

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHECKLIST

Look at your Dimensions of Diversity handout from Video One. What is the makeup of your current Board? What cultures are represented? How are these cultures similar to and different from the community you serve?

Who in your community is committed to or attracted to your vision? In your growing community relationships, who stands out as someone who has the resources to help you make that vision a reality?

Who are people at the beginning or the middle of their career success that have lots of energy and passion for the library's mission?

What "minority"-focused professional organizations are in your area? What national websites post people who are looking for Board experience?

Who in these segments of stakeholders might add diverse perspective and networks to your Board?

- Business
- Donors
- The judicial and legal sector
- State and local government
- Volunteers or other community representatives
- Patrons

What is your plan of successive, short steps to approach potential Board members?

Are you prepared to show these potential Board members the value to them personally and to the Library and community in general if they join your Board? Are you prepared to tell them how they can make a contribution by sharing stories of the ways the Board has made a real difference in the lives of individuals?