Fountain House Board of Directors
Responsibilities of Individual Directors

MISSION STATEMENT: Fountain House is dedicated to the recovery of men and women with mental illness by providing opportunities for our members to live, work and learn, while contributing their talents through a community of mutual support.

Fountain House is governed by a Board of Directors which considers itself a working board. To that end, each Director assumes the following responsibilities and agrees to be accountable for them.

1) Providing guidance, counsel, support and direction to the President of Fountain House at Board meetings and on other occasions, as needed

2) Advancing and promoting the ideals, missions and programs of Fountain House in diverse forums – cultural, business, social etc.

3) Attending the majority of Board and appropriate Committee meetings and important Fountain House functions and fund-raising events

4) Serving on at least one committee of the Board and, as needed, acting as a Committee Chair

5) Making contacts, whenever possible, in the corporate community that will help Fountain House to secure transitional, supported and independent jobs for members

6) Staying informed of changes and innovation at Fountain House and the international clubhouse movement and keeping abreast of developments which could affect board governance

7) Contributing, soliciting contacts and also participating in cultivations

8) Complying with the Fountain House Conflict of Interest Policy
9) Having an understanding of the responsibilities of Board Members, as outlined in a publication of the New York District Attorney’s office entitled “Right from the Start, Responsibilities of Directors and Officers of Not-For Profit Corporations,” and fulfilling those responsibilities to the best of his or her ability.