

SECTION 3: QUALIFICATIONS OF DIRECTORS

All Directors must be at least eighteen (18) years of age. The following additional qualifications must be met by all candidates for election as Member Gardeners and Resource People to the Board of Directors, as well as by all current Directors who wish to continue serving on the Board:

- 1) A commitment to high ethical standards and professional conduct in the management and operation of the BQLT, including a willingness to follow the Mission, Bylaws, rules and procedures of the BQLT, and to work for the best interests of all the Member Gardens;
- 2) A dedication to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of a member of the Board as described throughout these Bylaws including, but not limited to, a willingness to work towards achieving the fundraising goals of BQLT and maintaining the fiscal soundness of BQLT;
- 3) A recognition, understanding and acceptance of the need for diversity in the makeup of the Board of Directors, employees, consultants and volunteers. This diversity includes, but is not limited to, race, creed, religion, culture, sex, color, age, ethnicity, handicap, language, physical appearance, national origin, health status and sexual orientation; and
- 4) A commitment to recruit and maintain on the Board individuals from the communities served by the BQLT, and professionals from fields related to the Mission and/or organizational needs of the BQLT.

SECTION 4: POWERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Member Gardeners and Resource People on the Board of Directors have the power to make the following decisions and to take the following actions.

Note: The list below is only a summary of the powers of the Board of Directors. Be sure to read the relevant sections of the Bylaws for more information before using any of these powers.

- 1) Serve as the principal leaders and managers of the BQLT, and have the authority to make all appropriate decisions on issues that come before the BQLT during the entire fiscal year;