



GUIDE TO COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

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Secretary	Brian Bakeman	(405) 570-2159	bbakeman@scjumc.org
Past Chair	Sue Alberti Welch	(972) 489-9282	sealberti3@gmail.com
President/CEO	Stacey Ninness	(405) 413-3129	sninness@nsookc.org

The Executive Committee is the only standing committee that has the right to make decisions on behalf of the full board. The most constructive roles an executive committee can play are to oversee goal setting, agenda development and to serve as a preliminary sounding board for the CEO and board chair. The committee oversees operations of the board; often acts on behalf of the board during on-demand activities that occur between meetings and these acts are later presented for full board review. The committee is comprised of the board chair, other officers, and/or committee chairs. The CEO is also a member of this committee. This committee often performs the evaluation of the CEO.

Primary role of the Executive Committee:

- Acting for the board in between meetings or in the event of an emergency
- Coordinating the full board's review of the CEO performance and compensation
- Serve as a sounding board for the CEO
- Focusing the board's work (strategic plan)
- Coordinating the work of the full board

Current NSO Executive Committee description:

The Executive Committee is responsible for setting the policies for NSO. This is done by determining NSO's programs and services. The Executive Committee is the governing body for NSO. It has many serious responsibilities, which include, approving the annual budget, the annual report and approving the strategic plan. The committee may be called upon to make emergency decisions between board meetings. When they do so, they are acting on behalf of the entire board and are usually given authority to act without waiting for full board approval.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

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The Finance Committee should be well organized around a handful of fundamental chores. The committee should concentrate on these core duties and let the other fiscal committees handle the rest of the financial issues on the board's agenda.

The core functions of the Finance Committee:

- Oversees organizational financial planning
- Monitors that adequate funds are available for the plan
- Safeguards organizational assets
- Drafts organizational fiscal policies
- Anticipates financial problems
- Ensures that the board receives accurate and complete information
- Helps the rest of the board understand financial statements and the general financial situation of the organization
- Makes sure that federal, state, and local reporting takes place
- Sustains the committee itself

Current NSO Finance Committee description:

The committee oversees the creation of the budget and overlooks the monthly financial statements. The committee will make suggestions and recommendations for better management of funds as well as policies and procedures relating to accounting functions in the office. Be responsible for preparation of corporations annual budget and shall present it to the board for approval. The committee must review and approve expenditures exceeding amounts stated in the budget.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

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The Governance Committee does not run the board, but it makes it possible for the board to be run well! The committee can bring together the right people, help create the best policies, and stimulate provocative and forward-thinking conversation to help the board be the best it can be!

Current NSO Governance Committee description:

The committee will recommend a slate of board members and officers that will best support the mission of NSO and provide orientation for new board members and oversee continuing education for the entire board. In addition, the committee is charged with ongoing evaluation of board composition, structure and performance. Each year, the committee will consider the specific skill areas that are needed and align board member skills with NSO programs and activities.

Role of the CEO to the Governance Committee:

The CEO has an important role in the activities of the Governance Committee. She also is greatly influenced by those who serve on the board and the quality of board members. It makes sense for the committee to work closely with the CEO to take advantage of her contacts, intimate knowledge of the organization, and training abilities; however it must be clear that the CEO should not control the choices of the committee.

The CEO can help the committee in the following ways:

- Identifying the needs of the board
- Identifying, finding and cultivating candidates
- Orientation and general board education

DONOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

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The Development Committee typically works with the board chair, the CEO and other key staff, to provide valuable input for developing the fundraising plan and engaging the entire board in fundraising. The committee's responsibilities may include but are not limited to the following:

- Involving and motivating other board members and volunteers in cultivation and solicitation of gifts
- Helping to develop policies for board and staff action related to gift solicitation and recognition
- Ensuring that the case for support is strong, current and based on the organization's mission and goals
- Helping to develop strategies for involvement and cultivation of major gift prospects
- Providing information on environmental factors affecting fundraising among the organizations constituencies
- Helping to evaluate potential prospects for increased contributions
- Helping to develop expectations for financial contributions from the board, and providing leadership by making their own gifts
- Soliciting gifts at levels required for annual, special, and planned giving programs
- Participating actively in special events and providing leadership for capital campaigns
- Developing and signing solicitation and acknowledgement letters and mailing campaigns

It is imperative for the committee members to be knowledgeable about the organization's community and its constituencies, especially major gift prospects. In general, individuals who have good people skills are perfect candidates for the committee. The following list highlights specific skills to look for in development committee members:

- Individuals who have engaging personalities, who are articulate, and who are not afraid to seek out prospects
- People who are comfortable discussing finances with others
- People with access to individual, corporate, or foundation resources
- Those who hold successful experience with and commitment to aspects of volunteer fundraising
- Individuals who radiate confidence and trust as the representatives of the organization

The committee leads the board's participation in resource development and fund-raising. The committee works with the staff to develop the NSO fundraising plan.

The committee develops policies, plans, procedures, and schedules for board involvement in fundraising. It helps educate directors about the organization’s program plans and resources needed to realize those plans. It familiarizes directors with fundraising skills and techniques so that they are comfortable raising money. The committee is the board’s central source of information about the fundraising climate in general, and about the status of the organizations fundraising activities in particular. It also plays a strong role in identifying, cultivating, and approaching major donors. Prior fundraising skills and experience or a desire to develop such are important qualifications.

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The committee keeps the buildings, grounds, operating systems and equipment in good working order. The committee is responsible to work with local contractors to ensure quality work is being performed. This committee will make recommendations to the Finance Committee as to necessary funds to provide for the annual maintenance of all facilities and grounds. The committee will also prepare construction budgets and construction timelines for any new buildings. Prior construction and/or building maintenance are important qualifications.

PROGRAM & SERVICES COMMITTEE:

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The committee is responsible for reviewing current programs and their budgets to help determine their effectiveness by studying the number of people served and client outcomes. In addition, the committee will review new program opportunities as presented by staff and help determine if they should be implemented. Members will rely on the organizations strategic plan for long-term guidance and help implement its recommendations. The committee’s chair will report any significant recommendations to the full board of directors for their review, discussion and approval.

