

“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/>

Ambassadors Cheat Sheet – 20 Easy Things Board Members Can Do Right Now

<https://possibility-cp.com/ambassadors-cheat-sheet-20-easy-things-board-members-can-do-now/>

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

<https://nonprofitaf.com/2020/07/the-default-nonprofit-board-model-is-archaic-and-toxic-lets-try-some-new-models/>