Board governance emphasizes strategic leadership, is visionary and takes a proactive approach to governance. As trustees on behalf of its members, the Board is committed to obtaining input from the members, representing their broad interests and needs and is accountable to the members.

The Board ensures that BCWWA affairs are conducted in a manner which encourages a diversity of viewpoints, is based on collective rather than individual decision making, and provides a clear distinction between the Board’s role and the roles of staff.

It is further clarified that the Board will:

1. Accept responsibility for excellence in governing and enforce upon itself whatever discipline is needed to achieve this recognizing that the Board is responsible for:
   
   - Being visionary and obtaining input outside the organization;
   - Adherence to the principles of the Policy Governance® Model;
   - Preparation for and attendance at meetings;
   - Proper orientation for new Board members in the Board’s governance process and policies;
   - Respect for the collective wisdom of the Board to make decisions;
   - Speaking with one voice once decisions are made;
   - Respecting the roles of the Board and the roles of staff.

2. Maintain its primary focus on long term impacts and outcomes of BCWWA rather than on the administrative functions of the Association.
3. Use written policies to direct staff and express organizational expectations.

4. Monitor progress and performance regularly and systematically. The Board will conduct annual performance reviews of itself, the Chief Executive Officer and all Board Committees. The Board will exercise its responsibility to monitor executive and organizational performance and will monitor its own performance in compliance with its Governance Process Policies.