

PRINCIPLES OF GOOD PRACTICE FOR
MOUNT BAKER COMMUNITY CLUB
BOARD MEMBERS

The following principles of good practice are set forth to provide a common perspective on the responsibilities of members of the Mount Baker Community Club Board (“MBCC”).

1. A Board member actively supports and promotes the MBCC’s mission, vision, strategic goals, and policy positions.
2. A Board member is knowledgeable about the MBCC’s mission and goals, including its commitment to equity and justice, and represents them appropriately and accurately within the community.
3. A Board member stays fully informed about current operations and issues by attending meetings regularly, coming to meetings well prepared, and participating fully in all matters.
4. The Board sets policy and focuses on long-range and strategic issues.
5. An individual Board member does not become involved directly in specific staff management, or personnel issues, unless it is their specified responsibility and part of the Annual Work Plan adopted by the Committee upon which they serve.
6. A Board member takes care to separate the interests of the MBCC from the specific needs of a particular individual or constituency.
7. A Board member guards against conflict of interest, whether personal or business.
8. A Board member accepts and supports Board decisions. A Board member is obligated to provide their own best judgment to Board deliberations, including dissenting or unpopular views if the Board member believes this is the right thing to do. Once a decision has been made, the Board speaks with one voice.
9. A Board member has the responsibility to support the Board and its actions and to demonstrate the support within the community.
10. While all Board meetings will comply with the public meeting standards of open information and open access to written records, a Board member keeps all Executive Session deliberations confidential.
11. Authority is vested in the Board as a whole. A Board member who learns of an issue of importance to the MBCC has the obligation to bring it to the Board President (or, if the President is not available, to a Board Officer), and must refrain from responding to the situation individually.
12. A Board member contributes to the development program of the Board, including strategic planning for development, financial support, and active involvement in any annual and capital giving.
13. Each Board member, not just the treasurer and Finance Committee, has fiduciary responsibility to the Board for sound financial management.