

Essentials of Boardsmanship

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Two Major Roles of A Board

- **To Govern:** delegated by the IRS law & the bylaws that give the duty and responsibility to make decisions and govern the PTA unit.
- **To function as a team:** exercise power as a single entity as recognized by SCPTA & NPTA

Primary Duties as Board Member

- The Duty of Obedience: *Requires board members to be faithful to the PTA's mission*
- The Duty of Care: *Requires active participation in the PTA's affairs*
- The Duty of Loyalty: *Requires that the interest of your PTA should take precedence over your personal interest*

THE BOARD MUST.....

- ✓ Govern the organization's resources
- ✓ Maintain, develop and expand programs/
services for those you serve
- ✓ Ensure the perpetuation of the
organization

FOR PROFIT VS NONPROFIT

The mission of a FOR-PROFIT organization is to....

Make a Profit

This mission of the NONPROFIT organization is to....

Serve People

GOLDEN RULES OF GOVERNING BOARDS

- A board should manage things and lead people
- Good board practice is a delicate balance of leading and delegating
- Only the board as a whole has the power and authority to act (*in the legal sense, the only way individual board members can exercise authority is by making decisions together as a body*)

- Board members debate issues not individuals.
- When a vote is taken by a board, the majority rules. Once the meeting is over, all members must publicly support the board action.
- The purpose of a committee is to extend the work of the board. They have no power or authority.

Meeting Management

- **Parliamentary procedure**
- **Discussion techniques**
- **Majority vs. Consensus**
- **Time keeping**

BASIC CONCEPTS TO BUILD STRONG BOARD INVOLVEMENT

- ❑ Clarify responsibilities and expectations of board members
- ❑ Determine board assignments carefully and wisely
- ❑ Include all board members equally in the decision-making process

EFFECTIVE BOARDS.....

Each member of the board should focus his/her attention on the activities of the board as a whole, weigh what is presented by other board members, always respecting other opinions and board members' right to express them.

Teamwork

Teamwork means that we share a common ideal and embrace a common vision. Regardless of our differences, **“we believe in each other”** and strive together for, ***everychild.onevoice.***