FIRST COAST AACN BOARD COMMITMENT CONTRACTS

I, ___________________________ understand that as a member of the Board, of the First Coast Chapter, I have a responsibility to ensure that the organization does the best work possible in pursuit of its goals. I believe in the mission, vision, and values of the organization, and I will act responsibly and prudently as its steward.

As part of my responsibilities as a board member:

◆ I will attend at least (#)_____ Chapter Board meetings per year (July to June).
◆ I will actively participate in the activities and special events organized by our Chapter.
◆ I will stay informed about what is going on; if I disagree, I will speak up.
◆ I will participate in making decisions on issues and other board matters.
◆ I will adhere to deadlines and schedules. If I unable to do so, I will have the courage to speak up to notify and ask for assistance.
◆ I will refer to the Chapter Bylaws to further define my responsibilities to the Chapter and will uphold them to the best of my ability.
◆ If I am unable to fulfill my commitments to the organization, I promise to have the courage to voice my concern to my fellow board members and ask for guidance or assistance.
◆ If I am still unable to fulfill my responsibilities, I will have the courage to step down and let another lead the position.

In turn, the First Coast Chapter will:

◆ Offer opportunities to me to discuss the Chapter’s programs, goals, activities, and status; additionally, I can request such opportunities.
Follow the “AACN Team Norms” for each meeting:

1. Everyone’s participation is essential and valuable.
2. No idea is too crazy.
3. Brevity is beautiful.
4. All group members will seek to clarify and understand another’s suggestions, before reacting to the suggestion.
5. If an idea is not clear, the group will seek clarification.
6. The group will seek win-win solutions.
7. If a group member disagrees, he or she will speak up.
8. The group will be proactive, rather than reactive.
9. Outcomes, processes and relationships are equally important in achieving results. If only one or two of these are present, the project is not a total success.
10. The organization’s Mission and Vision guides the planning process.
11. All members of the group are accountable for the process.
12. Above all, have FUN!

If I feel that the organization does not fulfill its commitments, I can call on the Chapter board members to re-evaluate its mission, vision and goals.

I understand that I can contact the AACN Regional Chapter Advisor at Region#@aacn.org or the AACN national office for assistance and guidance, if needed.

Signature Board Member

Date

Signature President

Date

Board Member Name and Board Position

President and Chapter Name