

## ***D4: President's Role***

D4.1 The job of the President is to ensure that the Board functions effectively, follows its own policies, and adheres to obligations legitimately imposed upon the Board from outside the Cooperative.

D4.1.1 The President will ensure that Board performance, evaluation, and development are effective and adhere to Board policies.

D4.2 The President may make decisions on behalf of the Board that fall within or are consistent with Board policies on Governance Process and on the Board-General Manager Relationship. The President is authorized to use a reasonable interpretation of these policies.

D4.2.1 The President's authority does not extend to making decisions within Ends and Executive Limitations policy areas, each of which is within the purview of the General Manager.

D4.2.2 The President's authority does not extend to supervising, interpreting Board policies to, or otherwise directing the General Manager.

D4.3 The President is empowered to chair Board meetings with all the commonly accepted power of that position (e.g. ruling, recognizing).

D4.3.1 Meeting discussion content will only be those issues that, according to Board policy, clearly belong to the Board to decide, not the General Manager.

D4.3.2 Deliberation will be timely, fair, orderly and thorough, but also efficient, limited to time and kept to the point.

D4.3.3 Roberts' Rules are observed except where the Board has superseded them with policy statements.

D4.4 The President will develop a succession plan to ensure a smooth transition to the next president.

D4.4.1 The President will ensure sufficient documentation and organization of Board practices.