

The Board Voice Society of BC: An Idea Whose Time Has Come



BoardVoice

Leadership. Collaboration. Community.

Mission Statement:

The members of Board Voice help to create healthy communities and champion the value of a collaborative, high quality, social benefit sector to governments, communities and service providers.

We Advocate: Board Voice is an organization of volunteer leaders, speaking out together to make our communities better places to live, learn, work, and play.

We Connect: Board Voice links social services boards together to learn, share and build community.

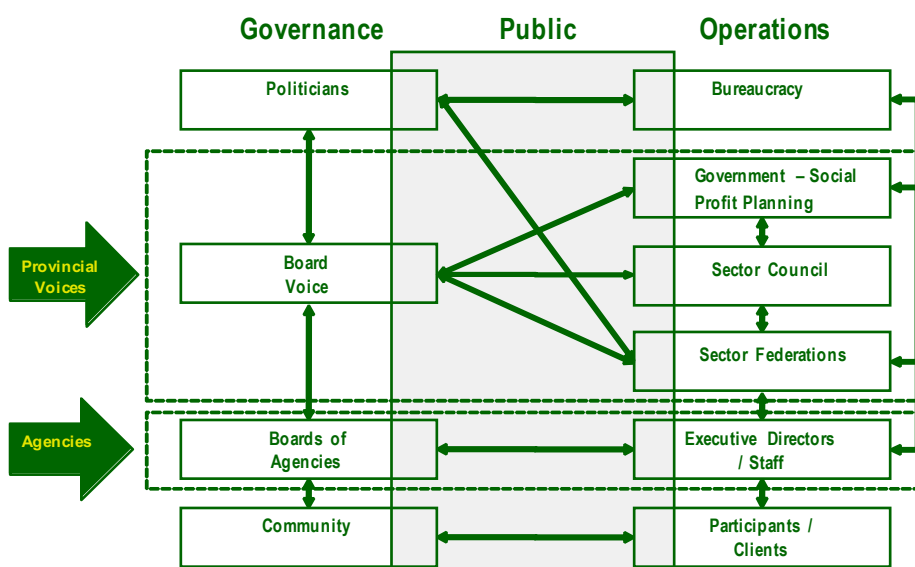
We Champion good governance: Board Voice promotes effective volunteer governance and community accountability.

Founding Principles:

1. Respectful
2. Collaborative
3. Transparent
4. Responsive
5. Timely & Appropriate
6. Inclusive & Balanced
7. Accessible
8. Accountable
9. Innovative

Vision: Strong, vibrant communities and a high-quality community social benefit sector, supported by the clear and effective voice of volunteer community-based boards.

Relational Aspects to the Community Social Services System



Note: There are many possible arrows not shown, e.g. community members and EDs also speak to and contact politicians.

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Join Now!

Now is the time to make a difference. Download an application form at:

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and become a part of something new.

Help to make it happen!

Who can join Board Voice?

Boards of non profit agencies delivering social services in B.C. can become full members of Board Voice. *Friends of Board Voice* is a new category available for those organizations and individuals not eligible for membership to support the goals and mission of Board Voice.

Why Board Voice?

Thousands of board directors across this province give back in ways that make their community healthier and more resilient. The value of their work is incalculable. It's a level of governance across the province that has low visibility, but at the same time high impact on the vitality and strength of our communities. It is time for this voice to be heard.



Get Onboard!

Why Now?

- Board Voice has become an established voice for progress in B.C. We need your voice at the table with us as we advocate for change.
- Community social services are under great stress. Global economic issues have led to increased demand for service while agencies face cutbacks and decreases in funding.
- Social services support hundreds of thousands of people each year, keeping people out of more expensive options in the health and corrections systems.
- The 64,000 staff in this sector contribute significantly to the economy. We need to ensure a stable workforce is available for the future.
- There are many different voices in social services. Board Voice will speak to the aspirations of communities and across the whole sector.

Five Key Goals for 2015/16

- Governments are advised about the aspirations and concerns of the sector from a community perspective.
- A Social Policy Framework for BC is seen as a important initiative for the province to pursue.
- The governance capacity of boards is strengthened.
- Collaborative cross-sectoral thinking, innovation and planning at the community and provincial levels are evident across the province.
- Board Voice is a financially stable organization with a growing membership widely known for it's support of the community social benefit sector.

What's in it for your Board and Agency?

- An opportunity to provide leadership and collaborate with other governors at the provincial and community level.
- A chance to contribute to developing a better climate for social services in British Columbia.
- An organizational structure through which to influence public policy.
- Reduced rates for the annual Board Voice Conference featuring influential key note speakers and engaging interested stakeholders across the province.
- Access to reliable information on the state of social services in the province.
- An opportunity to join their Board of Directors or a specialized Committee.

Let's talk.

Contact us to have a Board Voice representative talk to your agency.

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Board Executive:

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- Vice Chair – Leslie Welin, Board Chair, Clements Centre, Duncan
- Treasurer – Craig East, Board Member Options Community Services Society, Surrey
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Board Members:

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