

GP 5 Board Committee Principles

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Board committees, when used, will be assigned to reinforce the wholeness of the board's job and to never interfere with delegation from board to GM.

- GP 5.1 Board committees are to help the board do its job, never to direct the staff. Committees ordinarily will assist the board by preparing policy alternatives and implications for board deliberation.
- GP 5.2 Board committees may not speak or act for the board except when formally given such authority for specific and time-limited purposes. Expectations and authority will be carefully stated in order not to conflict with authority delegated to the GM.
- GP 5.3 Board committees cannot exercise authority over staff. Because the GM works for the full board, he or she will not be required to obtain approval of a board committee before an executive action.
- GP 5.4 Board committees are to avoid over-identification with organizational parts rather than the whole. Therefore a board committee that has helped the board create policy on some topic will not be used to monitor organizational performance on that same topic.
- GP 5.5 Committees will be used sparingly and ordinarily in an ad hoc capacity.
- GP 5.6 This policy applies to any group that is formed by board action, whether or not it is called a committee and regardless of whether the group includes board members. It does not apply to committees formed under the authority of the GM.