

Governance Definitions

Bylaw – a rule or law established by an organization or community to regulate itself. Bylaws can only be amended by the process stated in the Bylaws.

Procedure – step-by-step instructions on how to implement the policies.

Policy – a general statement designed to facilitate an organization to carry out its duties they are as outlined in the bylaws.

Directive – an instruction or guideline that indicates how to perform an action or reach a goal. A directive can come from the general membership to the board as a whole, to officers or to committees. It can also come from a board to a committee or a committee to a subcommittee.