



Agricultural Utilization Research Institute

## **The Board of Directors Responsibilities**

### **Functions:**

As representatives of the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI), the Board of Directors is the primary governing body that guides AURI in fulfilling its mission, goals, and objectives. Upon acceptance of a board appointment, the Directors must keep in mind the best interests of AURI and the entities it serves. The Board of Directors creates broad policies that govern AURI's programs and services. Each board member participates in the board's responsibilities, which include but are not limited to the following:

#### ***Planning***

- Consider, adopt, and amend major policies, proposals, and expenditures regarding research priorities that are consistent with AURI's mission and strategic goals.
- Participate in establishing organizational policy, fiscal responsibility and strategic planning for AURI.
- Accept special assignments designated by the Chair.
- Attend and participate in board meetings.
- Advocate for AURI's advancement.

#### ***Operations***

- Annually evaluate the performance of the Executive Director.
- Serve as a resource of knowledge and counsel to the Executive Director, committees, and other board members.
- Vote and act on resolutions including projects.
- Assist in locating and developing funding sources for the organization.
- Represent the interests of AURI and provide input toward developing and recommending solutions to agricultural innovation issues.
- Assure the confidentiality of all appropriate information and act according to established policies and procedures.

#### ***Audit***

- Review and approve annual audit reports and IRS 990 submissions.
- Annually review the performance of the Board of Directors and take steps for continuous quality improvement.
- Attend training when appropriate.

#### ***Advocate***

- Represent AURI at industry events to strengthen the organization's image and profile.
- Foster relationships to achieve AURI's mission and strategic goals