



Great Lakes Center for Youth Development

Board 101

An overview of board member responsibilities

Training Objectives

- Understand the legal duties of board members
- Understand the various roles of board members

Today's Nonprofit Board

- Single most important body of any nonprofit
 - Legally & socially responsible
 - Good stewards of resources
- Highest purpose – act for the good of others
 - Community served by organization
 - Ensure mission is fulfilled

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- Resource Development
- Oversight
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 - Enhance public standing

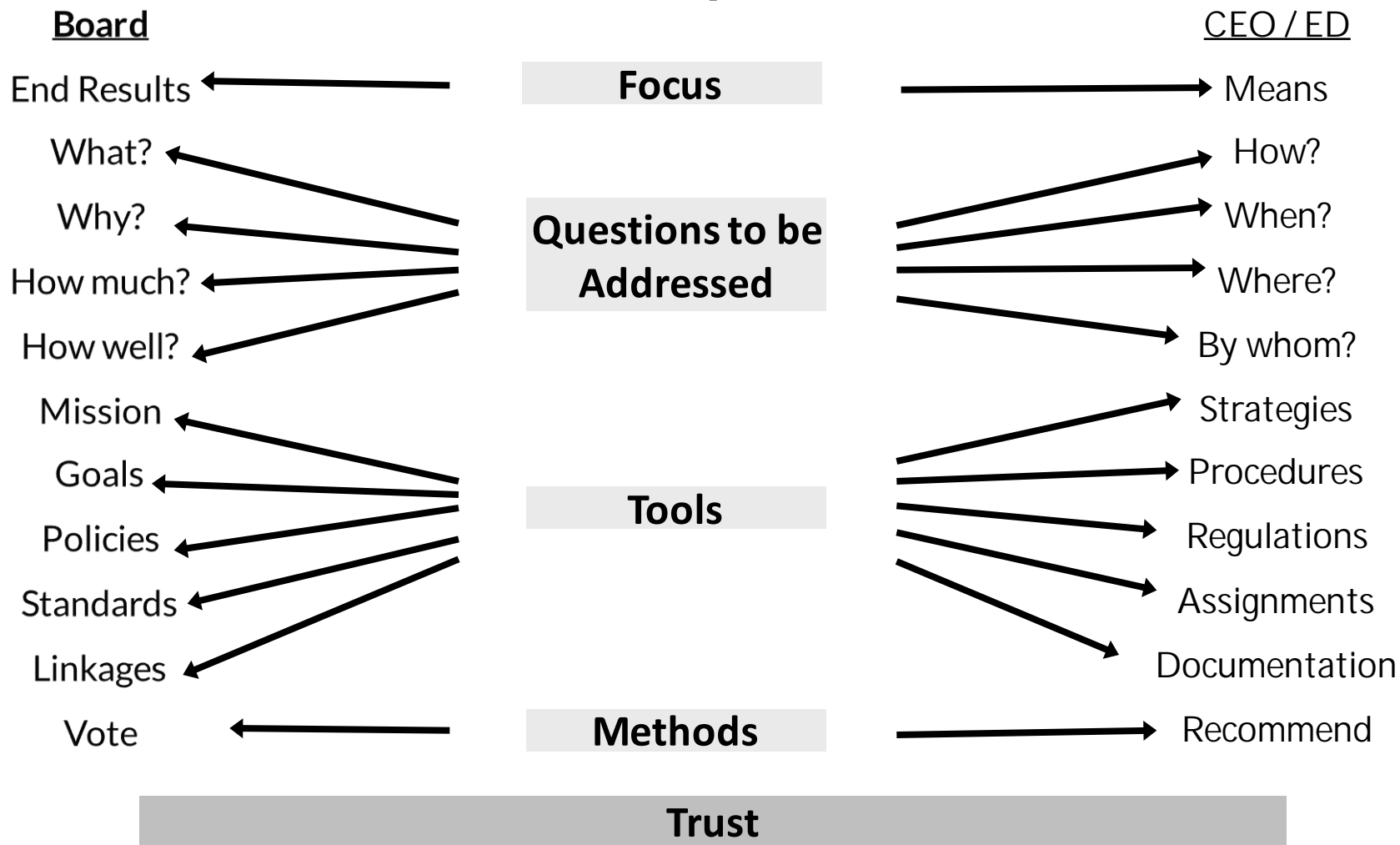
Good Board Members

- Attend & actively participate in meetings, special events, etc.
- Come prepared for board meetings
- Think strategically & generatively
- Speak up on any legal or ethical concerns
- Serve as ambassadors
- Make a financial contribution at least once a year
- Identify & help solicit new donors/members

Three Hats of Role Clarity

- Governance
 - Formal – worn only if quorum is present
 - Board is ultimate legal and moral authority
- Implementation
 - Delegate– worn only by select few when Board specifically gives “authorization”
- Volunteer
 - Worn most often
 - No individual authority

Division of Responsibilities



Tips, Tricks and Ideas

- Effective Orientations
- Mission typed at the top of all agendas
- Mission Moment as an agenda item
- Conduct meeting evaluations
- Discuss this training and areas to improve

Tools Available from GLCYD

- Board meeting evaluation
- Board member self-evaluation
- Orientation agenda
- Composition analysis
- Recruiting tracking grid
- Strategic Planning



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