

The 10 Basic Responsibilities of the Executive Board

1. Determine mission and purpose. It is the board's responsibility to create and review a statement of mission and purpose that articulates the council's goals, means, and primary constituents served.
2. Select the Scout executive. Boards must reach a consensus on the Scout executive's responsibilities and undertake a careful search to find the most qualified person for the position.
3. Support and evaluate the Scout executive. The board should ensure that the Scout executive has the moral and professional support necessary to further the goals of the council.
4. Ensure strategic planning. Boards must actively participate in an overall planning process, and assist in implementing and monitoring the plan's goals.
5. Monitor and strengthen programs and services. The board's responsibility is to determine which programs are consistent with the council's mission and monitor their effectiveness.
6. Ensure adequate financial resources. One of the board's foremost responsibilities is to provide adequate resources for the council to fulfill its mission.
7. Protect assets and provide financial oversight. The board must assist in developing the annual budget and ensuring that proper financial controls are in place.
8. Build a competent board. All boards have a responsibility to articulate prerequisites for candidates, orient new members, and periodically and comprehensively evaluate their own performance.
9. Ensure legal and ethical integrity. The board is ultimately responsible for adherence to legal standards and ethical norms.
10. Enhance the council's public standing. The board should clearly articulate the council's mission, accomplishments, and goals to the public and garner support from the community.