

ENA Board of Directors Competencies

COMPETENCY ONE:

The board member demonstrates a spirit of team work and cooperation. This competency may be demonstrated by the following behaviors:

- Ability to work collaboratively in a group
- Demonstrated skills in consensus building
- Is able to disagree without being disagreeable
- Has the ability to relate to a wide range of people and establish quality relationships, and values the contributions of all members of the board
- Invites, seeks, values, and uses feedback
- Ensures one's own emotions and passions do not hinder group relationships and outcomes
- Adds value to the board dialogue
- Is able to deliver a clear message
- Ability to maintain objectivity
- Can articulate thoughts, opinions, rationales, and points in a clear, concise, and logical manner
- Can influence and persuade others
- Manage conflict effectively

COMPETENCY TWO:

The board member seeks information and utilizes that information to make decisions. This competency may be demonstrated by the following behaviors:

- Prepares for board meetings
- Knows the key performance indicators of the organization and its senior management
- Understands legal, accounting, and regulatory requirements affecting the organization
- Ability to see the "big picture"
- Is flexible and willing to change stances when necessary or appropriate
- Is able to focus at the governance level of issues
- Can see strengths and weaknesses of ENA, and how decisions will impact them
- Ability to recognize opportunities and threats specific to emergency nursing
- Ability to recognize wider business and societal changes, particularly in the context of global markets
- Ensures strategies, budgets, and business plans are compatible with vision and strategy
- Aware of change and the need for change
- Understands the difference between governance and management issues

COMPETENCY THREE:

The board member consistently displays an attitude of integrity and professionalism. This competency may be demonstrated by the following behaviors:

- History of self-leadership
- Integrity in personal and business dealings
- Demonstrated commitment to the purpose, vision, and values of the organization
- Willingness to act on and remain accountable for board decisions, but courage to pursue personal convictions
- Emotional intelligence
- Comfortable on public forum
- Experience with public speaking

COMPETENCY FOUR:

The board member shows initiative. This competency may be demonstrated by the following behaviors:

- Can read and interpret financial reports
- Ability to make informed business decisions
- Prepares for board meetings
- Competent and experienced in using the Internet and email

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Type of Emergency department experience											
Critical Access Hospital											X
Community Hospital	X		X		X	X	X	X			
Large tertiary or teaching hospital			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Self-employed		X	X								X
Academia											
Not currently employed/retired			X		X						

Typical patient population experience											
General ED	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pediatric ED			X	X		X		X			
Geriatric ED											
Pre-hospital/flight		X				X	X	X			
Advanced practice							X				
Trauma		X	X			X	X	X			

Region of the U.S.											
Northeast				X							X
Southeast					X						
Midwest	X					X	X		X		
West		X				X					
Mid-Atlantic											X
South			X					X			

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Additional credentials											
Any BCEN certification	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FAEN		X	X	X					X	X	X

Areas of Experience											
Administration/management		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Entrepreneurship		X						X			
Financial Management		X	X				X		X		
Government/advocacy	X		X			X	X		X	X	
Nursing education		X	X	X	X			X	X		X
Information Technology			X								
Fundraising		X	X			X			X	X	
Marketing			X					X			
Writing/Editing		X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
Public speaking	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X

