



GOVERNANCE

Vision Statement

NPM is an independent non-profit organization, led and governed by its members, connected to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. A board of directors oversees and governs the organization through policies. An advisory council, representative of membership, elects the board and advises the board on governance of the organization. Committees of members address various areas of organizational life (e.g. communications, finance & development, etc.)

Specific Proposals

1. Existing governing documents (Constitution & Bylaws) should be radically simplified to a minimal set of bylaws, which goes slightly beyond the Articles of Incorporation, but serve only to define the organization's essential characteristics (non-profit, Catholic, connected to USCCB, board-governed) and how a board and council are formed. All other governance stems from the board's policies, to allow for greater flexibility and agility.
2. The advisory council is composed of at least 14 regional representatives at-large, etc., and other NPM leaders in their official capacities. (cf. Chapters #2)
3. The board employs an executive director to oversee the daily operations and management of the organization. Along with their staff, the executive director is responsible for member services, programming and planning, event management, supervision of other staff, communications, and financial management.
4. A Latin-rite Roman Catholic bishop, representing the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, serves as Episcopal Moderator, and official link of the organization to the hierarchy of the Church in the United States. This bishop serves as unofficial "pastor" of the organization.