ABM Board Leadership Competencies

1. **Knowledge of the Association**: Having and using knowledge of systems, situations, pressures, and culture inside the organization to identify potential organizational problems and opportunities; perceiving the impact of decisions on other components of the organization through
   - Understanding and using organizational policies and systems to solve problems
   - Anticipating impact of actions on other groups

2. **Developing, Communicating, and Sustaining a Vision**: Creating and achieving a desired future state (vision) through influence on organizational values, individual and group goals, reinforcements, and systems by
   - Defining a desired future state
   - Communicating direction with enthusiasm
   - Gaining commitment to vision and values

3. **Integrity/Responsibility/Accountability**: Maintaining and promoting social, ethical, and organizational norms in conducting internal and external business activities by
   - Sharing complete and accurate information
   - Maintaining confidentiality
   - Adhering to policies and regulations
   - Meeting personal commitments and promises
   - Setting high performance standards

4. **Negotiation**: Effectively exploring alternatives and positions to reach outcomes that gain all parties’ support and acceptance by
   - Exploring other’s needs, concerns, and positions
   - Keeping discussions issue-oriented
   - Seeking win-win solutions

5. **Communication**: Expressing ideas effectively in individual and group situations (including nonverbal communication) adjusting language or terminology to the characteristics and needs of the audience through
   - Expressing thoughts clearly
   - Soliciting ideas, suggestions, and opinions from others
   - Listening to all points of view with an open mind

6. **Teamwork**: Working effectively with team or workgroups or those outside formal lines of authority to accomplish organizational goals; taking action that respect the needs and contributions of others; contributing to and accepting consensus by
   - Exchanging ideas freely
• Supporting group decisions
• Putting group goals ahead of individual goals

7. **Leadership and Motivating Others:** Using appropriate interpersonal styles and methods to inspire and guide individuals toward goal achievement; modifying behavior to accommodate tasks, situations, and individuals through
  • Focusing on situation, not the person
  • Asking for and gaining commitment to action
  • Mutually agreeing on accomplishments

8. **Innovation:** Generating creative solutions to work situations; trying different and novel ways to deal with organizational issues and opportunities by
  • Approaching job with imagination and originality
  • Generating novel solutions
  • Suggesting new ways to apply existing knowledge

9. **Judgement/Problem Solving:** Committing to an action after developing alternative courses of action that are based on logical assumptions and factual information; taking into consideration resources, constraints, and organizational value in all decisions by
  • Considering alternatives
  • Considering all pertinent facts
  • Weighing pros and cons or impact of alternatives

**ABM Strategic Competencies**

1. **Mentoring and Development:** Engaging individually and/or encouraging others to pursue new skills through professional development activities, mentoring, or coaching.
  • Mentor for a novice physician
  • Participation in institutional development activities, such as chairing a committee
  • Experience with formal leadership training as a participant or instructor

2. **Community Outreach:** Professional or volunteer experience supporting local groups, organizations, committees, or individuals.
  • Involvement in local breastfeeding medicine advocacy efforts
  • Team-oriented initiatives in which diversity of thought, backgrounds, race/ethnicities are valued and leveraged
  • Involvement in the distinction of Magnet, Baby-Friendly, or other hospital designations.

3. **Experience developing breastfeeding medicine education:** Providing knowledge that leads to the development or advancement of breastfeeding medicine standards and/or practice.
  • Serving as an editor, contributing author, or reviewer for a scholarly medical publication
• Providing breastfeeding medicine expertise to industry, hospitals, or allied health organizations or associations
• Developing breastfeeding medicine training

4. **Financial literacy**: Understanding of general financial language and reporting; synthesize monetary resources with organizational strategy.
   • Serving in a professional or volunteer capacity on a finance or audit committee
   • Experience creating, reviewing, or approving budgets
   • Understanding of general audit processes