



SOBA Board Service Frequently Asked Questions

- **Are my expenses for attending meetings covered by SOBA?**
YES. SOBA will cover your travel, lodging, and per diem for all business meetings, including the meeting prior to the annual symposium, and for your room for the night before the symposium.
- **Are members paid to be Board members?**
NO, permission is needed from your agency to participate and any SOBA related work would be carried out during your regular workday.
- **What if I am only interested in being a Member At Large?**
YES, this is possible, and has been done by several members who were only interested in being involved in operational and logistical board work.
- **Do you need to be a member of States Organization for Boating Access (SOBA) to run for office?** **YES**, you must be from a SOBA member state, be in good standing with the organization to be considered and be able to secure a letter of support from the director of the member state agency.
- **How do I become President?** The President is typically picked from among existing board members who have served in another officer capacity and as a member at-large.
- **When do board terms begin?** Terms usually run from September/October through the following September/October to coincide with the annual symposium.