

Governance at Fountain House

The Board of Directors of Fountain House is charged by law, and by its own decisions, with a number of responsibilities, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Ensuring that the mission and purpose of Fountain House is clearly understood and communicated to staff and members and the larger community
- Ensuring that the mission and purpose is carried out in an effective and efficient manner and in accordance with its Charter and By-laws
- Providing leadership in reviewing the mission and practices of Fountain House from time to time to determine whether or not adjustments are required
- Providing leadership and personal participation in raising private funds to allow Fountain House to pursue its mission
- Ensuring that all operations are carried out in compliance with applicable laws, that all obligations to government funding agencies are fulfilled, and that any restrictions placed on funds provided by private donors are honored
- Ensuring that appropriate policies are in place regarding the treatment of staff and members and the prevention of self-dealing by Board members and staff

In order to fulfill all its responsibilities, the Fountain House Board relies on: (a) individual Board members diligently fulfilling their personal responsibilities as Board members, (b) an organization structure based on Board committees, each with very specific responsibilities, and (c) a practice of annual self-review by both individual Board members and by Board committees to see where improvement in their performance may be needed.