



Board of Directors

New Member

Recruitment Packet

2027-2028

Friends of Lied Board Member Commitment Summary

Mission & Purpose: The Friends of Lied supports the development of the Lied Center for Performing Arts through projects providing education, fund-raising, social activities and service. The Friends of Lied is a statewide organization with more than 1100 members. As a member of the Board of Directors you will help raise funds and awareness for the Lied in addition to assisting in the management of this non-profit organization.

FOL Board of Directors Term:

New Board members for FOL are determined at the April Board meeting. A term of office for all elected members of the Board of Directors shall be three (3) years and members may be elected to a second three-year term. In May, new members are invited to the May Spring Luncheon and to new member orientation. Board service begins June 1st in line with the FOL fiscal year.

Duties & Responsibilities:

Each member of the Board of Directors is asked to accept responsibility for the following Commitments:

Time:

- Attend regularly scheduled meetings.
 - Regular meetings of the Board are held the second Wednesday of the month, from September to May, unless otherwise directed. These meetings currently are held at 10:30 am.
 - Attend the Annual Meeting of the Friends of Lied, typically one hour in the spring or summer.
- Attend meetings of standing or special committees to which you are assigned.

Talent:

- Promote the performances, programs and activities of the Friends of Lied and of the Lied Center.
- Utilize your skills and expertise by serving on committees, supporting fundraising and other activities.
- Encourage and assist in the recruitment and retention of members of the Friends of Lied and the Friends of Lied Board of Directors.

Resources:

- All Board members are expected to be paid members of the Friends of Lied at a level that is comfortable for them (\$50–\$3000)
- All Board members are expected to pay a yearly Board Membership Fee, which is \$150. This fund pays for board luncheons, staff appreciation, sympathy and get-well cards, a gift for the outgoing board president and other expenses that may occur during the year.

Other Expenses:

- Pre-performance Dinners: Board members serving on the pre-performance planning committee are expected to pay for dinner at the event. These dinners are friend-raisers and are intended to break even. If you have tickets for the performance after the dinner, you are encouraged to attend the pre-performance dinner. It's an opportunity to meet and greet others as an ambassador for the Board. Prices range from \$40 to \$50.
- Members of the Friends of Lied Board volunteer or are assigned to a single board meeting in groups of two or three to provide snacks and beverages with the cost split personally between those assigned to that meeting.

Annual Fundraiser:

- During the Gala year, members are expected to contribute an auction item that meets or exceeds \$100 or a personal check for that amount. Board members are also expected to attend the fundraiser by purchasing a ticket. Tickets are generally \$200–\$250 per person.
- Fundraisers during non-Gala years vary and members are expected to purchase a ticket.

It is possible to pay for most of these events on the Friends of Lied website.

NOMINEE FORM

Thank you for your interest in joining our Board of Directors! Our selection process takes a few months. New board members are voted onto the board at the April meeting. New members are guests at the May Spring Luncheon where they are welcomed to the board and participate in an initial orientation in preparation for the new board year which begins in June. We will contact you with an update on your nomination after the April Board meeting. Please take a few minutes to share information about yourself below to help us with our selection process. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Nelson at deb@hamilton.net or 402-631-8881.

Please fill out and submit this form in one of the following ways:

- Submit it to the person who nominated you to the Board
- Email it by February 15, 2026, to Deb Nelson, Advisor, at deb@hamilton.net.
- Mail it to arrive by February 15, 2026, to Deb Nelson, 135 Donegal Road Aurora, Nebraska 68818.

FOL Member or Legend who nominated you _____ Self-Nomination_____

Nominee Name_____

Nominee Address_____

Nominee Phone_____ Nominee Email _____

Please tell us why you want to become a member of the Friends of Lied Board of Directors.

Describe your interest in performing arts:

List any other community volunteer or board experience:

List/state your professional experience: (You may submit a resume' if you like.)

Friends of Lied Nominee Form Continued

Demographic Information
This information helps with grant applications.

Name _____

Age

- ☐ 25-34
- ☐ 35-44
- ☐ 45-54
- ☐ 55-64
- ☐ 65+

Gender

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Other _____

Race/Ethnicity (If comfortable, please identify your racial, ethnic and/or cultural background.)

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| ☐ African American | ☐ Native American/Alaska Native |
| ☐ Hispanic/Latina/Latino | ☐ Asian American |
| ☐ Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian | ☐ White/Caucasian |
| ☐ African | ☐ Middle Eastern |
| ☐ More Than One Race | ☐ Prefer to Self-Describe _____ |
| ☐ Prefer Not To Answer | |

Employment Affiliation (current or previous, if already answered, omit)

Education/Training/Certifications

Skills, Experience and Interests (check all that apply)

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| ☐ Finance/Accounting | ☐ Legal |
| ☐ Editorial | ☐ Fundraising |
| ☐ Graphic Design | ☐ Public Speaking |
| ☐ Photography | ☐ Event Planning |

Is there anything else you would like us to know about you? (You may provide a separate sheet or document if appropriate.)