

Eight Steps for Effective Board Decisions

Robert R. Thompson and Gerald R. Thompson, authors of *Organizing for Accountability*, suggest that a board needs to take eight steps to make effective decisions:

1. Ask relevant questions.
2. Evaluate information, but do not assume all necessary information has been provided.
3. Examine the known alternatives.
4. Weigh risks and rewards.
5. Seek the opinion of experts.
6. Consider everything in the light of biblical values.
7. Fulfill the church's purposes.
8. Decide.