

Building a Better Board

Board Preparation 101

- State association board members are leaders. A state association board is an integral guiding force for the state association.
- A state association board makes policy.
- Board members have authority as a body, unless authorized to act on behalf of the body.
- State association board members avoid micro-management. A state association board employs a director or commissioner to carry out the day to day operation of the state association.
- Board members should be positive and professional in board meetings.
- Board members should be supportive of association staff and schedule conferences with staff outside of board meetings on an individual's issues.
- State association board's actions are guided by the association's constitution, bylaws and policies.
- Board members are knowledgeable about current issues that impact their schools and the state association.
- Board members are receptive to on-going training through attendance and participation in state and national workshops, seminars, etc.
- A state association board is student centered. Board members should have the courage to keep "the main thing" the main thing.

"...The main thing is the one overriding point or purpose toward which all of your energy and attention should be directed."

Leadership Courage by David Cottrell and Eric Harvey

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