A good board member:

Understands
By being attentive to best practices the capacity of the organization is increased.
By putting the best interests of the association before personal gain he or she is exercising the Duty of Loyalty.
By differentiating between leadership responsibilities of board members and the management duties of the executive director.
By showing up and making a contribution he or she makes a difference.
By being engaged in strategic planning that mission and vision are key to success.

Prepares
By reading the documents in advance of the meeting.
By serving as the liaison from the board to other entities.
By asking questions.

Knows
By being familiar with the bar’s governing documents and adhering to them, the Duty of Obedience is exercised.
By exercising the Duty of Care that she or he is acting in reasonable and informed manner with good faith.
By treating matters not otherwise in the public domain as confidential he or she is serving the best interests of the association.
By visiting the Web site and reading the journal, newsletter.
By understanding stewardship and the responsibility it entails.
By respecting the difference between leadership and management.

Represents
By delivering a 30-second elevator speech.
By advocating on behalf of the association with members and the public.
By building relationships as an ambassador for the association.

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