

Overview of the Board of Directors of the YWCA Edmonton

The Board of Directors of the YWCA Edmonton are the stewards of the organization. Their structure is one of governance through policy making. The Board develops plans, makes decisions, approves budgets, and monitors performance.

As outlined in the organizational by-laws, a maximum of 15 women, and a minimum of 10 women 18 years and over can be nominated and elected to the Board of Directors. The Board strives to recruit individuals that bring skills and expertise that complement those already present. The members of Board of Directors are elected by the YWCA Edmonton membership at the Annual General Meeting for a 3-year term. Women can be elected for second term.

There is the Executive Council which consists of the President, Vice President(s), Secretary, and Treasurer. These individuals additionally serve as officers of the Association who have signing authority. Working or standing committees are reviewed and struck annually as new members join the Board. The committee structure for 2004/05 Board consisted of Investment, Fund Development and Awareness, Social Action, and International Cooperation. There is Board representation on the Tribute to Women of Distinction Gala Steering Committee and on the One Woman One Vote Initiative Advisory Committee.

- Investment – this committee monitors existing investments and makes recommendations regarding possible new investments.
- Fund Development and Awareness – purpose is to identify, evaluate, and develop and implement programs and/or partnerships that will result in increased revenue and awareness for the YWCA Edmonton.
- Social Action – this committee's work is to assess ways and means by which to affect change for women and their families.
- International Cooperation – purpose is to help in the international development of our global association by exchanging expertise and resources with YWCA associations in other countries through mutually beneficial partnerships and support of sustainable projects.
- Tribute to Women of Distinction Gala – major fund raising event for the YWCA Edmonton that recognizes women in the Edmonton and area community.
- One Woman One Vote Initiative – ongoing initiative designed to encourage more women to get involved in the political process

The Board of Directors meets once monthly on the fourth Wednesday in the evening. Typically, meetings are not held in July, August, and December. Retreats for the purpose of orientation and/or strategic planning, for example, are scheduled as needed. Committees meetings are also set as appropriate.