



Policy Name: Board Linkage with Other Organizations

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The Board shall identify other organizations with which it requires good working relationships in order to share and enhance its role as “owner representative” in determining the most appropriate Ends.

1. The Board shall establish mechanisms for maintaining open communication with other organizations regarding Ends. Such mechanisms may include, but are not limited to:
 - Inviting representatives of the Boards of those organizations to Board meetings
 - Meeting jointly with other Boards on occasion
2. The Board shall consider the merits of membership in other organizations annually.
3. Upon request for organizational appointments to external committees concerned with policy level issues, the Board will assess whether such representation is appropriate within the Board’s stated policies and current priorities. If this assessment is positive, the Board will appoint appropriate representatives. Issues of confidentiality, information sharing and administrative support shall be clarified for the appointee by the Board Chair and/or President.
 - 3.1. The organization’s appointee shall provide information reports as appropriate, to be determined by the Board at the time of appointment.
 - 3.2. Since the appointee is representing the Board, the appointee shall be kept informed of current Board policies that might affect deliberations of the Committee in question. Any representations made on behalf of the Board shall adhere to the stated policies of the Board. Any issues requiring the statement of a new policy position on the part of the Board shall be brought to the Board for decision.