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NAME: BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION AND DEVELOPMENT

SOURCE: Regional Colleges Act: Section 7 (10) (11), 12

POLICY:

(Excerpts in this section have been taken from *Northlands College, Policy and By-Laws for Board of Directors.*)

In order to improve their effectiveness on the Board, and to demonstrate their commitment to the principle of lifelong learning and postsecondary education, Board members may engage in relevant developmental activities including orientation, training courses, workshops, and conferences.

GUIDELINES:

- Board members shall be provided with appropriate orientation and training to help fulfill their role and responsibilities as Board members.
- All newly appointed Board members shall receive an orientation to facilitate the transition to Board member responsibilities.
- The Chair of the Board and CEO will arrange for the initial orientation of new Board members, preferably prior to the first Board meeting. Orientations will include, but may not be limited to:
 - Overview of roles and responsibilities,
 - Review of College Strategic and Business plans,
 - Overview of policies pertaining to the Board,
 - Minutes of previous meetings,
 - Annual meeting schedule.
 - Review of College Financial Statements
- Board members shall be provided with opportunities to participate in local, provincial, and national conferences and meetings that are relevant to the mission and mandate of the College.
- Board members shall be encouraged to participate in training sessions and workshops designed to enhance effectiveness as college Board members.
- In its annual budget the Board may allocate funds for developmental activities.
- The procedure for approving proposed development activities shall be as follows:
 1. For the Board in the capacity of Board, by resolution at a regular or special meeting of the Board;
 2. For individual Board members, by application to the Board at a regular or special meeting, followed by a resolution of the Board.