Modesto Art Museum Board of Directors Job Description

Being on the board of directors of Modesto Art Museum is fun, exciting, and contributes to the well-being of our community. You will be part of an organization that has a local and national reputation for well-produced, engaging, and interesting events and activities. An organization that is actively exploring what it means to be a museum in the 21st century and exploring how a museum can contribute to our quality of life.

As a member of the board of directors you are responsible for the financial health of the museum and for defining policy. A background in art is not necessary, but an appreciation for art is. The board of directors runs the business side of the organization. People with a background in community service and organizing, nonprofit organizations, fund raising, business, and other areas are sought.

Eventually you might also be a museum officer: president, vice-president, treasurer, or secretary.

You will receive an orientation in how to be an effective and responsible board member.

Your term as a member of the board of directors is one year. You are expected to attend the annual board meeting (two hours) and other meetings, usually no more than 1 or 2 a year, about 90 minutes each. You can participate by conference call or electronically.

We hope you will occasionally participate in museum events as a volunteer and contribute to the museum either financially, through your work, in kind, or any other way that is comfortable for you.

To become a board member: carefully read over the museum web site, modestoartmuseum.org. Please also read over the 2019 report of our signature program, Building a Better Modesto at https://modestoartmuseum.files.wordpress.com/2019/02/building-a-better-modesto-accomplishments-feb-2019.pdf

Modesto Art Museum values being of, by, and for the people of Modesto. To learn more about the of, by, and for museum movement, we recommend you watch this short video: https://www.museumnext.com/article/ofbyfor-all-nina-simon-santa-cruz/

Send a letter expressing your interest and listing any areas of expertise you think you can bring to the organization (grant proposal writing, financial or legal advice, graphic design, event planning, marketing, etc.) and a relevant resume, to modestoartmuseum@yahoo.com.

For more information, write to modestoartmuseum@yahoo.com