



## ABOUT THE ELGIN CHORAL UNION AND ECU BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **About the Elgin Choral Union**

The Elgin Choral Union is the oldest performing arts organization in the Fox River Valley. With 110-plus voices and growing, this 62-year-old community chorus of volunteer singers performs not only its own annual season, but also joins with other area performing arts groups, such as the renowned Elgin Symphony Orchestra.

Under the direction of Maestro Andrew Lewis, the Elgin Choral Union has distinguished itself by its ambitious programming, performance of master choral works, contemporary compositions and commissioning of several world premieres. The chorus is in residence and performs in the Blizzard Theatre at Elgin Community College.

Chorus members must pass initial and periodic auditions. They have a passion for choral music and come from as far away as Joliet, Chicago and suburbs close to the Wisconsin border. For more about the Elgin Choral Union, including its history and performance schedule, visit [www.elginchoralunion.org](http://www.elginchoralunion.org).

### **About the ECU Board of Directors**

The Elgin Choral Union is a not-for-profit corporation. Its affairs are governed by its volunteer Board of Directors, composed of both singers and community members. Board members are slated by a Nomination Committee and elected by the general membership at its Annual Meeting by majority vote.

- Board members serve a three-year term, with a maximum of two consecutive terms.
- Board members sign a Commitment to avoid conflicts of interest, to act in good faith and to diligently uphold their fiduciary responsibility to the Elgin Choral Union.
- Board members may also be asked to serve as committee chairs and/or liaisons.
- The Board generally meets bi-monthly; preparatory materials are provided and board members are expected to be prepared to participate fully in meeting discussions and actions.
- Time commitment: Board meetings, committee meetings and personal time devoted to resulting tasks and activities require a commitment of 8-10 hours per month.
- Financial commitment: Board members ensure the organization's fiscal stability and are asked to make an annual suggested pledge of \$500 or more (services or donations in lieu of a portion are appropriate). In addition, assistance in soliciting donations from corporations and/or individuals and personal purchase of concert tickets are expected.