

CAN TV Board Basics

Chicago Access Network Television (CAN TV) gives Chicagoans a voice on cable television by providing video training, facilities, equipment and channel time for Chicago residents and nonprofit groups. Cable channels CAN TV19, 21, 27, 36 and 42 have the potential to reach all cable television viewers in the city of Chicago. The CAN TV Board of Directors is a diverse group of Chicago residents from professional and community life.

Requirements:

There are up to 24 members of the CAN TV Board and all members are required to live within the Chicago city limits.

Board terms:

Board members serve a three-year term, which can be renewed for three more years.

Board Responsibilities:

Attend regular Board meetings four times a year, usually on the third Wednesday in March, June and September, with an annual meeting on the second Wednesday in December.

Members typically serve on one committee, Board Development, Finance, or Public & Governmental Relations. Committees meet at least quarterly or more as needed.

The CAN TV By-laws state that all Board members are required to become members at the recommended levels of Advocate (\$250) or Ally (\$100) in addition to making a meaningful personal contribution consistent with financial capabilities.

Board Role:

The Board acts as policy makers and Board members lend their expertise as volunteers in the areas of finance, legal, public relations, fundraising, community outreach, etc. Board involvement in helping diversify funding support will become increasingly more important in the future. Board members are selected who believe in the need for an active public media and who support CAN TV's first amendment mandate.

Current goals:

- 1) Maintain a continuous, predictable source of revenue that increases over time.
- 2) Build a base of non-partisan political support to help CAN TV achieve its goals.
- 3) Allocate resources to increase geographic, demographic and issue-based diversity of programming.
- 4) Improve overall operations to strengthen infrastructure.
- 5) Promote, protect, and adapt an accessible, prominent public forum to match media changes.

How to apply:

Complete the Board application (attached) and return with a resume to CAN TV,
Attn: Board Development Committee Chair, 1309 S. Wood St., Chicago, Illinois 60608,
Email: mstack@cantv.org.

Chicago Access Corporation ("CAN TV")
Board Application
(Please attach resume)

Name _____ Home phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Residential Address _____ Chicago, IL _____
Zip Code _____

Organization, Business or Affiliation _____

Office Address _____

Title _____

Bus. Phone _____ Bus. Email _____

Areas of Expertise or Skill:

_____ Finance _____ Marketing/PR _____ Political _____ Fundraising _____ Legal

Other relevant expertise, skills or interests:

List current and prior volunteer commitments to other organizations:

Name of Organization

Nature of Participation & Time Frame
(e.g. board member, treasurer, program chair, etc.)

Community Newspaper or Media Outlet: _____

References (Optional):

Why would you like to serve on the board of CAN TV?

What area of CAN TV interests you the most?

How would you respond to someone who objected to the viewpoints expressed on a particular program being cablecast on CAN TV?

What would you like to accomplish as a CAN TV board member?

How much of a time commitment would you be willing to make as CAN TV board member?

Racial/Ethnic/Gender (Optional. Designed to help achieve balance and diverse representation on our Board.) _____

By returning this form, I indicate my willingness to dedicate at least 4 hours a month to serve on the CAN TV Board of Directors and to maintain an active CAN TV membership.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Additional comments as desired:

RETURN WITH RESUME TO: Board Development Committee Chair
CAN TV
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Questions? Call Mary Stack 312-738-1400