

Policy Type: Governance Process

Policy Name: Role of the Board

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The role of the Board of Directors is to provide leadership and oversight of the activities of the Association.

In both roles it will represent the interests of its members and the broader community. In seeking direction the Board will actively consult, and in demonstrating organizational accountability it will insure the organization operates with transparency and is active and forthright in its external communications.

In providing leadership the Board will work with staff and external stakeholders in looking towards the future, reviewing mission and objectives, determining outcomes and evaluating overall organizational results.

In providing oversight the Board will rely on adherence to a budget and will ensure, through the creation of policies, and evaluation of their implementation, that the Association adheres to best practice in dealing with clients and in utilizing staff and volunteers. The board will rely on regular reviews of operational practices rather than approving 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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