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### 3.1.3 Board Meeting Behaviors

Purpose: This Policy describes the anticipated baseline behavior (previously called “rules of engagement”) for participants at MRS Board of Directors Meetings.

Applies to: Volunteers and Staff

1. Purpose:

It is the intention of the MRS Board of Directors that its meetings are efficient, effective and conducted in a respectful manner. As basic policy, the following “**MRS Board Meeting Behaviors**” are to be followed by all participants:

Engage

- Stay aware of recent and upcoming activities in the Society.
- Review background materials prior to the meeting.
- Challenge assumptions, seek clarity and add value.

Respect

- Pay attention to presentations and discussions.
- Appreciate the opinions and efforts of others
- Support the Board decision

Lead

- See the “big picture”
- Give strategic guidance to working groups
- “Table” discussions, charging working groups to come back with more information

Deliverables: N/A; Review policy every three years or as needed

Who: Secretary

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