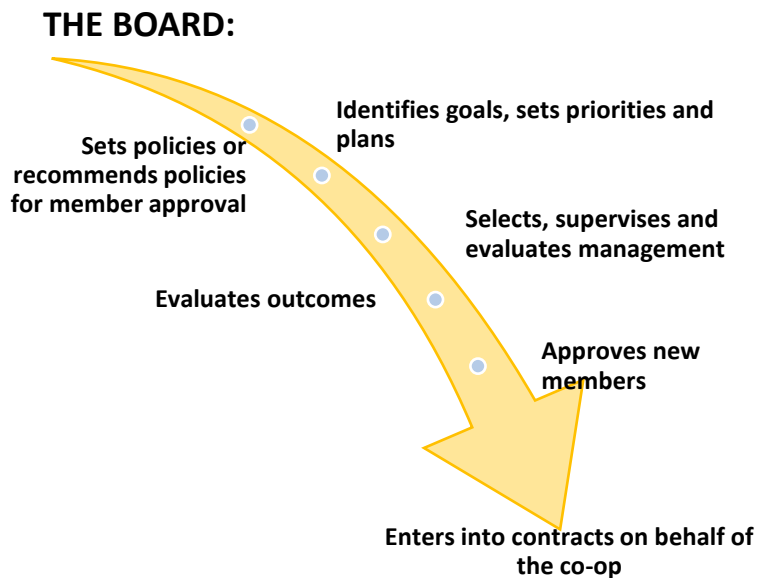


What makes a good board?

A strong board of directors is key to a healthy co-op. Board governance is the cornerstone for success in housing co-ops. When we don't get governance right, we put everything else at risk. In this workshop, we'll learn about the personal rewards and value of providing principled leadership, the roles and responsibilities of board members and how to get principles leadership right.

Workshop Content

- describe the board's job functions
- clarify the difference between governance and management and identify the Core Management Standards
- explain the role of the board, members and staff
- identify the board's accountability and legal obligations and the co-op's governing documents
- describe the components of risk management
- list the key elements of good board meetings



Accountability means the board is responsible to the members who elected them for actions and decisions of the board.

An accountable board reports to

- the members for the job it does on their behalf
- government
 - to comply with the operating agreement that provides funding to the co-op
 - to keep the co-op's incorporated status

Core Management + Good Governance = Best Practices

Key Definitions

Governance is how directors, and the members who elect them, set and control the overall direction of the co-op to ensure its success as a viable business and co-operative community.

Management is taking care of the day-to-day business of the co-op to achieve the goals set by the members and directors.

Educational Resources

- Good governance guide
- Good Governance Test
- Good Management Test
- CHF Canada's Resource Centre

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