

## **Module 1.1: Governance, Leadership & Mission**

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**Renz, 2004**

Non-profit governing boards are “where the buck stops.” At least in the US, the board oversees operations, acts as the public face of the organisation, and sets the course for the mission. Board-members are legally obligated to be conscientious leaders and act in good-faith, complying with the mission of the non-profit. As part of their fiduciary responsibility, board-members handle funds and assets as if in trust for the communities they serve; this entails external audits to “get a second opinion” of the organisations efforts and success.

Renz moves on to describe a typology of non-profit boards.