

Executive Committee vs. Board of Directors

What is the Executive Committee? The Executive Committee (EC) of a Grange is a set of elected officers. There are at least 3 elected members of the EC although a Community Grange may choose to have more (sometimes up to 5) set out in its by-laws. An Alternative title for members of the Executive Committee is “Board of Directors”.

What is the Board of Directors? The Board of Directors of a Grange is composed of the elected members of the Executive Committee, the Master/President of the Grange, the Overseer/V. President and the Secretary. A Grange in its by-laws can also provide for other elected officers to be voting members of the Board of Directors (i.e. the Treasurer) although this is unusual at the Community Grange level.

What are the duties of the Executive Committee/Board of Directors? The Executive Committee is responsible for the custody of the invested funds of the Grange and is expected to give advice that will encourage each officer in the performance of their role.

The Executive Committee is also authorized, between regular meetings of the Grange, **in time of emergency or need, to act for and in the name of the Grange itself, but always and only in conjunction with the Master/President.** The Grange in its by-laws may provide for other duties and responsibilities.

If the Executive Committee/Board of Directors takes any action between regular meetings of the Grange, then those actions **MUST** be presented to the Grange as a whole at its next regular meeting for their adoption or rejection.

Opposed to other organizations, the Executive Committee/Board of Directors does not run the Grange. Instead, they act as a backstop for the Grange in case an emergency arises that requires immediate attention that cannot wait until the next meeting of the Grange.