

## Associate Board—Shirley Ryan AbilityLab

### Mission Statement

The Shirley Ryan AbilityLab Associate Board is a group of emerging business and civic leaders who are committed to raising funds and increasing the awareness and

ongoing success of the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab through beneficiary events and volunteer programs.



Founded in 1990, the board currently boasts over 60 members. The Associate Board plays an integral role and supports two main areas within SRALab's annual fundraising efforts by subsidizing the salary of a part-time Art Therapist.

**Making a difference** in the lives of SRALab's patients by supporting the “#1 Rehabilitation Hospital in America” continues to be the benefit Associate Board members appreciate the most.

As a representative and spokesperson for the SRALab, Associate Board members are highly regarded as

**ABILITY™ Ambassadors** who:

- **Serve as ambassadors for** SRALab to civic and business communities to ignite passion and commitment to the SRALab mission and vision.
- **Engage others in becoming vital stakeholders** in SRALab innovative patient care and research initiatives.
- **Promote fundraising initiatives** to enable SRALab's global advancement of physical medicine and rehabilitation and the ongoing development of SRALab patient care and clinical research.

### Member Expectations and Responsibilities

1. Associate Board members contribute annual dues in the amount of \$250 each fiscal year. Member dues are submitted by December 31.
2. Attend spring and fall business meetings.
3. Attend Art in Motion.
4. Serve on Associate Board committees.
5. Volunteer at SRALab and Associate Board events.
6. Participate actively in fundraising efforts.

### Events and Activities

**Membership meetings** are held two times per year in fall and spring. Meetings include guest speakers and presentations on SRALab's advancements and cutting-edge programs and services.

Twice a year the Associate Board meets **socially** to celebrate their accomplishments and expand their social and business networks. The summer social is held in the summer and a holiday social is held in the winter.

The Associate Board hosts **one fundraising event** each year.



- **Art in Motion** is a premier showcase of art from both professional and SRALab artists. Proceeds support SRALab's Art Therapy program.
- The Associate Board hosts a variety of other smaller fundraisers throughout the year to raise funds and awareness for Art in Motion.

Each November, the Associate Board forms a climbing team to raise awareness and funding for SRALab during **SkyRise Chicago**, the planet's tallest indoor stair climb. Whether you climb, hand-cycle, or support those who are, your involvement makes an immediate impact in patient care and research.



In collaboration with SRALab's Therapeutic Recreation Department, the Associate Board leads two **volunteer events**. These patient/family activities serve as an outreach opportunity for board members.

- The Harvest Party is held in the fall.
- The Mardi Gras Party is held in spring.

For those interested in greater involvement, volunteering at SRALab's events and ongoing therapy programs is available through SRALab's Volunteer Department. Additional training and registration as a formal **SRALab Volunteer** is required.



## Annual Giving

Securing donations that support the annual needs of SRALab is vitally important and ensures ongoing development of current programs, expertise, and discovery needed for continuous improvement of patient care and research. The Associate Board's focus on annual fundraising provides a solid foundation for the future of SRALab.

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