



ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE *of* AMERICA

The Role of a General Trustee

Mission

General 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 General Trustee?

According to the Regulations, General Trustees are “persons who are willing and able to devote the necessary time to the affairs of the Institute and whose business and professional experience qualifies them to discharge the managerial, budgetary and fund-raising responsibilities of the Governing Board.” (Article VI, Section 1a)

Fiduciary Responsibility

General Trustees who joined the Governing Board in 2021 or after are expected to contribute to the financial stability of the AIA through an annual gift of \$15,000 or more to the Annual Fund. General Trustees who joined the Governing Board prior to 2021 are encouraged to contribute to the financial stability of the AIA through an annual gift of \$15,000 or more to the Annual Fund but are only expected to contribute \$10,000 to the Annual Fund. Donate now [here](#). Make a pledge [here](#).

Membership

General Trustees are expected to maintain an active membership in the AIA. The cost of this membership is independent of their annual gift of \$15,000 or more to the Annual Fund. Join the AIA [here](#). Renew your membership [here](#).

Governing Board Meetings

General 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. General Trustees are expected to pay for their own travel and hotel expenses related to attending the Governing Board meetings.

Committees

General Trustees can attend the meetings of any AIA Committee; however, official Committee appointments are made by the President. General Trustees are typically asked to participate in Committees devoted to the business operations of the Institute. Committees conduct their business by email, teleconference, or video conference.