
**DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES OF MANITOBA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS POLICY**

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1. Government

1.1. The Board shall ensure that the Diagnostic Services of Manitoba's interests are represented to governments and government agencies.

1.2. The Board fulfills its accountability to the Minister of Health by:

1.2.1. Submitting appropriate reports and documentation.

1.2.2. Informing the Minister of Health of emerging issues and concerns.

1.2.3. Collaborating with the Minister in maintaining open communication with the public.

2. DSM Board Membership in Other Organizations

2.1. The Board shall consider the merits of membership in other organizations annually. This consideration shall include, but not be limited to:

2.1.1. The degree to which participation in the organization will further the mission and goals of DSM.

2.1.2. The benefits to DSM of membership compared to the cost of membership.

2.1.3. The ability of DSM to influence the direction of the organization in a measure commensurate with DSM's contribution.

3. Appointments to External Policy or Advisory Committees

3.1. Upon request for DSM Board appointment to external committees, the Board will assess whether such representation is appropriate within the Board's stated policies and current priorities. If this assessment is positive, the Board will appoint appropriate representatives. Issues of confidentiality, information sharing and DSM support shall be discussed and agreed upon by the committee's chair, DSM's appointee, and the CEO.

- 3.2. DSM's appointee shall provide information reports as appropriate, to be determined by the Board at the time of appointment.
- 3.3. Since DSM's appointee is representing the Board, the appointee shall be kept informed of current Board policies that might affect deliberations of the Committee in question. Any representations made on behalf of the Board shall adhere to the stated policies of the Board. Any issues requiring the statement of a new policy position on the part of the Board shall be brought to the Board for decision.

4. Relationships With Other Organizations

- 4.1. The Board shall identify other organizations with which it requires good working relationships in order to achieve its Ends. It will establish mechanisms for maintaining open communication with these organizations. Such mechanisms may include, but are not limited to:
 - 4.1.1. Inviting representatives of the Boards of those organizations to Board meetings.
 - 4.1.2. Meeting jointly with other Boards on occasion.
 - 4.1.3. Requesting the CEO to establish linkages at a staff level, and to report on areas of mutual interest and activity.