TEXAS SOCIETY OF ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVES

FORESIGHT COMMITTEE CHARGE

PURPOSE

The Foresight Committee is responsible for helping the TSAE Board anticipate and prepare for the future by identifying emerging trends, risks, opportunities, and forces that may influence the association community and the Association's long-term success. The committee fosters strategic thinking by providing environmental scanning, exploring future scenarios, and recommending issues for Board discussion and strategic planning. The committee supports informed decision-making by ensuring future possibilities are considered alongside current priorities.

DESCRIPTION

The Foresight Committee consists of the Foresight Officer, who serves as Committee Chair, and up to six (6) members appointed by the Board Chair-Elect. Committee appointments should include members representing a variety of organization sizes, professional disciplines, career stages, and perspectives, with an interest in strategic thinking and innovation.

In carrying out its responsibilities, consider how recommendations support broad member engagement, accessibility, and opportunities for participation across the Association.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Monitor emerging trends affecting associations, nonprofit governance, workforce development, technology, public policy, and member expectations.
2. Conduct environmental scanning and identify strategic issues that may influence or impact associations and the broader business environment.
3. Facilitate discussions that encourage long-range and generative thinking by the Board of Directors.
4. Develop future scenarios, resources, and strategic questions for Board consideration.
5. Advise the Board on opportunities for innovation, organizational resilience, and long-term sustainability.
6. Collaborate with the Public Policy & Advocacy Committee and other Board committees when emerging trends intersect with their areas of responsibility.
7. Share articles, research, tools, and other resources that support strategic foresight with the Board throughout the year.

MEETINGS

The Foresight Committee will meet at least quarterly or as needed to conduct environmental scanning and prepare recommendations for the Board of Directors. Committee business may be conducted through virtual meetings or electronic communication when appropriate.

REPORTING

The committee is responsible for reporting recommendations and strategic insights to the TSAE Board of Directors through the committee staff liaison and Foresight Officer as board liaison.

ANTI-TRUST

Because of potential federal anti-trust violations, no committee member is authorized to discuss supplier pricing, including menu prices, special event prices, etc., or enter into contractual agreements on behalf of TSAE.

STAFF LIAISON

Executive Director