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Dear Chapter Member,

We are very pleased that you have expressed interest in serving on the **Board of Directors** of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Western MA Chapter. The Board is the governance body for the Chapter.

Directors are elected by the members of the Chapter eligible to vote. All Directors are members in good standing of the Association and the Chapter and shall maintain such membership at all times during their terms in office. Directors serve one year terms, with the maximum of eight terms for a total of eight (8) years of maximum service

The Board of Directors of the Chapter manage, supervise, and control the business, property and affairs of the Chapter consistent with the strategic plan, policies and procedures, Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Chapter and the Association. The Chapter promotes the common professional interests of AFP members and furthers the purposes of the Chapter through nonprofit activities including, but not limited to, education, training, meetings, workshops, publications and other relevant activities. The Chapter also is responsible for educating the membership and the public regarding the AFP Code of Ethical Principles and Standards of Professional Practice (“Code”).

The Chapter also has several Committees through which it conducts its business. Current committees are: Executive, Communications, Diversity and Inclusion, Membership, National Philanthropy Day, Programming, and Sponsorships. Each of these Committees is chaired by a Board member and we recruit members and non-members to serve on the Committees.

Our Board's composition is a growing, balanced blend of skills, experience, and dedication in offering guidance to core areas essential to the chapter's success. The Chapter strives to use the talents and resources of those who wish to serve efficiently and effectively. We know that schedules are busy and we want to make the most of your association and time with us.

Therefore, as part of our recruitment process, we ask that you complete the nomination form. All of the information you provide is confidential and will be used to determine in what ways your skills and interests match the needs of our organization. Additionally, to help you consider this opportunity, please view other documents on our website, [www.afpwma.org](http://www.afpwma.org).

When we receive your information, you will be contacted by the Chair of the Committee on Directorship (formerly known as Nominating Committee) to discuss your interest.

Please send your information to Karen Blinderman, Chapter Administrator, AFP WMA, P.O. Box 0958, West Springfield, 01090-0958 or [kbmail@comcast.net](mailto:kbmail@comcast.net). If you have any questions, please call 413-731-8595.

Thank you for your consideration of this important work. The Annual Member meeting of the AFP WMA Chapter is in October 2016. We will present the Board nominees at that time for their vote.

Sincerely,

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Beverly L. Herbert, MCP, MDiv., CFRE, President  
Board of Directors, AFP Western MA Chapter

C: Karen Blinderman, Chapter Administrator  
Gary Coombs, Chair, Committee of Directorship