

# MPIBA Advisory Council

## Description:

- The purpose of the MPIBA Advisory Council (AC) is to assist the Board of Directors by:
  - providing a source for ideas and feedback on Association activities and matters of concern to the Board and staff,
  - communicating with and gathering information from the general membership,
  - participating in committees,
  - providing volunteer support at Association events.
- Members of the AC will be selected from volunteers and appointed by the Board of Directors.
- Members will serve 3-year terms.
- The AC may consist of booksellers and representatives from all areas of the book industry at the discretion of the Board.
- The number of members is not set.
- The goal is to have AC members representing every state in the MPIBA region, with a diversity of backgrounds, job titles, bookstore sizes and types, and years of experience.
- A member of the Board of Directors will be the Advisory Council Liaison and will be in charge of:
  - communicating with the AC to schedule meetings,
  - taking minutes at the meetings,
  - organizing other activities as determined from time to time by the Board.

## Expectations of AC Members:

- Attend four virtual meetings per year. (3 meetings in 2021.)
- Attend and support MPIBA regional events.
- Serve on one or more committees, including but not limited to, the Education Committee, Reading the West Book Awards Reading Committees, and additional Ad Hoc committees.

## Benefits of Participation:

- Help direct the Association's priorities and programs.
- Represent your store in the Association.
- Complimentary tickets to MPIBA events.
- Special consideration for GABAL travel grants.
- Professional development and career advancement opportunities.
- Networking opportunities.