**Purpose of the Form**

This form provides you with basic information about what the UAH Alumni Association requires from its Board members. If you have doubts about your ability to commit the required time, attend scheduled meetings, or comply with these requirements, please advise the Executive Director at the time of your application submission.

**Mission**

The UAH Alumni Association (a 501(c)3 non-profit organization) is the official organization of the university's alumni. In conjunction with the Office of Alumni Relations (a division of University Advancement), the Alumni Association serves as a link between the university and its graduates by establishing, promoting, and maintaining communication with alumni through media, activities, and programs. The association promotes the unified interest and loyalty of all current, former, and prospective students and assists the university in providing incentives for attracting and maintaining outstanding educators, administrators, and students. Our goal is to provide alumni with access to the university thus facilitating a life-long relationship that develops loyalty, attracts resources, and affirms the value of UAH in their lives and to our community.

**Selection Process**

1. Any UAH alumnus wishing to serve on the Alumni Association Board of Directors may submit a Board of Directors application by May 31st.
2. You will be invited to meet with a few of the current Board members for an informal Q&A/Get-to-know-you meeting during the months of June/July.
3. All applications are reviewed by the Nominating Committee. Further interviews with applicants may be conducted if needed.
4. By early August, the Nominating Committee will recommend nominees to be presented for election at the Alumni Association's Annual Meeting or on other occasions as necessary.
5. The slate of Alumni Board nominees will be submitted for a vote and, if approved, installed at the Alumni Association Annual Meeting in August.

*Any applicants not nominated for a board position will be retained on file for future consideration.*

**Eligibility**

- Only active alumni shall be eligible for nomination and election as members of the Board of Directors.
- No director shall serve concurrently with an immediate family member.
- No director shall be a current full-time University employee.
- Directors shall receive no compensation for their services, nor shall any director be reimbursed for any expenses incurred in attending regular, annual, or special meetings of the Board.

**Term of Office**

- 3 years (with the exception of the two student members who serve 1 year terms). Elected and Installed at Alumni Association Annual Meeting. Directors may serve one three-year term and may be re-elected for a second three-year term. Following two terms, the Board member then must rotate off the Board for a minimum period of one (1) year. After a one year period of absence from the Board, a former Board member may reapply for consideration to serve another three-year term.

**Fund Raising**

All board members are asked to make an annual donation to UAH. Amount and designation is at the discretion of the board member. Our goal is to have 100% participation from the board each year.

**Time Requirements**

- We require a time commitment of about approximately 40 hours per year, or on average 2 hours every other month for board meetings; committee meetings as needed (1 hour per meeting); board planning meeting in August (4-5 hours); and special events. We cannot serve our fellow alumni well or meet deadlines without full participation from board members.

**Board Meetings**

- The full board meets every other month, usually on the first Thursday of the month, at 5:30 pm.
- One of the meetings is the Alumni Association Annual Meeting which is held each August and is approximately two (2) hours in duration. At this meeting, the association votes on and installs new board members and new officers. Alumni of Achievement Honorees are also recognized and awards are presented at the meeting.

**Committee Meetings**

Committees meet at the pleasure of committee members in order to accomplish certain tasks by established deadlines. Attendance is essential for the committees to complete their objectives.

**Board Planning Meeting**

All board members are expected to attend a one-day Board Planning Meeting (approximately 4-5 hours in duration) to discuss plans for the upcoming fiscal year. This meeting is generally held on a weekend following the Alumni Association Annual Meeting and before our first official Fall board meeting in October.

**Alumni of Achievement Awards**

All board members are expected to attend the Alumni of Achievement Awards presentation during the Annual Alumni Association Meeting. The Alumni of Achievement Award is the highest honor bestowed by the Alumni Association on alumni who have experienced success throughout their career and personal community involvement. As this is an award presented by the Association, board attendance and support of this event are essential.

**Other Requirements**

Board members are strongly encouraged to support all Alumni Association activities and events with attendance at a minimum of 50% of activities throughout the year. Board members are also frequently invited to attend special campus events as Alumni Association representatives and are encouraged to do so as their schedule allows. Board members are also expected to support UAH with a monetary donation each year (amount and designation is at the discretion of each individual member; participation is the key).

**Conflict of Interest Policy**

Each board member annually signs a Conflicts of Interest Policy and a Board Commitment Form.

Purpose of the Conflicts of Interest Policy: The purpose of the conflicts of interest policy is to protect the interest of the University of Alabama in Huntsville Alumni Association when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or trustee of the Association. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state laws governing conflicts of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable corporations.