

SOMO Young Professionals Board

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Authority

The Special Olympics Missouri, Inc. (“SOMO”) Young Professionals Board (SOMO YPB) is an ad-hoc committee established under Section 5(a) of the SOMO Bylaws by approval of the SOMO Board of Directors.

Mission and Purpose

The SOMO YPB is a career and volunteer development opportunity geared toward integrating the time, talents and interests of young professionals to help further the mission of SOMO through increasing visibility of SOMO throughout the State, coaching and volunteer recruitment, fundraising, and special event planning and participation. Members will engage in valuable networking and skill development to prepare them for future board service all while supporting a worthy cause.

General Governance and Composition

The SOMO YPB is an advisory committee with no policy setting authority for SOMO and serves at the discretion of the SOMO Board of Directors. Both the SOMO Board of Directors and the SOMO Staff will each provide a liaison to the SOMO YPB to provide it with guidance and networking support.

The SOMO YPB will be self-governing and it shall establish its meeting frequency, responsibilities for its leadership/members, and develop strategies to reach its objectives. It shall be comprised of at least 11 young professionals [approx. age 21-35] who live and/or work in the State of Missouri, with the goal to recruit members from all regions in which SOMO operates. Members will initially commit to a two-year term with the ability to renew up to 3 terms based on mutual agreement. Members shall not serve for more than six (6) years. SOMO YPB members will make a personal commitment of \$100 annually, which shall be used to fund the SOMO YPB meetings and activities. Additional fundraising commitment for members shall be established by the SOMO YPB.

Objectives

1. Collaborate and leverage members’ professional and social networks to advance SOMO’s mission.
2. Act as ambassadors of SOMO, increasing awareness of its mission and building community engagement.
3. Provide support for special events, fundraising campaigns and volunteer-related activities.
4. Increase SOMO’s volunteer, Unified, and coaching network.
5. Plan fundraising events and recruit new members.

Member Benefits

- Expand your professional network
- Gain valuable leadership experience
- Receive recognition on SOMO website, newsletter, and annual report
- Make strategic professional connections through networking events with SOMO's Board of Directors
- Preparation for future Non-Profit Board service
- Making a difference in the lives of Special Olympics athletes