

32nd District Agricultural Association

Board Policies

4.02 Authority and Accountability

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Note: Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Board Policy have the meanings set forth in the Definitions section of Board Policy 1.01. Should any provision in this policy contradict any provision of California law, California law shall control.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the general authority and accountability of the 32nd DAA Board Members.

Policy

Authority

Individual members of the board are appointed by the Governor under Section 3959 of the California Food and Agricultural Code. As such, all Board Members are state officers and obligated to act in the overall best interests of the 32nd DAA.

As a group, the Board retains all authority to guide the direction and actions of the 32nd DAA in accordance with the California Food and Agricultural Code. Individual directors have no authority to act on behalf of the 32nd DAA, bind the 32nd DAA, or give direction individually to 32nd DAA employees unless provided otherwise by these policies or by resolution of the Board. The Board may delegate, as it may deem advisable, to its officers, employees, or Board committees any of the powers that are vested in the Board under Section 3965 of the California Food and Agricultural Code. The Board may revoke any delegation of power at any time.

Accountability

The Board is accountable to exercise good stewardship of the 32nd DAA on behalf of the trust placed in it by the general public, staff, volunteers and other stakeholders. The Board will account to the 32nd DAA's stakeholders through:

- Annual and periodic Financial Monitoring Committee reports on the activities and finances of the 32nd DAA presented at monthly Board meetings
- Annual audited financial statements
- Minutes of Board meetings
- Receiving representations from and consulting with key stakeholders in partnership with the CEO
- Operating in an open and transparent manner
- Ensuring CEO is effectively fulfilling the mission of the 32nd DAA.