“Joining a Board: How & Why”

“Leading Beyond Your Organization: Why Joining Boards Can Expand Horizons and Contribute to Community"

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Resources

HELPFUL WEBSITES

Blue Avocado https://blueavocado.org/category/board-of-directors/
Blue Avocado is an online magazine fueled by a monthly newsletter designed to provide practical, tactical tips and tools to nonprofit leaders.

Board Source https://boardsource.org/
BoardSource is the recognized leader in nonprofit board leadership research, leadership, and support. We provide leaders with an extensive range of tools, resources, and research data to increase board effectiveness and strengthen organizational impact, and serve as the national voice for inspired and effective board leadership.

National Council of Nonprofits https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/tools-resources-tags/Governance
The National Council of Nonprofits produces and curates tools, resources, and samples for nonprofits.

GOVERNANCE RESOURCES

Good Governance Policies for Nonprofits
https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/tools-resources/good-governance-policies-nonprofits

VanBuren Charitable Foundation: Integrating Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity into Your Board Culture and Performance
Recording, Slides, Websites

YOUR ROLE AS A BOARD MEMBER

Roles and Responsibilities
https://boardsource.org/fundamental-topics-of-nonprofit-board-service/roles-responsibilities/
THE CHANGING ROLE OF BOARDS

Boards Are Broken, So Let’s Break and Remake Them
Nonprofit theatre boards are unrepresentative, out of touch, and more often oppressive than supportive. We can and must do this better.
By Michael J. Bobbitt
https://www.americantheatre.org/2021/01/05/boards-are-broken-so-lets-break-and-remake-them/

The default nonprofit board model is archaic and toxic; let’s try some new models
By Vu Lee