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## **LAC Advisory Board**

### **What**

The LAC Advisory Board is a group of up to 12 individuals selected by the Founder (Gillian) to serve as a sounding board on important matters about the LAC's operations and future. The Ladies Adventure Club was not established as a 501(c)3 (non-profit) so therefore is not bound by non-profit bylaws requiring a board vote for decision making.

The role of the advisory board is to, at Gillian's request, provide strategic guidance, identify opportunities to enhance the LAC, and generally to help serve as the eyes and ears of the Founder to ensure leadership is considering various perspectives when making decisions.

Ultimate decision-making authority for the LAC rests with the founder but she values the advice, experience, and input of all Advisory Board members. The process of discussion, offering input and sharing varied viewpoints is key to making a well-thought-out decision.

### **Who**

Advisory Board members are trusted advisors who care about the success of the Club – a brain trust of sorts. The nominating committee makes an effort to select individuals who are representative of the LAC's membership, including diversity of experience in outdoor pursuits.

Nomination process: A small nominating committee comprised of two current Advisory Board members, plus Gillian will nominate and review prospective Advisory Board members annually, based on available space.

Each year in September, someone from the nominating committee will reach out to members to ask if they'd like to continue serving on the Advisory Board.

### **When**

The Advisory Board meets a minimum of twice a year – once in June and once in December (in-person if possible, for at least one of the meetings). The meeting agendas are set by Gillian with input from advisory board members. Advisory Board members commit to being available for advice via email and occasional meetings (over Zoom). Overall, Advisory Board members are expected to commit about 5-10 hours/year.



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## **Other roles within the LAC**

LAC Guides – role and how do you become one?

An LAC Guide brainstorms, organizes, outlines details, and leads adventures for the LAC. In order to become a guide, one must have skills, experiences, and competency required to lead groups in outdoor endeavors. We require a minimum of basic Wilderness First Aid, an understanding of the LAC culture, and the ability to commit to leading or co-leading six adventures per year. Guide appointment is reviewed by Gillian, Alicia, and Kate and will include reference checking and a conversation with Gillian about the LAC, its culture, and guiding requirements. We are currently at our capacity for volunteer guides, but if you are interested in a future opportunity, please reach out to Gillian via email or text.

LAC Ambassadors – role and how do you become one?

LAC ambassadors help LAC Guides support our community-oriented culture on adventures. For example, they help to ensure new members feel welcomed and that “no woman is left behind” on an adventure. An Ambassador may also occasionally lead walks and less-risky adventures without guides. An Advisory Board member is welcome to do this as well. Anyone with a commitment to the LAC values may become an Ambassador. If you’d like to take on this role, please send Gillian an email or text to start the conversation.