



# Core Responsibilities of a Board

## Defining Governance

While there are as many definitions of governance as there are consultants in this world, here at Quantum Governance, we believe that governance ultimately deals with the legitimate distribution of authority throughout a system – whether it’s a country, a corporation or a nonprofit.

We believe governance is ultimately how organizational leaders utilize both the formal and the informal authorities vested in them. How they think, make decisions, develop strategy, persuade, develop future leaders, structure their board and execute initiatives. How they communicate with key stakeholders...with their staff...with their customers...with their marketplace... with their constituents... and even with each other.

There are some that say “good governance” centers on legal issues – bylaws and conflicts of interest policies and how an organization’s Board of Directors oversees its audit process.

**At Quantum Governance, we ask our clients to look much deeper...**



Yes, the legal issues are central to good governance, but they are only one component.

Good governance also applies to how your Board oversees your CEO; tracks its performance and results; conducts its budgeting process; allocates its resources; addresses membership or constituent needs; moves in and through its community; and adheres to ethics and financial integrity standards; and yes...good governance is even about thinking in a genuinely strategic manner.

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