SOUTH OKANAGAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VISION ~ What we are building ~

The South Okanagan is an inclusive, collaborative community with a strong economy made up of vibrant, resilient, innovative, and sustainable businesses and non profits.

This results in our region having an enviable quality of life, and being a desirable place for people of all ages - and businesses of all stages - to call home.

MISSION ~ Our Purpose and our Why ~

We are the leading organization, with local boots on the ground, dedicated to the regional business vitality and community prosperity in our South Okanagan neighbourhoods.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COLLECTIVE BOARD

As the highest leadership body of the organization and to satisfy its fiduciary duties, the board is responsible for

- determining the mission of the organization and understanding its collective purpose
- selecting, supporting, and evaluating the performance of the Executive Director
- strategic and organizational planning
- ensuring strong fiduciary oversight and financial management
- fundraising and resource development
- approving and monitoring the organization's programs and services
- enhancing the organization's public image
- assessing its own performance as the governing body of the organization
- ensuring legal and ethical integrity

RESPONSIBILITIES OF INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

Each individual board member is expected to

- know the organization's mission, policies, programs, and needs as well as understand its collective purpose

- read and understand the organization's financial statements and board materials in advance of meetings
- serve as active advocates and ambassadors for the organization
- fully engage in identifying and securing the financial resources and partnerships necessary for the organization to advance its mission
- leverage connections, networks, and resources to develop collective action to achieve the organization's mission
- prepare for, attend, and conscientiously participate in board meetings
- participate in one or more committees or taskforces
- engage in learning opportunities to better understand the community we serve
- respect the experiences of all who bring their voices and lived experiences into the boardroom and the organization

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES OF NON-PROFIT BOARD MEMBERS

- uphold the legal duties and laws regarding nonprofit governance
- follow the organization's bylaws, policies, and board resolutions
- sign an annual conflict-of-interest disclosure and update it during the year if necessary, as well as disclose potential conflicts before meetings and actual conflicts during meetings
- maintain confidentiality about all internal matters of the organization