

1. Board Connection Committee

- A. **Purpose:** A primary responsibility of a nonprofit corporate board is to maintain communication with the members it represents to ensure that the board is gathering the necessary information and insights from the members in order to inform the strategic leadership charged to it. The Board Connection Committee, operating under the purview of the board of directors, ensures that the board has intentional and constructive dialogue and deliberation with CSHA members, focused on the association's priority impacts and other organizational strategic objectives. Committee activities include:
- i. Developing and implementing mechanisms and plans, subject to board approval, that:
 - a. Ensure board awareness of member perspectives and values in order to inform the board's strategic leadership and decision making.
 - b. Ensure that the membership is informed of the board's work on their behalf.
 - c. Ensure that committee activities and plans include methods to be used, strategic information to be gathered and questions to be asked. This might include, for example, drop-in sessions at the annual convention hosted by board members seeking input on key issues and questions. It might also include comparable information gathering sessions at the district level.
 - d. Ensure that all board members are accountable to the board for participating in the member connections activities as identified in board-approved connection plans.
- B. **Leadership:** The incoming CSHA board chair appoints a committee chair to serve a one-year term that coincides with the incoming CSHA board chair's term as chair.
- C. **Committee makeup and terms:** The committee is comprised of a chair and four (4) members. Two committee members are appointed each year by the incoming CSHA board chair and approved by the board. Committee members serve a two-year term.
- D. **Staff:** The committee is staffed by the CEO and/or their designee.
- E. **Meetings:** The committee meets quarterly via telecommunications. Additional electronic meetings may be scheduled as necessary. The committee meets in person at the annual convention in order to implement approved connection plans with members.
- F. **Authority:** The committee may incur costs only as provided for the committee in the board-approved budget. The committee has no management authority except for that specifically delegated to it in the bylaws or board policies. The committee ensures that its activities align with and complement, not overlap, staff functions.