

Charter for Governance Committee

Purpose

The Governance Committee assists the board in fulfilling its responsibilities with respect to matters of governance of the Museum and in identifying and recommending to the Board of Trustees candidates to serve as Trustees.

Key responsibilities

The Governance Committee shall perform all duties as requested or required by the Board of Trustees. The Governance Committee will specifically be responsible for the following duties and responsibilities:

- Advise the Board about operational strategies including relevant amendments to the organization's bylaws to strengthen the organization and empower the Board in meeting its obligations related to good governance principles and abide by the organization's mission.
- Advise the Board about strategies that strive to increase individual Trustee effectiveness and their abilities to work collaboratively with their peers.
- Devise and make recommendations for policies on issues related to Board of Trustee service.
- Devise and make recommendations for policies that reflect best practices for overall good governance.
- Oversee the conflict of interest policy.
- Lead and facilitate periodic board self-assessments.
- Evaluate the Board's current composition and identify the current and future needs of the organization to ensure that the Board has the necessary diversity, perspectives, experience, skills, maturity and judgment to effectively pursue their duties in planning and oversight.
- Make recommendations to the Board about the criteria and qualifications that they deem appropriate for election as Board of Trustees.
- Recruit, identify and interview candidates for potential Trustees that meet the identified criteria for election to the Board.
- Make nominations to the Board for qualified individuals as Trustees.
- Develop and conduct an orientation process for newly appointed Board Directors and provide ongoing board training and development.