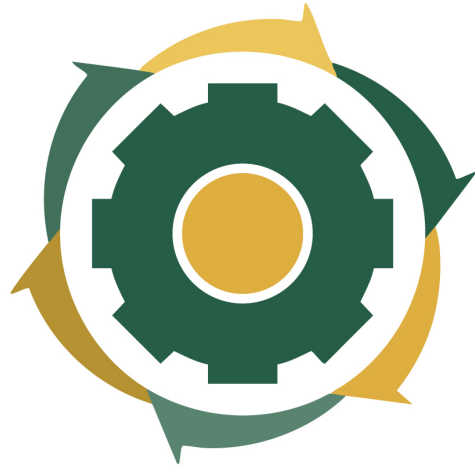




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Nonprofit Board Fundamentals

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A board's primary responsibilities

- A. Legal** - Accountability and public trust to protect the assets of the organization, guard against self-dealing, and observe ethical requirements.
- B. Governance** - Set the direction for the organization and operate within the bylaws.
- C. Policy** - Provide leadership by setting policy and ensuring its implementation by staff.
- D. Fiscal** - Assist with the financial health and security of the organization and ensure a public accounting of assets, income, operations and expenditures.

The idea of a governing board

REPRESENT

- Who are your constituents?
- Who are you?

STEWARD

- \$
- Other assets=?
- Mission/Values
- Role of steward/fiduciary:

PLAN

- Vision
- Course corrections
- Goals: be
S.M.A.R.T.:
Specific
Measurable
Achievable
Relevant
Time-bound

GOVERN

- Policies
- Best practices

MANAGE

- Your leader
- Working boards, who leads?

CHAMPION

- Spread the word
- Eliminate barriers
- Secure resources

Show Up

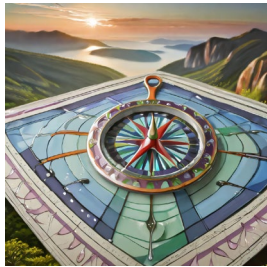
Do the Work

Chart a Course

Steer the Ship

Pull the Oars

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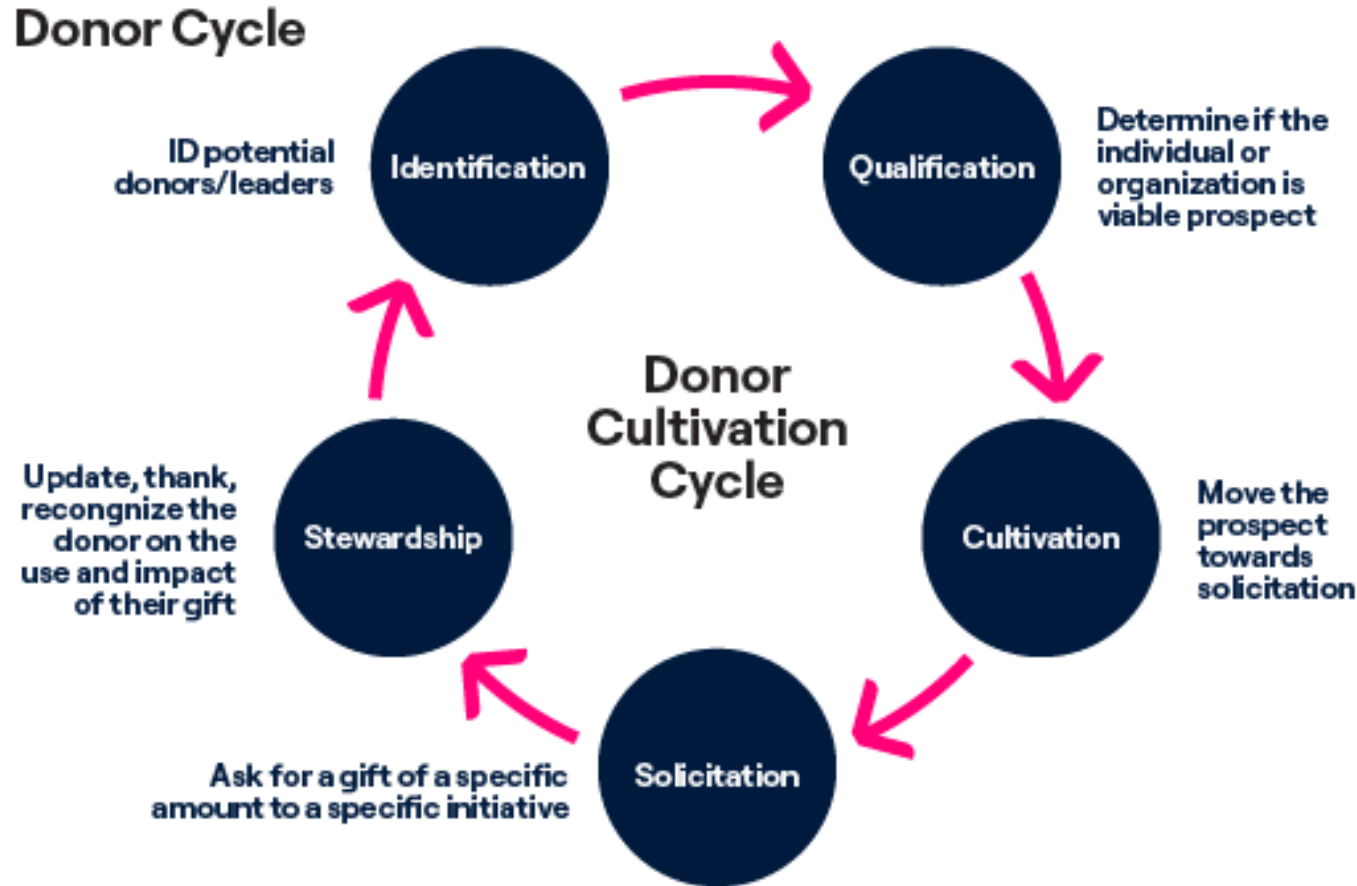


CHAMPION

Be the Voice



How we think about fundraising



What every board member should do

1. Know and commit to the **mission and purpose**.
2. Attend and participate fully in board and committee **meetings**.
3. Bring a thoughtful **perspective** to the policies, plans, and goals of the organization.
4. Be a strong **advocate** of the organization in word and action.
5. Make an annual **financial contribution** at a level significant for each board member.

What every board member should do, continued

6. Help select, support, and evaluate the **executive director**.
No Staff? Consider and tend to your leadership, whoever that is.
7. Monitor and strengthen **programs and services**.
8. Provide **financial oversight**, approve budget, and review audit.
9. Participate in strategic **planning**; set long-range vision for the organization.
10. Through civic, professional, and personal associations, assist in **strengthening the capacity** of the organization to fulfill its mission:
 - **Build and maintain** a competent board
 - Forge and maintain **relationships** with peers and stakeholders
 - Plan for **emergencies and succession**

Additional Resources

These publications and resources informed and inspired this presentation.

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