

Basic principles that BIA Board members are expected to adhere to

BIA Board members are accountable to the membership of the BIA and are therefore expected to make sound organizational decisions on their behalf. It is the duty of the BIA Board of Management to respond effectively to the needs of the membership and to keep the membership informed of BIA activities.

Characteristics of effective board members

It is the individual duty of each BIA Board member to act in the best interests of the BIA membership and to understand the legal and ethical responsibilities of being a Board member, including:

- Ensuring familiarity with and adherence to applicable bylaws and the policies pertaining to BIA management including confidentiality, privacy, and board member code of conduct.
- Avoiding and/or reporting conflicts of interest.
- Keeping informed of financial activities of the BIA.
- Attending and arriving prepared for board meetings.
- Supporting decisions of which the Board has voted in favour.

The BIA board member's role and responsibilities are based on three different activities of organizations:

1. Governance: The board develops policies that give overall direction to the BIA.
2. Management: The board takes actions and makes decisions to ensure that there are sufficient and appropriate human and financial resources for the BIA to accomplish its work.
3. Operations: These are the activities related to the delivery of services or programs of the BIA.