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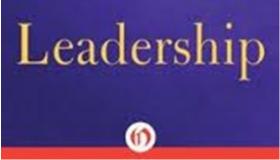
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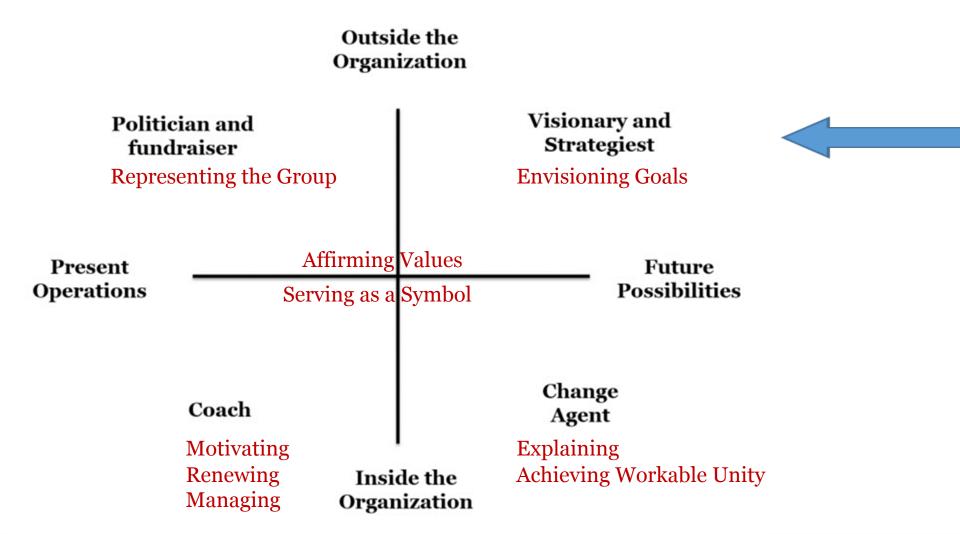
"Leadership is relational, collective, and purposeful. Leadership shares with power the central function of achieving purpose." WINNER OF THE PULITZER PRIZE AND THE NATIONAL BOOK AWARD

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Four Roles of the Nonprofit Leader





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Responsibilities of Nonprofit Board of Directors

Monitoring

- Determine the nonprofit's mission
- Create and oversee the strategic plan
- Monitor program results
- Fiscal control
- Evaluate the CEO

Boundary-Spanning

- Rolodex / external relationships
- Reducing risk
- Charitable donations & fundraising

Conforming

• Legal compliance

Duty of Care

- Fiscal control
- Rolodex / external relationships
- Reducing risk
- Charitable donations & fundraising

Duty of Loyalty

- Determine the nonprofit's mission
- Create & oversee strategic plan
- Monitor program results
- Evaluate the CEO

Duty of Obedience

• Legal compliance

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- 1) What is your overall reaction to the list of board responsibilities?
- 2) Which of these responsibilities are being fulfilled by your nonprofit's board of directors?
- 3) Which of these responsibilities are concerning or otherwise need improvement on your nonprofit's board of directors?





CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- 1) What is the Big Question OR Big Idea OR Big Opportunity that your nonprofit is facing?
- 2) How could this be a primary topic for your next board meeting?
- 3) Who would need to be involved in the planning and implementation of this board discussion?
- 4) What would you hope to accomplish at this board meeting? What would "success" look like?





BOARD ENGAGEMENT

- Board Membership = Selective Recruitment & Retention
- Expectations
- Fund Development Committee
- Peer-to-Peer Influence
- On-going Engagement
- Key Staff

(Stanczykiewicz, 2020)



BOARD-REGARDING BEHAVIORS

- Consistent interaction with board members
- Showing respect to board members
- Prompt board with ideas for organizational change and innovation
- Promote board accomplishments
- Provide info to board in a timely manner



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