



## **PolyColumbus Advisory Board Policy**

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### **Background**

The board of directors is responsible for the primary work of advancing PolyColumbus. However, there are other individuals who support our Mission and have relevant expertise, but may lack the time or geographic proximity to join the board of directors. Such supporters are candidates for our Advisory Board.

### **What qualities do candidates for our Advisory Board possess?**

Advisory Board members are generally recognized as experts in their field — examples being law, psychology, or polyamory itself. If a candidate does not already have strong name recognition in their field, they will generally possess a credential (such as an advanced degree or professional license) and/or a biography that leaves the reader extraordinarily impressed.

### **What are the obligations of serving on our Advisory Board?**

Advisory Board members are expected to advance the organization, generally (as the name implies) through the giving of advice. Although the particulars of that advice will vary, Advisory Board members should be reasonably available to provide substantive advice to the board of directors relevant to their field at least once a year. This advice can come via email, a conference call, joining an in-person board meeting, or speaking at a public event.

Given their privileged access to confidential PolyColumbus matters, Advisory Board members are provided a standard non-disclosure agreement at the beginning of their service. Advisory Board member names, biographies, and (optionally) pictures are displayed on [www.policolumbus.org](http://www.policolumbus.org). Advisory Board members may be known by whatever name they prefer, and are not required to be polyamorous (or public about their polyamory).

### **What are the benefits of serving on our Advisory Board?**

Advisory Board members receive a free Annual Membership in PolyColumbus for the duration of their service, as well as potential media opportunities that come to PolyColumbus and are referred to the Advisory Board member based on their expertise. Perhaps most importantly,

Advisory Board members received the satisfaction of helping to grow an organization whose Mission they support.

### **How do people join or leave the Advisory Board?**

The board of directors may invite potential candidates onto the Advisory Board. Advisory Board terms are annual and renewable, without term limits, expiring on December 31 at midnight. A majority vote of the board of directors is sufficient to change the membership of the Advisory Board. There is no action required of an Advisory Board member for their membership to renew, although members may step down from the Advisory Board at any time for any reason.



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The core of the PolyColumbus Mission is empowering individuals that either self-identify as polyamorous, open, or ethically non-monogamous, or are exploring such possibilities. Part of this empowerment comes from serving organizations with similar goals by documenting best practices and creating other resources for successfully running such an organization.

Good policies facilitate the orderly and sustainable growth of communities and events that advance the PolyColumbus Mission, whether in the Columbus, Ohio area or elsewhere.

PolyColumbus does not claim a monopoly on wisdom. What we do claim is fifteen years (and counting) as an organization, and leadership with relevant and valuable education, experience, and training. We have confidence in the policies we draft, as well as the humility to revise them when necessary in light of experience.

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