415, Attn: Executive Assistant  
or send it electronically to: [aeon@aeonmn.org](mailto:aeon@aeonmn.org) or fax to 612-341-4208.

After the form has been received, you’ll be contacted within one week to discuss your interest and the next steps of the application process.

If at any time you have questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us at 612-341-3148, ext. 235.

Again, thank you for your interest.

**Your Contact Information**

First and Last Names				Name to appear in print as:	
Home Street City, State, Zip					
Neighborhood or City			Live in an Aeon Bldg?	Building Name:	
Employment: Title and Company					
Home Phone		Work Phone		Cell Phone	
.	<input type="checkbox"/> home	<input type="checkbox"/> work	<input type="checkbox"/> cell	Email	

**Your Interest in the Board: Part I**

Check the box to indicate your understanding and agreement.

<input type="checkbox"/>	I have read the job description and agree to act in accordance with it.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am able to serve a complete three-year term.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will be prepared and ready to contribute my thoughts and perspectives at meetings.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am available and willing to commit to attending meetings according to the provided schedule.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I understand that this is a volunteer position without financial compensation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will commit to attending all required board orientation and training sessions.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I understand that my social security number may be required by certain lenders, and I agree to provide it when needed, as long as copies are kept in locked files and accessible by only a few staff at Aeon.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I understand that Aeon has adopted a policy governance model of operations, which enables the board to focus on strategic issues, to delegate to the president, to control management's job without micromanaging, to evaluate the accomplishments of the organization; and to lead the organization in the fulfillment of its mission and achievement of its vision.



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**Your Interest in the Board: Part II**

<p>Describe your interest in serving on Aeon's Board.</p>			
<p>Have you been involved with Aeon before?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> volunteer <input type="checkbox"/> donor <input type="checkbox"/> board member	<input type="checkbox"/> other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> no previous involvement
<p>Describe your interest in quality housing for all.</p>			
<p>Skills, experience or perspectives you will bring to the board.</p>			
<p>Describe past involvement in your community.</p>			
<p>Describe past experience on boards or committees.</p>			
<p>How did you hear about Aeon's Board?</p>			
<p>Other information you'd like to share.</p>			
<p>Please attach additional information.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Resume attached. <input type="checkbox"/> Bio attached. <input type="checkbox"/> I do not have a resume or bio.		