ASSOCIATION OF SCIENCE COMMUNICATORS

WE'RE RECRUITING
EXECUTIVE BOARD

GIVING SCIENCE A VOICE.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OPENING

President

Lead the board that leads the science communication community.

ROLE	TERM	TIME	WORKS WITH
Volunteer · Executive Board	3 years	5-10 hr/week, incl. monthly Board meetings, annual Board retreat + SCIENCE TALK	Executive Director, Vice President, and the full Board

ASC is heading into its second decade with a growing SCIENCE TALK conference and big plans for our community and partnerships. We're looking for an experienced nonprofit leader to chair our Executive Board and help steer what comes next. If you've led a board before, care about strong and sustainable organizations, and believe clear science communication makes society better — let's talk.

The incoming President will enjoy a gradual onboarding alongside current leadership.

What you'll do

- **Lead the Board** and serve as ASC's public face and lead ambassador.
- **Oversee and support the Executive Director** — set goals together, give feedback, and be a true thought partner.
- **Steward our mission, vision, and direction,** keeping ASC's growth and operations aligned with them alongside the Board and ED.
- **Grow partnerships and funding,** building partner, donor, and grantor relationships with the ED, Vice President, and Development Director.
- **Protect our nonprofit status** by ensuring good governance and 501(c)(3) legal compliance.
- **Build a strong Board** — recruit, onboard, and support members so each can do their best work.
- **Serve as liaison** to our Advisory Board.

What you bring

- **Strong nonprofit board leadership** — ideally as a past board chair, officer, or executive director.
- **Deep governance know-how,** including fiduciary duties and 501(c)(3) compliance.
- **Experience supervising or partnering closely** with an executive director or senior staff leader.
- **A track record with funders and partners** — you know how to build relationships that last.
- **Strategic, steady facilitation.** You can guide a volunteer board through big decisions and keep things moving.
- **Passion for our mission** and for building strong, sustainable nonprofits — ideally both.

Bonus points: Connections in science, science communication, higher ed, journalism, museums, or philanthropy.

Every board member

- **Show up** to monthly Board meetings, our annual Board retreat, be responsive to Slack messages and emails, and attend the annual SCIENCE TALK conference (next up: April 8–9, 2027 in Chicago).
- **Roll up** your sleeves and participate as a working board member to lead and/or serve on committees.
- **Open doors** by being an active ambassador for ASC, connecting us with partners, sponsors, members, attendees, and donors that grow ASC's fiances, brand awareness, programs, and impact.
- **Lead with integrity.** Follow ASC's ethics policy in your scicomm work, board service, and professional conduct.

About ASC

ASC (formerly Science Talk) is the professional hub for people who communicate science — journalists, practitioners, content creators, PIOs, trainers, outreach professionals, researchers, educators, artists, and more. For over ten years, we've brought this community together through our SCIENCE TALK conference, courses, workshops, virtual events, and mentorship program. Now in our second decade, we're growing from our founder-led roots into a national organization: expanding our conference and courses, building chapters, and working toward full-time staff. Through it all, building, supporting, and collaborating with our community remains the heart of our culture. ASC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

We especially encourage applicants whose backgrounds and perspectives are underrepresented in science and science communication.

Ready to apply?

Apply online at: forms.gle/zAMo1mdPuTMUYWkE6.

Have questions? Email us at: info@sciencecomm.org.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

1. Our nominating committee reviews applications
2. Selected candidates interview
3. Finalists meet the full Board
4. The Board votes