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**TEN QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN INVITED TO SERVE ON A BOARD**

1. How would you describe the mission of the organization?
2. Does the organization have an up-to-date strategic plan?
3. What are the organization's top challenges?
4. What is expected of a board member?
5. How do you orient new board members?
6. How are board member terms laid out?
7. What do you believe I can bring to the board?
8. Does 100% of the board contribute annually? What is expected annually?
9. How long are your board meetings?
10. Can I first join a committee?

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