

Policy Type: Governance Process

Policy Name: Role of the Board

The role of the Board of Directors is to provide **leadership** and **oversight** of the activities of the association. In both areas it will strive to represent the interests of members and the broader community.

The work of the board requires a balance of asking big questions, exploring possibilities, engaging in real dialogue, solving problems and offering direction.

In providing leadership the Board will actively consult with others inside and outside the organization and, in providing oversight, it will ensure broad organizational accountability, transparency and active and meaningful external communications.

In providing leadership the Board will work with the Executive Director in engaging external stakeholders in looking towards the future, reviewing the organization's mission and objectives, identifying the outcomes the organization is seeking and the strategies it will use to achieve them.

In providing oversight the Board will rely on assessing organizational performance in relation to goals and adherence to budget. The board will insure, through the creation of policies, that the Association adheres to sound financial management, personnel and service practices. The board will rely on the systematic review of organizational activities through the implementation of policies, rather than by examining or advising on day-to-day decisions.

The board will take responsibility for its own management, continuity and renewal. It will insure effective board meeting practices, appropriate director conduct, ongoing board education, and continuing attention to the recruitment of new members.

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