

GOV 10 Board Education

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1.0 Purpose

Members of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library Board must have sufficient knowledge of governance and issues that are central to the role of the library in the community. Ongoing education ensures that Board members focus on good governance, strategic directions and policy implications rather than on operational details. This policy ensures that Board members have access to, and avail themselves of, ongoing educational opportunities.

2.0 Guidelines

As part of its ongoing educational responsibility, the Board may:

- schedule time for Board member education;
- maintain a membership in the Ontario Library Association and the Ontario Library Boards' Association;
- consider providing funding for up to two Board members to attend a relevant conference annually, i.e. the OLA Annual Conference.

The Board will receive information from the CEO about training and networking offered by various organizations in Ontario.

The cost of any training must be approved by the Board before it is undertaken. Board members will report on their participation in training events.

Board members are encouraged to participate in educational opportunities that include, but are not limited to:

- effective governance;
- planning;
- advocacy;
- funding development; and
- decision making