



Fact Sheet 2010 Board of Directors Elections USGBC – Inland Empire Chapter

General:

Formal board elections are held every year. The 2010 Board of Directors will consist of 11 members, ideally including 1 representative from each of the Branches. Board member terms are for two years. To maintain continuity, generally half of the Board seats are up for elections on a given year.

USGBC Member Categories:

Ideally, the Board seeks balanced representation from the 13 USGBC membership categories below:

1. Contractors and Builders
2. Corporate and Retail
3. Educational Institutions
4. Federal Government
5. Insurance Companies and Financial Institutions
6. Nonprofit Organizations
7. Product Mfgs, Service Contractors, Distributors
8. Professional Firms
9. Professional Societies
10. Real Estate
11. Real Estate Provider
12. State and Local Governments
13. Utilities and Energy Service Companies

Board Responsibilities:

1. Direct the strategic planning, and the affairs and activities of the Chapter to actively pursue the Chapter's objectives.
2. Develop strategic partnerships.
4. Provide financial oversight and supervise the disbursement of funds.
3. Take an active role in fundraising to ensure the financial viability of the organization.
4. Elect Board Officers and hire staff.

USGBC Summarized Conflict of Interest Policy:

Leaders must avoid activities and situations that actually, potentially or apparently conflict with the National or Chapter's interests or interfere with leader's duty to serve the Chapter with undivided loyalty. Conflicts include:

1. A direct financial or close personal interest in a company, service, or product that could be affected (in a positive or negative manner) by a decision of a board, committee or other National or Chapter governing body on which the leader serves.
2. Revealing or misusing confidential information.
3. Accepting or offering substantial gifts, excessive entertainment, favors, or payments, which may reasonably be construed to constitute undue or otherwise improper influence.
4. Breaching any fiduciary duty owed to National or the Chapter.
5. Participating in any private inurement transactions, which include transactions where the Chapter's resources are transferred to an individual solely by virtue of the individual's relationship with the Chapter and without regard to accomplishing the Chapter's purposes.
6. Exploiting opportunities for personal or private benefit that could otherwise benefit the Chapter.
7. Taking direct action on behalf of the Chapter that may result in material personal or private benefit or that may result in a material adverse impact to a personal or private competitor.
8. Competing with the Chapter.
9. Transactions where an 'insider' receives economic benefits from the Chapter greater than the value of the consideration received by the Chapter (IRS section 4958).
