



Slackline U.S.  
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Re: Slackline U.S. Board Application

Dear Applicant,

Slackline U.S. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting in access management for the slackline community, encourage conservation, and foster safe practices in all forms of slacklining through education and community development.

The primary focus of Slackline U.S. is to support the slackline community. We do this by assisting with access management, consolidating gear and rigging knowledge, providing rigging educational resources, promoting Leave No Trace ethics, publishing conservation guidelines, organizing clean-ups and trail building projects, coordinating efforts of local groups and providing organizational support, developing outreach programs, and connecting with the International Slackline Association.

The Slackline U.S. Board of Directors comprises leaders from the nonprofit and for-profit sectors who are dedicated to the organization's mission. Our board members champion the importance of exceptional board leadership. In addition to the standard roles and responsibilities of a board member, our board members are active advocates and ambassadors for the organization and are fully engaged in identifying and securing the financial resources and partnerships necessary for Slackline U.S. to advance its mission. Please see the **Board Member Job Responsibilities** document for information regarding the expectations and commitments of Board Members.

**Requirements:**

To become a Slackline U.S. Board Member, applicants must fulfill the following requirements for consideration:

- 1) Be a current Member of Slackline U.S. in good standing. If you are not a member you can become one before you submit your application by going to <https://slackline.us/join-now/>.
- 2) Fill out and submit the Slackline U.S. Board Application. All applications must be submitted by the deadline March 15 by midnight. Email applications to dan@slackline.us.

- 3) Upon fulfilling requirements 1 and 2, applicant will receive notification 2 weeks from submission whether they will be invited to an interview. If invited, a Slackline U.S. Board Member will reach out to the applicant via email within a week of the applicant receiving notification. The Board Member will schedule an interview with the applicant at mutually convenient times. The interview will be approximately 30 minutes to 1 hour either in-person or by video conference. Telephone interviews are also an option but not preferred.

Applicants will receive a decision within 2 weeks of their interview about their approved/disapproved status. Approved applicants will be able to run for positions as Board Members of Slackline U.S. Candidates will be able to fill out a candidate profile which will be published on Slackline.us and its other media platforms for Slackline U.S. members to see and vote. The vote will be made public and the slackline community and public will be allowed to provide and send input but only member votes will ultimately count.

**Deadlines:**

- **March 1st** : Application posted and begin being accepted on Slackline U.S. website.
- **March 15th**: Applications due by midnight to be considered
- **March 15th through March 31st**: Applicants notified of invitation to interview or not
- **March 15th through April 5th**: Interviews take place
- **April 6th**: Final notifications sent.
- **April 15th**: Board Elections polls open online
- **April 28th**: Board Election polls closed and new members announced!
- **May 1st**: New Board Members positions begin

Thank you for your interest in running for the position of Board Member for Slackline U.S. If you have any questions, please send them to [dan@slackline.us](mailto:dan@slackline.us). We look forward to reading your application!

Sincerely,

Dan Walsh  
President  
Slackline U.S.

# Board Member Job Responsibilities

## EXPECTATIONS OF THE BOARD AS A WHOLE

The mission of Slackline U.S. is to assist in access management for the slackline community, encourage conservation, and foster safe practices in all forms of slacklining through education and community development. As the highest leadership body of the organization and to satisfy its fiduciary duties, the board is responsible for:

- determining the mission and purposes of the organization
- selecting and evaluating the performance of the CEO/ executive director
- strategic and organizational planning
- ensuring strong fiduciary oversight and financial management
- fundraising and resource development
- approving and monitoring Slackline U.S.'s programs and services
- enhancing Slackline U.S.'s public image
- assessing its own performance as the governing body of Slackline U.S.

## EXPECTATIONS OF INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

- know the organization's mission, policies, programs, and needs
- faithfully read and understand the organization's financial statements
- serve as active advocates and ambassadors for the organization and fully engage in identifying and securing the financial resources and partnerships necessary for Slackline U.S. to advance its mission
- leverage connections, networks, and resources to develop collective action to fully achieve Slackline U.S.'s mission
- help identify personal connections that can benefit the organization's fundraising and reputational standing, and can influence public policy
- prepare for, attend, and conscientiously participate in board meetings
- participate fully in one or more committees

## BOARD MEMBERS ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO

- follow the organization's bylaws, policies, and board resolutions
- sign an annual conflict-of-interest disclosure and update it during the year if necessary, as well as disclose potential conflicts before meetings and actual conflicts during meetings
- maintain confidentiality about all internal matters of Slackline U.S.

## Slackline U.S. Board Member Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation and employer:  
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Please answer the following questions. Feel free to attach additional sheets if there is not enough space for your answers.

1 - Why are you interested in joining the Slackline U.S. Board?

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2 - What are your skills and strengths that would benefit Slackline U.S.?

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3 - Do you have a committee you'd like to serve on or a particular area of interest?

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4 - What other work and volunteer commitments do you currently have?

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5 - Have you served on other nonprofit organization boards? If so, please list: them and any offices you held:

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6 - The Slackline U.S. board meets once a month on weekday evenings (TBD). Do you see any scheduling problem that might affect your attendance?

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7 - Is there any other information you would like to add for us to consider?

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**For Board Use Only**

Nominee was referred by \_\_\_\_\_.

Nominee submitted application. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee had a personal meeting with chief executive, board chair, or other board member. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's application was reviewed by the nominating committee. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee was interviewed by the board. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Action taken by the board

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