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- *Serve as conduit of information and intermediary between committees, sections and the Board.*
- *Serve as a resource for information about the Board and its activities to the assigned committees and sections.*

- Contact Section or Committee Chair early in the fiscal year (Fall) to establish lines of communication.
- Activities that require BOG action should be discussed with the BOG Liaison and Staff Liaison prior to submission to the BOG.

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