

## **Governance Topics**

**suggested by workshop participants**  
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Should we expand the mission/scope of our work? What are our mission, vision, values?

How do we assess the costs and benefits of proposed new programs?

If we had to cut programs to make budget, what are our priorities?

If we have two agendas, what is the appropriate mix of the two (preservation vs use)

Creating process for board development (training, education, succession planning)

What should our staff look like in the future (optimum size, structure)

What's our identity in the community and do we want to change that?

What are our outreach goals? (which constituencies and why?)

How do we create a board that reflects our constituency?

Who is our constituency? How do we define "community" when we use that word?

Are we in the right location?

How fast should we move forward on having a second site?

How do we decide whether to disband or merge?

How much should board members be required to contribute?

What should be our target ratio of contributed to earned income?

What are board responsibilities in the area of fundraising (in our organization?)

What should our position be on proposed legislation that affects our clients?

From whom would we accept funding and under what circumstances?

What is the one major artistic or organizational challenge we should address each season?

What is a sustainable rate of growth and how do we measure growth?

What is the future of events in our fundraising strategy?

Are we using the most appropriate tracking methods and systems?

At what point will we move from an all-volunteer staff to paid staff?

Should we start an endowment? How much should we aim for? What will it fund?

What is our case for support? What is our "value proposition" to stakeholders?

How do we become a model of cultural diversity on the board?

What are the risks inherent in our new initiative and how could we mitigate those risks?

What are we doing to make our decisions and processes transparent to our stakeholders?

What are we doing to increase diversity, equity, and inclusion in our organization?