

FAQS

- **What is the time commitment required for joining the Young Professional Board for Special Olympics Illinois (YPB)?** Members are encouraged to attend board meetings that occur ~8 times/year, attend as many fundraising events throughout the year as possible, and volunteer at sports competitions if desired. Members can also get more involved by joining a planning committee for one of our fundraising events. While all of these are great ways to get involved, the board is flexible, meaning we don't require you to attend a specific number of events per year. Reach out to Kathy McLaughlin (kmclaughlin@soill.org) to find out more about joining the board and committees!

- **What types of fundraising events does YPB host?** Our annual events include a themed-pub crawl in the spring, the Windy City Rubber Ducky Derby (sales team and happy hours to support Duck sales) in the summer, and Thanks-for-Giving in the fall.

We also participate in Live to Support sports teams year round. In the past we have held extra happy hours, yoga nights, corn hole/bags tournaments, etc. and we are always open to new fundraising ideas from our members. Reach out to Executive Board Member Kaitlyn Raymond (Kaitlyn.Rosen.08@gmail.com)

- **How many people are on YPB?** There are approximately 200 members on the Young Professionals Board.
- **Where are board meetings held?** Half of the board meetings are held at Lottie's Pub in Wicker Park and the other half are held at various downtown locations. Downtown locations are usually conference rooms at our members' workplaces. Interested in hosting a meeting? Let Kathy McLaughlin know (kmclaughlin@soill.org)
- **How can I get involved with YPB?** You can email any of our executive committee members if you have any additional questions, or the head of our board, Kathy McLaughlin (kmclaughlin@soill.org). She can fill you in on the details for our next board meeting. New members will have a short 20 minute orientation before or after our board meeting to answer questions and provide more detailed information.
- **Is there an application for new members?** Yes, you can fill out the application under the "Get Involved" section and Kathy McLaughlin (kmclaughlin@soill.org) will follow-up with you. We will also have printed applications available during your orientation if you would rather fill out the form at that time.
- **What are the expectations for board members?** The YPB is very flexible. Members can be as involved as they choose to be. We ask that members attend meetings and events at a minimum. Many members choose to get involved in committees (such as

Marketing or Live to Support) or on an event planning committee. For more information on the committees, see the YPB Executive Board Bios section.

- **Is there a fee for members?** We ask members to donate \$36 as a yearly membership fee. This amount funds one athlete to compete at the Special Olympics Illinois State Basketball Competition.