



ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE *of* AMERICA

The Role of an Academic Trustee

Mission

Academic 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 an Academic Trustee?

According to the Regulations, Academic Trustees are “persons who are willing to devote the necessary time to the affairs of the Institute and whose demonstrated academic and administrative capacity qualifies them to discharge the academic and professional responsibilities of the Governing Board.” (Article VI, Section 1b)

Fiduciary Responsibility

Academic 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. Donate now [here](#). Make a pledge [here](#).

Membership

Academic 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

Academic 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. Academic Trustees are expected to pay for their own travel and hotel expenses related to attending in-person Governing Board meetings.

Committees

Academic Trustees can attend the meetings of any AIA Committee; however, official Committee appointments are made by the President. All Academic Trustees are appointed to the Research and Academic Affairs Committee upon election to the Governing Board. Academic Trustees are typically asked to participate in Committees devoted to the professional responsibilities of the Institute. Committees conduct their business by email, teleconference, or video conference.