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Policy: GOVERNING STYLE
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It is the policy of the Society that:

1. The Board of Directors will govern as a policy and outcomes Board. The Board will emphasize outward vision and strategic leadership. The Board will ensure it has diverse members allowing for different viewpoints while pursuing collective decisions. The Board will maintain a proactive, future focus.
 2. The Board will inspire, direct and hold the Society accountable through the careful establishment of written policies reflecting the Board's values and perspectives. The Board's major policy focus is the intended long-term impacts and outcomes of the Society; not the operational means of attaining those outcomes. There is a distinction between Board and employee roles.
 3. The Board will have review mechanisms to ensure the Society is attaining the desired outcomes.
 4. The Board will enforce upon itself the discipline necessary to govern with transparency and excellence. Attention will be applied to matters such as attendance, preparation for meetings, development of policies, respect of roles, and ensuring the continuity of a capable and effective Board.
 5. Continual Board development will include both orientation of new Board members to the Board's governing style and processes and consistent discussion of improvement. The Board will evaluate its process and performance after each meeting.
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