

PERSONAL BOARD OF *Directors*

Having a Personal Board of Directors ensures you never have to walk alone. It also holds you accountable to running your career as you would run a business rather than being on auto-pilot.

Choosing Board Members - look for the following traits:

- **Honest.** Compassionate truth-tellers.
- **Professional Insight.** Include experts both inside and outside your field.
- **Diversity.** Richness comes from having a variety of experiences and perspectives.
- **Values.** They are people who will raise the alarm if they see you losing sight of your values.

The Roles

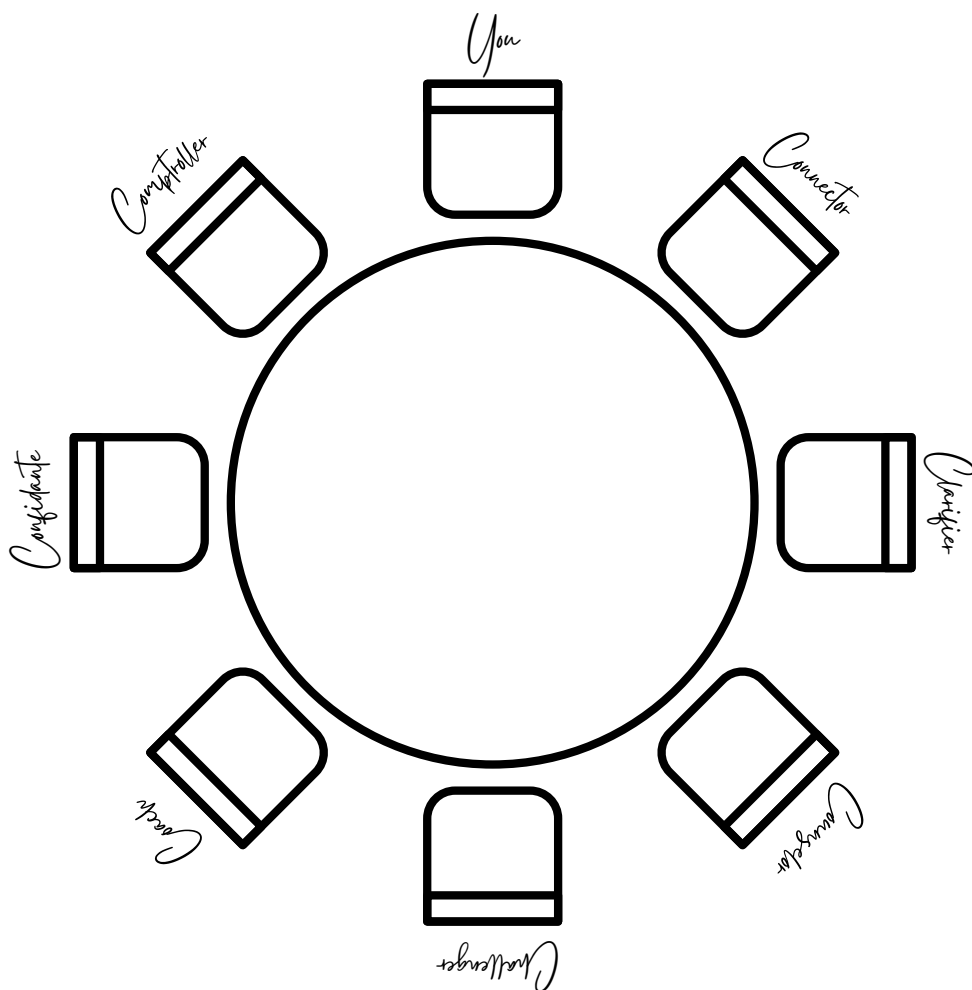
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- **The Clarifier** who asks clear questions.
- **The Counselor** who provides invaluable perspective.
- **The Challenger** who helps you act boldly.
- **The Coach** who pushes you to be your best.
- **The Confidante** who listens, sympathizes, and gets you back on track.
- **The Comptroller** who holds you accountable.

Managing Your Board

- Be intentional about the conversations you want to have.
- Take responsibility for these relationships. Make sure you are also giving back to them.
- Be prepared when discussing topics you want their counsel on.
- Put conversations on the calendar.
- Provide context and brief updates.
- Ask direct questions.
- Listen with an open mind. They are there to help you think through new ideas and scenarios - not to rubber stamp.
- Take notes.
- Follow up on agreements.
- Say "thank you".

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Who sits on your dream Board?



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SAMPLE Request Email. Personalize this to your needs.

Subject: Invitation to Join My Personal Board of Directors

Dear [Recipient's Name],

I hope this email finds you in good health and high spirits. I am reaching out to you with an important question that I hope you will consider.

Over the years, I have come to admire your exceptional skills, insights, and achievements in *[mention the relevant field or industry]*, and I am genuinely impressed by the way you approach challenges and make strategic decisions. Your track record of success and your commitment to excellence have inspired me greatly.

In light of this, I would like to invite you to become a member of my personal board of directors. I am assembling a select group of accomplished individuals who can provide guidance, mentorship, and valuable insights as I navigate my personal and professional journey. Your wisdom and perspective would be invaluable in helping me achieve my goals and make well-informed decisions.

As a member of my personal board of directors, I would hope that you could:

1. Provide guidance and mentorship based on your extensive experience in *[mention specific areas]*.
2. Offer strategic advice and insights on key decisions and opportunities.
3. Serve as a sounding board for my ideas and initiatives.
4. Assist in networking and connecting me with valuable contacts in your professional network.

I understand that your time is valuable, and I would be more than willing to accommodate your schedule and preferences for our time spent together. Whether it's quarterly meetings, regular email correspondence, or occasional phone calls, I am committed to making this partnership work seamlessly for both of us.

I am excited about the possibility of having you on my personal board and am eager to discuss this opportunity further. Please let me know if you would be interested in exploring this partnership, and we can schedule a meeting or call at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for considering this invitation, and I look forward to the prospect of working with and learning from you.

Warm regards,

[Your Name]

[Your Contact Information]