



The Board of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Legacy and Research Association (LIWLRA) is made up of Laura Ingalls Wilder supporters across the United States. Each and every one is a volunteer, and all offer something unique to contribute.

**Board Member Description:**

Board Member terms are three years, and members may serve two consecutive terms. Board members rotate off the Board after their specified term(s) expire. Thus, from time to time we have Board openings. If you or someone you know has a dedication to Laura’s legacy and the desire to contribute in a formal manner to LIWLRA, please let us know by emailing [info@liwlra.org](mailto:info@liwlra.org)

Please be sure your nominee is aware of the nomination. It is flattering to be nominated, but, understandably, not everyone can commit. For an idea of what being a board member entails, see “Board Member Requirements.”

Currently board members meet once a month virtually. Meetings are scheduled at the most convenient times for all board members, with an eye to differing time zones and daily schedules. Meetings are fairly informal, but mostly follow Robert’s Rules of Order. Meetings are scheduled for one hour, but occasionally we run long. Members are expected to either attend meetings or to send notice to the board for an absence. As the LIWLRA Conference approaches, meetings may be more frequent as necessary.

Agendas are sent out before the meetings and notes are published after the meetings. Both come to board members via email.

**Board Member Requirements:**

Board members frequently have discussions and sometimes decide issues via email, so regular email checks are expected. Discussions can also happen in private Facebook group(s). Since the LIWLRA's inception, board members have taken on additional duties, and new members need to be open to taking on these roles, especially as conference time approaches. Each Board Member is expected to chair a standing committee, as well as serve on at least one other committee. For a list of standing committees, see “LIWLRA Bylaws.”

Heading into a conference year, planning usually begins twelve months prior. Board members either lead a subcommittee or work on at least one, and specific planning is often diverted to these subcommittees, who communicate in a way that best fits the makeup of the committee. Conference meetings will be more frequent as conference approaches.

Board members may be assigned additional duties, including (but not limited to):

- Assisting with posts on various social media
- Writing blog posts
- Contributing articles/information for the official newsletter



**What we're looking for in a good board member:**

- Responsible people who believe in promoting and preserving Laura Ingalls Wilder's legacy and the importance of getting things right.
- People who can work as part of a far-flung group.
- People who will share their opinions coherently, and respect those of others.
- People with technical expertise (website maintenance, computer knowledge, Facebook use, etc.), or the simple willingness to learn.
- People with specific expertise that would benefit a nonprofit (financials, marketing, etc.).
- People who are dedicated to understanding and abiding by the rules in the Articles of Incorporation and LIWLRA Bylaws.

**To Apply:**

To apply to be on the board or to nominate someone else (please check that they'd be willing to serve first), you can email [info@liwlra.org](mailto:info@liwlra.org) and let us know what skills and ideas you or your nominee would bring to the board.