



Board Governance

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Purpose

To describe the role of the Board of Directors and to define a positive and productive manner of operation and style which the NSCA Board will adopt.

Policy Statement

1. The purpose of the Board, on behalf of the Member Clubs, is to ensure NSCA achieves its Ends at an acceptable cost and avoids unacceptable actions and situations.
2. The Board shall govern in a manner consistent with policy governance that emphasizes:
 - a. Strategic visionary leadership
 - b. Outward looking
 - c. Clear distinction of Board and Executive Director roles
 - d. Encouragement of diversity of viewpoints
 - e. Collective decision-making
 - f. Being proactive
 - g. Focusing on the future while learning from the past
 - h. Teamwork
3. Accordingly, the Board shall:
 - a. Deliberate in many voices and govern in one.
 - b. Be accountable to the membership for competent, conscientious and effective governance, allowing no Director or Committee of the Board to hinder or be an excuse for not fulfilling this commitment.
 - c. Impose upon itself the discipline needed to govern with excellence.
 - d. Direct and inspire NSCA through the thoughtful establishment of broadly written policies reflecting the Board's values and perspectives about the ends to be achieved and means to be avoided. The Board's primary focus shall be on strategic outcomes, and shall look to the Executive Director for the operational means of attaining those ends.
 - e. Cultivate a sense of group responsibility. The Board shall be responsible to leverage the expertise of Directors to enhance the knowledge and ability of the board as a whole.



- f. Educate itself regarding changing values and conditions in the external environment and the broader provincial and national sport communities, and establish policy that helps NSCA adapt to these changes.
- g. Provide an orientation to new Directors about the Board's governance process.
- h. Provide opportunities for periodic Board discussion of process improvement.
- i. Monitor and discuss the Board's process and performance at each meeting.
- j. Review all governance policies as necessary.
- k. Fulfill any responsibilities required by law.