

Engaging Your Board is More Important Than Ever!

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Board Development







What are you seeing with your Board?

Are Expectations Set

Best Practices	Individual Board Member Responsibilities			
Attendance	Attend all board and committee meetings and functions, such as special events.			
Aware	Be informed about the organization's mission, services, policies, and programs.			
Prepared	Review agenda and supporting materials prior to board and committee meetings.			
Service	Serve on committees or task forces and offer to take on special assignments.			
Invest	Make a personal financial contribution to the organization.			
Outreach	Inform others about the organization.			

Sustainability

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Suggest possible nominees to the board who can make significant contributions to the work of the board and the organization

Keep up-to-date on developments in the organization's field.

Follow conflict of interest and confidentiality policies.

Refrain from making special requests of the staff.

Assist the board in carrying out its fiduciary responsibilities, such as reviewing the organization's annual financial statements.

Responsibilities

BOARD

Volunteer leaders are responsible for the DIRECTION of the organization. The board governs, develops policy, and sets a course. The mission statement should frame all discussions and avoid micromanagement. Four board functions:

Governance and Fiduciary

Policy and Position Development

Visionary - Future Focus

STAFF

Staff are responsible for ADMINISTRATION of the organization. Staff partner with the board to advance goals and strategies, while taking care of the daily administrative needs unique to nonprofit organizations.

Appreciation, Engagement and Team Approach

Empower

Memorable Onboarding

Lively Board Meetings

Task Force Involvement



Succession Plan

Are board
members/board
composition
evaluated based on
skills and talent that
will accommodate the
Foundation's future
leadership needs?

Define the Role:
Responsibilities,
Criteria, Performance
Goals

Board Succession Planning Grid

Don't rely on luck

Sample Succession Planning Grid

Office	Current Officer	Potential Successors	2022	2023	2024	2025
President	Monica Geller Until 2020	Ross Geller	Monica	Monica	Monica	Ross Geller
VP Dev.	Chandler Bing Until 2019	Janice or Emma	Chandler	Chandler	Janice or Emma	Janice or Emma
VP Fin/Gov	Ross Geller Until 2020	Mike Hannigan	Ross	Ross	Ross	Mike Hannigan
VP Mark/Ev	Rachel Green Until 2018	Unknown	Rachel	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
VP Prog	Joey Tribbiani Until 2019	Unknown	Joey	Joey	Unknown	Unknown
Secretary	Phoebe Buffay Until 2019	Gunther or Unknown	Phoebe	Phoebe	Gunther or Unknown	Gunther or Unknown

And now...

Board Fundraising!



Key to Effective Fundraising

Nonprofit leadership and board member participation



Celebrate Wins



Thank you!



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