

Questions: Finance & Audit

Sample discussion points to consider in small groups. You may discuss these or any topics you find relevant!

NEUAC work plan

1. How do we define our reserves? How much is “enough” – and are we there yet? Should we consider a new strategy for our reserves this year? (e.g., CDs, investing)
2. NEUAC staff will be exploring a new banking solution this year. Are there strategic priorities (e.g., investing) that should be reflected in our search criteria? In prior years, the Finance Committee has prioritized preservation (not growth) of funds, and thus at minimum a new banking solution will afford us more FDIC protection of funds. Staff are also considering several criteria related to ease of administration (e.g., remote process for adding authorized signers; methods for depositing checks).
3. Should we consider a policy requiring that the Finance Committee review and approve any expenditures that would exceed budget by a certain percentage?

Key financial questions for a board to ask (*via BoardSource*)

1. Have we run a gain or loss? (i.e., Are we better or worse off financially than we were a year ago?)
2. Are our key sources of income rising or falling? If they are falling, what are we doing?
3. Are our key expenses, especially salary and benefits, under control?
4. Do we have sufficient reserves?
5. Has the board adopted a formal policy for the establishment of reserves? Is our cash flow projected to be adequate?
6. Are we regularly comparing our financial activity with what we have budgeted?
7. Is our financial plan consistent with our strategic plan?
8. Is our staff satisfied and productive?
9. Are we filing on a timely basis all the reporting documents we are required to file?
10. Are we fulfilling all of our legal obligations?