



ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE *of* AMERICA

The Role of a Society Trustee

Mission

Society Trustees advance the mission of the AIA:

The AIA promotes archaeological inquiry and public understanding of the material record of the human past to foster an appreciation of diverse cultures and our shared humanity. The AIA supports archaeologists, their research and its dissemination, and the ethical practice of archaeology. The AIA educates people of all ages about the significance of archaeological discovery and advocates for the preservation of the world's archaeological heritage.

Who is a Society Trustee?

According to the Regulations, Society Trustees are “persons who are willing to devote the necessary time to the affairs of the Institute and whose proven experience in administering the affairs of the local Society of the Institute qualifies them to discharge the responsibilities of the Governing Board to the non-professional members of the Institute.” (Article VI, Section 1c)

Fiduciary Responsibility

Society Trustees are expected to contribute to the financial stability of the AIA through an annual gift of \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund. Contributions should be fulfilled before the end of the calendar year. Donate now [here](#). Make a pledge [here](#).

Membership

Society Trustees are expected to maintain an active membership in the AIA. The cost of this membership is independent of their annual gift of \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund. Join the AIA [here](#). Renew your membership [here](#).

Governing Board Meetings

Society Trustees are expected to attend all Governing Board meetings. The Governing Board typically meets three times a year: winter (usually in conjunction with the Annual Meeting in January), spring (usually late April or early May), and fall (October). The meetings are conducted in person or via video conference. Society Trustees are expected to pay for their own travel and hotel expenses related to attending in-person Governing Board meetings.

Committees

Society Trustees can attend the meetings of any AIA Committee; however, official Committee appointments are made by the President. All Society Trustees are appointed as ex officio members of the Societies Committee upon election to the Governing Board. Society Trustees are typically asked to participate in Committees devoted to the outreach initiatives of the Institute. Committees conduct their business by email, teleconference, or video conference.