



**Job Description
Young Professionals Board**

Mission

The Midwest High Speed Rail Association (MHSRA) is one of the nation's leading advocacy organizations in the effort to bring high-speed rail to the United States. MHSRA works to educate the public and grow the popular demand for fast, frequent and dependable trains that link Midwestern economies and communities.

Overview

The Young Professionals Board (YPB) is a new initiative from MHSRA to more deeply engage with young adults (ages 21-35) interested in high-speed rail. The board will consist of 8-10 young professionals from a diverse range of industries and backgrounds that will work to increase awareness of MHSRA and expand its advocacy efforts to bring high-speed rail in the Midwest.

Working in concert with the Executive Director, the objectives of the Young Professionals Board are to:

- Design and implement a strategy to increase membership in MHSRA;
- Organize events targeted at young professionals in the Chicagoland area to educate and engage folks about MHSRA's work and the case for high speed rail;
- Advocate for high-speed and passenger rail with key constituencies including individuals, businesses, government agencies, and non-profit organizations;

Board Structure

- The YPB will be led by a Chair and be managed by the Executive Director and a Member of the Board of Directors;
- The YPB will have three Officers: a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary;
- Each Officer will serve a one-year term and be elected by his or her peers;
- The Board will be led by 8-10 members;
- Meetings will be held on a quarterly basis;
- Members are expected to remain in 'good standing' by attending at least half of the Board meetings held each year and making or securing an annual contribution to MHSRA.

Board Member Roles and Responsibilities

- Serve as ambassador of the Midwest High Speed Rail Association;
- Make or secure a meaningful annual contribution to MHSRA;
- Provide constructive feedback on the strategic priorities, opportunities, and challenges of the Association;
- Participate in and promote Association-led events and programming, including the annual MHSRA Member meeting;
- Work with staff and the Board of Directors to highlight personal and professional relationships with prospective members, and key leaders in the government, business, and nonprofit sectors to increase their engagement with the Association.