**Mission Statement:**
The Friends of the Minneapolis Central Library is a non-profit volunteer organization, whose mission is to support Minneapolis Central Library by providing volunteer resources, as well as promoting the library programs and services to the community.

**The Board of Directors is the governing body of Friends of Minneapolis Central Library.**

**Term:** 2-year terms, elected at the annual meeting and can be re-elected.

**Expectations:**
- Is a joint member of Friends of MCL/Friends of HCL through the payment of annual dues or through volunteer hours as noted in the by-laws.
- Attends at least 6 of the regularly scheduled monthly meetings in a year. Exceptions to this requirement may be made for members who make a major time commitment towards a pre-approved defined FMCL project/activity.
- Prepares for and actively participates at monthly meetings and in decision-making.
- Commits to additional monthly involvement/time by serving as an officer, a volunteer, on at least one committee, as a project coordinator and/or with an ongoing program/activity.
- Attends events of the Friends of MCL and the Library when possible, as needed and/or appropriate.

**Roles and Responsibilities:**
- Determines, supports and understands the mission and bylaws of the Friends of MCL.
- Determines policies and procedures as needed.
- Accepts the fiduciary responsibility for Friends of MCL, assuring that the organization’s assets are used for the greatest good in serving the mission.
- Commits to personal monetary contributions through a membership in FHCL/FMCL.
- Assists Friends of HCL with fundraising efforts when requested and possible.
- Jointly, and as individuals, lends name and reputation in support of the Friends and of Minneapolis Central Library.
- Actively advocates for Minneapolis Central Library in the community and works to enhance the public image of FMCL and MCL.
- Helps to assess the Board’s effectiveness and contributes to developing a strong board of directors, including assisting with recruiting and orienting new board members.
- Stays informed of the Friends’ activities as well as Library programs and services.
- Maintains a positive working relationship with the Friends of Hennepin County Library and Minneapolis Central Library staff.
- Adheres to sound ethical and legal governance policies and operating procedures.

**Board Member - Beneficial Qualities:**
- Is willing to support and promote the organization’s mission and goals.
- Is interested in learning more about the Minneapolis Central Library and the Friends.
- Has the ability to listen, give feedback, think creatively, work one-on-one and with groups.
- Possesses honesty, integrity, sensitivity to and tolerance of differing viewpoints.