

Southeastern Minnesota Non-Profit Organization Governance Summary
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Organization	Number of Board Members	How Selected
Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation http://www.smifoundation.org/index.php	Maximum: 19 Current: 12	Organization requests nominations from its board members, past board chairs, various committees within the organization, and other folks involved in their organization. The Executive Committee selects its new members from those nominated and use a number of criteria to develop the board, including diversity (gender, age, ethnicity, etc.), geographic representation, and various sectors, such as education and healthcare (but not limited to these two sectors.) Board members must reside in the 20-county area served by SMIF and can serve up to 2, 3-year terms.
Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council http://www.semac.org/	Maximum: 15 Current: 11	Citizen board made up of members from each of the county served by the organization (11) plus up to 4 at-large members. Nominations are received by the board and new board members are chosen by the board.
The Experiment in Rural Cooperation http://www.regionalpartnerships.umn.edu/index.pl?id=2204	Maximum: 18 Current: 13	Citizen leaders are chosen from the geographic area they serve, with the goal of having 1-2 representatives from each county they serve as well as 1-2 University of Minnesota representatives. Board members serve a 3-year term and can choose to serve 2 terms. An active interest or participation in sustainable development, agriculture, natural resources, citizen involvement, or community development is an important characteristic the organization seeks in board candidates.
Southeastern Minnesota Emergency Medical Services http://www.seems.com/	18	Joint-powers board, made up of county commissioners in 11-counties of Southeastern MN, 6 advisory members from the various ambulance services in the region, and the emergency specialist from the State Regulatory Board. The advisory members & emergency specialist are non-voting members.

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<p><i>Southeastern Minnesota Center for Independent Living, Inc. (SEMCIL) and SEMCIL United Home Healthcare Choices, Inc. (SEMCIL UHHC)</i> http://www.semcil.uhhc.org/</p>	<p><i>2 Boards; SEMCIL : 10 SEMCIL UHHC: 5</i></p>	<p><i>Two non-profit organizations that serve Olmsted, Goodhue, and Winona counties. Two boards for two organizations began in 2008. Previously had 1 board for both organizations. Main reason for switch to 2 boards was to allow for separate audits for each organization. SEMCIL Board Members are currently elected to 3-year terms and may serve up to 3 successive terms. SEMCIL UHHC Board Members can start with a 1 year term and then choose to serve a 3-year term. SEMCIL UHHC term for board members eventually may be applied to SEMCIL too. Attributes important in choosing board members include finding members with strong finance, event planning, law, human services, or social services backgrounds. Board president & SEMCIL staff members make up the nominating committee. Federal mandate that 51% of the SEMCIL board must be made up of people with a disability.</i></p>