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• About USLS:

  o University Student Legal Service (USLS) was established upon the recommendation of the Twin Cities Student Assembly and approved by the Board of Regents on May 14, 1976 to aid students in dealing with legal problems that disrupt students’ lives and to educate students of their rights and responsibilities in an increasingly complex legal world.

  o USLS operates as a department of the Office of Student Development under terms of the USLS Constitution and Bylaws.

• What the USLS Board does:

  o The USLS Board provides policy guidance to USLS and ensures that USLS is responsive to the current needs and wishes of the students at the University of Minnesota.

  o Additionally, the USLS Board is responsible for putting on all USLS events throughout the year and promoting USLS and its services to students. § Events that the Board is responsible for may include, but is not limited to, the annual Careers In Law Fair, Start Me Up events regarding intellectual property law, Renters Forums, Busted! programs on alcohol safety, and various educational and networking events for pre-law students.

  § Ways that the Board typically promotes its services to students are through a booth at the summer orientations for new students, handing out coffee and donuts on the bridge, participating in the Homecoming Parade, poster ing around campus, sending out e-mails to departments and advisors, as well as other student groups, and tabling at numerous events throughout the year.

• More about the USLS Board of Directors:

  o The USLS Board of Directors is a student-run board composed of representatives of the University and legal communities, and includes students, faculty, University administrators, and practicing lawyers. Student-at-large positions on the Board are for one or two years. The current
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Board fills these positions from the pool of applicants.

There are two types of student members, voting members and alternate members. Voting members are always allowed to vote when votes are called at meetings. Alternate members are allowed to vote when votes are called at meetings and a voting member is absent. Both types of members are required to attend all meetings and are equally encouraged to voice their opinions and ideas.

Membership Information:

Prerequisite for Student-at-large Membership:

§ Must be currently paying the University of Minnesota student services fee.

§ Must be a student at the University for at least one full school year during anticipated board membership term. (This must include fall and spring semester enrollment.)

Expectations of Membership:

§ Attendance at all scheduled general board meetings is mandatory. Members are allowed three absences per year. A fourth absence, excused or not, will result in immediate termination of membership. If a member must be absent, s/he must notify the Board Secretary before the scheduled meeting.

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§ Student members must participate in at least one of the Board committees. The Education, Outreach, and Publicity Committee, which handles all event planning, and the Management Committee, which handles all outreach and promotional items, all bylaw and policy adjustments, and Student Services Fees presentations, are the two standing committees. The Board occasionally forms other committees to address special issues.

§ Student members are required to participate in, either by planning or attending, at minimum, one USLS-sponsored program per semester.

****IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO E-MAIL THEM TO USLSBOD@UMN.EDU****
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Deadline for Application is April 3rd, 2016 at 5:00 pm.

Please submit this completed form and any attachments electronically to uslsbod@umn.edu or drop off at 160 West Bank Skyway.

Name:

Address:

College:

Major(s)/ Minor(s):

Anticipated semester and year of graduation:

Phone number:

Email address(es):

Are you currently paying the full student services fee?

Would you prefer a 1 or 2 year term?

Why specifically do you seek a position with the USLS Board of Directors? (500 words maximum)

What experiences or interests make you a good candidate for the USLS Board? What event planning, promotional, or organizational leadership experiences are you able to bring to the Board of Directors? (750 words maximum)

*Additionally, please attach a current, single-paged resume or list of activities, honors, or jobs that you have held recently.