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## **Board Governance Policies**

### **5.2 Board Development**

#### **POLICY**

The Board of NVIT is committed to its ongoing development as a governing Board, and will pursue the following strategies in support of the development of Board members:

1. The Board's regular meeting agendas will normally include a Board development item(s) identified through the processes in the policies on "Annual Board Planning Cycle and Agenda Development" and "Meetings of the Board".
2. Each member of the Board will develop an understanding of the scope and mandate of the Institute and the Board's policy governance approach. Newly elected and appointed members will receive an orientation arranged by the President. The Board Chair, if available, may accompany the President at the orientation. The orientation will include, but is not limited to, an overview of the:
  - a) public post-secondary system and NVIT's role and responsibilities in it;
  - b) history and development of NVIT;
  - c) role of the Board;
  - d) Board's Policy Governance model;
  - e) role and responsibilities of individual Board members;
  - f) NVIT's programs and services;
  - g) Institute's current strategic plan.
3. Normally the Board will hold an annual retreat, the focus of which will include Board development items addressing the Board's current interest(s) and/or need(s).
4. The annual budget for the Board will include an amount, under the Chair's authority, for Board development. It may, for example, be used to hold a workshop for the Board or to annually send one or two members to a significant conference or Board development course. Where the board Chair is required to attend provincial meetings as a result of his/her role, the funding for that travel will come from the Board's travel budget, not from the Board development budget. Priority will normally be given to those events/activities that further the development of the Board and the functioning of the Chair and Vice Chair roles.

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