



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, directors must act in good-faith and in the best interests of AURI, avoid or disclose conflicts of interest, and maintain appropriate confidentiality. The AURI Board of Directors creates broad policies that govern the organization's programs and services. Each board member is expected to actively participate in the board's responsibilities, which include but are not limited to the following:

Planning

- Consider, implement, and amend major policies, proposals, and expenditures regarding priorities that are consistent with AURI's mission and strategic goals.
- Set the strategic plan for AURI, align high level goals with the organization, and monitor execution of the strategic plan.
- Establish organizational policy, fiduciary oversight and risk mitigation, and manage stakeholder relations.
- Accept special assignments designated by the Chair.
- Attend and participate in board meetings.
- Actively participate in AURI's advancement.

Operations

- Ensure strong executive leadership of AURI, including annual performance evaluations of the Executive Director and succession planning.
- Assist the Board Chair and Executive Director with organizational change management
- Serve as a resource of knowledge and counsel to the Executive Director, committees, and other board members.
- Vote and act on resolutions, including projects.
- 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, discuss, and vote on the approval of annual audit reports and IRS 990 submissions.
- Annually review the performance of the Board of Directors and take steps to continuously improve the quality of the board's functions.
- 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