The Board will be proactive in planning and budgeting for activities that help the Board govern well. As such,

1. The Board recognizes that updating of skills and awareness of new governance issues are vital to a member’s contribution to the Board. Therefore, it is expected that:

   1.1 New Board members shall receive a complete orientation to ensure familiarity with BCWWA’s structure, the role of the Board as a governance unit, the role of staff as a management unit, the Board’s relationship with other organizations, major issues on the Board’s agenda, Board policies and the Board’s governance model.

   1.2 Board members shall have on-going opportunity for continued training and education to enhance their governance capabilities.

2. Outside monitoring assistance will be arranged so that the Board can exercise sufficient control over organizational performance. This includes, but is not limited to, a fiscal audit and an audit of the governance process.

3. The Board will allocate resources to ensure sufficient funds are included in the annual budget for Board meetings, Board committees, Board education, Board linkages, external audits, outreach activities and information gathering to support Ends work in the form of focus groups, surveys, opinion analyses, etc.