Board of Directors: What do they do?

“From the beginning through today, the commitment of personal time and resources coupled with an unrelenting passion for professional counseling, helped found and direct the only association in North Carolina dedicated to the needs of LPCs”.

-LPCANC Governance Manual

**Why should I become a board member?**

LPC’s are full of talent and come from various professional backgrounds and experiences. All of your talents and experiences can be used to create a strong and mission focused Board of Directors.

Holding a position on the Board of Directors is an opportunity for you to give back to the only organization working exclusively for LPCs in North Carolina! It is an honor and privilege to serve on your professional Board of Directors. We realize that many people like to know what the work entails. Here’s a snapshot

**What are the duties of being a board member?**

The LPCANC Board of Directors, as a group, is responsible for the formulation of goals as well as the development and implementation of programs and policies for the association. All board members are required to serve on at least 1 committee. Examples of these committees are:

- Communications and Media
- Membership
- Professional Development
- Advocacy
- University Relations

LPCANC is comprised of LPCs who are current members, committed to the mission of the association. All members of the Board of Directors must understand their roles as fiduciaries in performing the duties of a governing body. The board periodically reviews the bylaws and policies to assure we are operating effectively.

Board members follow a Strategic Plan, which is created annually to determine how to achieve goals. The Board approves the Strategic Plan each year, and
determines the steps that are needed to achieve the Strategic Plan goals, such as legislative issues, position statements, membership recruitment drives, continuing education initiatives, etc. As a member of the Board of Directors, you can provide input on everything the Association is doing or offering.

**What are the time commitments for being a board member?**

The time commitments vary by the needs of the committee. The more time you devote to your committee, the more successful your committee will be. These successes transfer to the success of LPCANC as a whole.

There are, at minimum, five face-to-face Board Meetings per year; these are usually held on a Saturday, with the exception of the meeting held at conference, on the Pre-Conference day (Thursday) in the evening. In the past, board meeting have been in Charlotte, Fayetteville, Greensboro, Raleigh, Winston-Salem, and Durham. We also have web based meetings between face-to-face meetings to discuss progress and concerns that may arise.

When you volunteer for the board, you are committing to attend the meetings. At every meeting, a quorum is required to vote on various issues, so your attendance and participation are vital to the functioning of LPCANC.

**What are the benefits of Board participation?**

**Intangible:** One benefit of being on the Board is to have input and implement ideas that effect the organization as well as the profession. Knowing you contributed your ideas and skills to your professional organization to advance your profession is priceless!

**Tangible:** Board leadership is a great way to expand your skill set and strengthen leadership abilities. Also, you can claim leadership credits when you renew your license [More info on this can be found on the NCBLPC website, under License Info/Renewal.]

If you are interested in ensuring the wellbeing and growth of the LPC profession, consider being a part of the Board of Directors or volunteering to be a part of an LPCANC committee.