



Board of Directors  
New Member  
Recruitment Packet  
2025–2026

## Board Member Commitment Summary



**Mission & Purpose:** The Friends of Lied supports the development of the Lied Center for Performing Arts through projects providing education, fund-raising, social activities and service. The Friends of Lied is a statewide organization with more than 1100 members. As a member of the Board of Directors you will help raise funds and awareness for the Lied in addition to assisting in the management of this non-profit organization.

### **FOL Board of Directors Term:**

New Board members for FOL are determined at the April Board meeting. A term of office for all elected members of the Board of Directors shall be three (3) years and members may be elected to a second three-year term. New members are invited to orientation and luncheon the second Wednesday in May. Board service begins June 1<sup>st</sup> in line with the FOL fiscal year.

### **Duties & Responsibilities:**

Each member of the Board of Directors is asked to accept responsibility for the following commitments:

#### **Time:**

- Attend regularly scheduled meetings.
  - Regular meetings of the Board are held the second Wednesday of the month, from September to May, unless otherwise directed. These meetings currently are held at 10:30 am.
  - Attend the Annual Meeting of the Friends of Lied, typically one hour in the spring or summer.
- Attend meetings of standing or special committees to which you are assigned.

#### **Talent:**

- Promote the performances, programs and activities of the Friends of Lied and of the Lied Center.
- Utilize your skills and expertise by serving on committees, supporting fundraising and other activities.
- Encourage and assist in the recruitment and retention of members of the Friends of Lied and the Friends of Lied Board of Directors.

**Resources:**

- All Board members are expected to be paid members of the Friends of Lied at a level that is comfortable for them (\$50–\$3000)
- All Board members are expected to pay a yearly Board Membership Fee, which is \$150. This fund pays for board luncheons, staff appreciation, sympathy and get-well cards, gift for the outgoing board president and other expenses that may occur during the year.

**Other Expenses:**

- Pre-performance Dinners: Board members serving on the pre-performance planning committee are expected to pay for dinner at the event. These dinners are friend-raisers and are intended to break even. If you have tickets for the performance after a dinner, you are encouraged to attend the dinner. It's an opportunity to meet and greet others as an ambassador for the Board. Prices range from \$40 to \$50.
- Members of the Friends of Lied Board volunteer or assigned to a single board meeting in groups of two or three to provide snacks and beverages with the cost split personally between those assigned to that meeting.

**Annual Fundraiser:**

- During the Gala year, members are expected to contribute an auction item that meets or exceeds \$100 or a personal check for that amount. Board members are also expected to attend the fundraiser by purchasing a ticket. Tickets are generally \$175–\$200 per person.
- Fundraisers during non-Gala years vary and members are expected to purchase a ticket.

It is possible to pay for most of these events on the Friends of Lied website.

**2025–2026 FRIENDS OF LIED BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
NOMINEE FORM**

Thank you for your interest in joining our Board of Directors! Our selection process takes a few months. New board members are voted onto the board at the April meeting in preparation for the new board year which begins in May. We will contact you with an update on your nomination after the April Board meeting. Please take a few minutes to share information about yourself below to help us with our selection process. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Dickeson, linda.dickeson@icloud.com or 402-429-5404.

Please fill out and submit this form in one of the following ways:

- Submit it to the person who nominated you to the Board
- Email it by February 15, 2025, to Linda Dickeson, Advisor, at linda.dickeson@icloud.com
- Mail it to arrive by February 15, 2025, to Linda Dickeson, 2530 N. 81st Street, Lincoln, NE 68507

FOL Member or Legend who nominated you \_\_\_\_\_ Self-Nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Address \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Nominee Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us why you want to become a member of the Friends of Lied Board of Directors.

Describe your interest in performing arts:

List any other community volunteer or board experience:

List/state your professional experience: (You may submit a resume' if you like.)

**Friends of Lied Nominee Form Continued**

**Demographic Information**

*This information helps with grant applications.*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age**

- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+

**Gender**

- Female
- Male
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Race/Ethnicity** (If comfortable, please identify your racial, ethnic and/or cultural background.)

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|----------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|
| African American                 | _____ | Native American/Alaska Native | _____ |
| Hispanic/Latina/Latino           | _____ | Asian American                | _____ |
| Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian | _____ | White/Caucasian               | _____ |
| African                          | _____ | Middle Eastern                | _____ |
| More Than One Race               | _____ | Prefer to Self-Describe       | _____ |
| Prefer Not To Answer             | _____ |                               |       |

**Employment Affiliation** (current or previous, if already answered, omit)

**Education/Training/Certifications**

**Skills, Experience and Interests** (check all that apply)

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|--------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| Finance/Accounting | _____ | Legal           | _____ |
| Editorial          | _____ | Fundraising     | _____ |
| Graphic Design     | _____ | Public Speaking | _____ |
| Photography        | _____ | Event Planning  | _____ |

**Is there anything else you would like us to know about you? (You may provide a separate sheet or document if appropriate.)**