

What makes a good board member?

Someone who is:

- Passionate about our mission
 - To provide shelter and support to those who have become in need of temporary housing in Burlington and the surrounding area while maintaining the dignity and respect of these persons.
- Willing to commit
 - They have the time availability. We know life happens, but are they communicating their absence at meetings and planning to attend?
- Can read and understand emails and documents
- Ethical/morally upright
 - They will be guiding our organization and representing us in the community.
- Well connected in the Burlington community
 - We all have networks and this may vary and is really a bonus help in spreading the word, attracting donors, and support for the shelter.

A 5 minute video on board membership by board consultant Joan Garry:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SkZ4tbGJuGQ>

“What are the three most important things for our board to accomplish this year?”

Rachel's thoughts

1. Strengthen Amanda for long term success
2. Increase donor base and funds
3. Provide oversight/leadership to the organization
 - a. Stay on mission
 - b. Operational integrity

Possible ways to recruit board members

- Personal relationships of current members
- Previous board members – them or if they may know someone
- Community call and interest form – Website, Facebook, news story?