

## *Board Member Orientation The Concise And Complete Guide To Nonprofit Board Service*

THE HANDBOOK OF NONPROFIT GOVERNANCE From BoardSource comes The Handbook of Nonprofit Governance. This comprehensive resource explores the overarching question of governance within nonprofit organizations and addresses the roles, structures, and practices of an effective nonprofit. The Handbook of Nonprofit Governance covers the topics that are of most importance to those charged with creating and sustaining effective leadership, including building a board; succession planning; policies; financial oversight; fundraising; planning; strategic planning processes; risk management; and evaluation of the board, CEO, and organization. Praise for The Handbook of Nonprofit Governance "This is the first book I've found that covers the topic of governance from A to Z. I know what I'll be assigning the students in my governance class as a textbook next semester!" —TERRIE TEMKIN, founding principal, CoreStrategies for Nonprofits, Inc. "BoardSource has prepared an exceptional resource for nonprofit boards and leaders. This comprehensive volume offers timely and relevant information about board work and governance, including practical tools and resources that will be valuable to all types of nonprofits." —DAVID O. RENZ, chair, department of public affairs; Beth K. Smith/Missouri Chair in Nonprofit Leadership; and director, Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership; University of Missouri, Kansas City "If you are involved in nonprofit organizations, and if you ever have doubts about how they are best run, this is the book for you-and BoardSource is the place to turn." —FISHER HOWE, consultant, Lavender/Howe & Associates, and author, The Nonprofit Leadership Team BoardSource (formerly the National Center for Nonprofit Boards) is the premier resource for practical information, tools and best practices, training, and leadership development for board members of nonprofit organizations worldwide.

Children are already learning at birth, and they develop and learn at a rapid pace in their early years. This provides a critical foundation for lifelong progress, and the adults who provide for the care and the education of young children bear a great responsibility for their health, development, and learning. Despite the fact that they share the same objective - to nurture young children and secure their future success - the various practitioners who contribute to the care and the education of children from birth through age 8 are not acknowledged as a workforce unified by the common knowledge and competencies needed to do their jobs well. Transforming the Workforce for Children Birth Through Age 8 explores the science of child development, particularly looking at implications for the professionals who work with children. This report examines the current capacities and practices of the workforce, the settings in which they work, the policies and infrastructure that set qualifications and provide professional learning, and the government agencies and other funders who support and oversee these systems. This book then makes recommendations to improve the quality of professional practice and the practice environment for care and education professionals. These detailed recommendations create a blueprint for action that builds on a unifying foundation of child development and early learning, shared knowledge and competencies for care and education professionals, and principles for effective professional learning. Young children thrive and learn best when they have secure, positive relationships with adults who are knowledgeable about how to support their development and learning and are responsive to their individual progress. Transforming the Workforce for Children Birth Through Age 8 offers guidance on system changes to improve the quality of professional practice, specific actions to improve professional learning systems and workforce development, and research to continue to build the knowledge base

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in ways that will directly advance and inform future actions. The recommendations of this book provide an opportunity to improve the quality of the care and the education that children receive, and ultimately improve outcomes for children.

Lanham's eight simple steps to clearer, more understandable writing will win you praise from bosses, colleagues, and clients. Voice; Business Prose; Professional Prose; Electronic Prose; General Interest; improving your writing.

Called to Serve is for people with questions about creating and maintaining a successful nonprofit board. How can the board of a nonprofit organization work best? Now that I'm on such a board, what should I do? How can we find the best trustees? How should I think about my work for nonprofits? What kind of relationship between a board and the staff will work best? How can we organize and develop the service of busy, committed people? Internationally renowned CEO and best-selling author Max De Pree packs his many years of experience on nonprofit boards into these short letters directed to busy folks active in nonprofit life. Brief, clear, and -- above all -- useful, Called to Serve notes the marks of an effective board, lays out the proper work of boards, gives choices for structuring a nonprofit board, and covers the roles and relationships of board chairpersons, trustees, and presidents. Today there are more than 1.5 million nonprofit organizations in America, with 109 million people working in this important sector of society. In spite of this surprising fact, very little training exists for this kind of service. Called to Serve is valuable not only because it fills this need but also because it comes from the pen of one of America's most experienced and respected business leaders.

The Board's Role in Fundraising

Challenging the Myths

Consensus-Oriented Decision-Making

Nonprofit Financial Oversight

A President's Guide to Effective Board Leadership

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Board Recruitment and Orientation

Are you new to a board and have no idea what's expected of you? Do you know what a board's six key responsibilities are? Do you know what your relationship with the Executive Director should be? If not, this book is for you. So many board members—especially of small nonprofits—want to support a nonprofit and readily accept the invitation to join the board. It's only then that they discover they are in over their heads, with no idea of their expectations and responsibilities. The Little Book of Boards is here to throw that drowning board member a rope. Told with a conversational style, this book will lead you through the basics of being on a board, how meetings work, and what's expected between meetings. In addition, at the back of the book are several in-depth resources for understanding Roberts Rules of Order, bylaws, committee structures, board leadership, and much more. Perfect for any new board member—or for an entire board that is feeling lost—this book and its common sense approach will serve you every year you are on the board.

Heart Assisted Therapy (HAT) is a dynamic, integrative, humanistic, and mindfulness-enhancing approach to psychotherapy that integrates energy science. HAT uses the influence of the heart-brain-hands connection in concert with cognition, emotion, sensation, and a stabilizing breathing treatment while overlapping hands are placed over the heart ("heart-breaths"). HAT is a holistic mind/body/energy approach that uses "Awareness Streaming" in concert with the body's innate electro-physiology and respiration throughout the process. The HAT approach merges traditional psychotherapy components involving thoughts, feelings, and sensations with a novel

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use of hands over the heart to facilitate shifts in emotions, beliefs, behavior, and physical comfort. HAT engages the physical energies of the heart-brain-hands connection to orchestrate and synthesize these shifts. While this book is written primarily for mental health care providers, there are chapters devoted to the use of HAT, and the companion HAT self-regulation protocols (HAT-SR), by educators, physicians, nurses, dentists, and laypersons in general. "In his long-awaited book, Dr. Diepold presents HAT in a clear, thorough, and concise manner that is intended to playfully spark curiosity, break new ground, and deepen clinical awareness. HAT complements any theoretical orientation, and can be employed throughout the diagnostic spectrum. HAT is a powerful, efficient, and gentle cutting-edge treatment that is easy to use and is both therapist and client friendly. It is also highly efficient for any type of performance enhancement and is appropriate for use with all ages. It is my belief that HAT will create a paradigm shift in how presenting issues are conceptualized and addressed. This is a book that the curious clinician may want to read more than once " Dr. Roger PoirE, Psychologist, Gilford, NH "After studying this visionary book, I can emphatically report that I have come to the conclusion that this one-of-a-kind book deserves to be considered as required reading for anyone involved in psychotherapy applications and research, whether you are a seasoned practitioner and / or academic, or you are a student just learning the art and science of psychotherapy. You will learn that HAT is a relatively simple - yet conceptually sophisticated - therapeutic technique that can be (1) integrated within a wide variety of psychotherapies, and (2) applied to a large variety of clinical conditions. The author not only provides details regarding the HAT procedures and its applications so that new as well as seasoned psychotherapists can learn to use the technique, but he also provides extensive clinical case examples that illustrate how HAT can assist and enhance success in therapy. This book is both serious and fun. What a delightful combination of information and writing. My sense is that Heart Assisted Therapy is a seminal book, and it has the potential to become a classic. This is a book that cannot only change our minds, but it can change our hearts as well. My recommendation is, "be prepared to be enlightened...." Dr. Gary E. Schwartz, professor of Psychology, Medicine, Neurology, Psychiatry and Surgery, and Director of the Laboratory for Advances in Consciousness and Health at the University of Arizona. Step Up! is part inspiration, part education and part how-to. It's fresh approach to equipping nonprofit board members who want practical guidance presented in an engaging and digestible format. Step Up! imparts the insights that new and tenured board members wish they knew from the get-go. The Second Edition features new and expanded content for a number of key areas including board roles and boundaries, fundraising and strategic planning.

This concise volume introduces readers to the three main sections of the Hebrew Bible (Tanakh) and to the biblical books found in each. It is organized around two primary "stories": the story that scholars tell about the Old Testament and the story the literature itself tells. Concluding with a reconsideration of the Old Testament as more like poetry than a story, three main chapters cover: The Pentateuch (Torah) The Prophets (Nevi'im) The Writings (Ketuvim) With key summaries of what the parts of the Old Testament "are all about," and including suggestions for further reading, this volume is an ideal introduction for students of and newcomers to the Old Testament.

Church Finance

A Concise Introduction

Your Handbook for Action

Transformational Governance

College Success

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A Unifying Foundation

Proofreading, Revising & Editing Skills Success in 20 Minutes a Day

A Bestseller Becomes Even More Pertinent First published in 2005, this collection of CompassPoint online newsletter articles became instantly popular with busy board members of nonprofits. Now updated with new essays that are short enough to read with a cup of coffee, readers will find essential insights on board responsibilities, executive directors, fundraising, finance, and more. New topics include: eleven ways to get a new executive director off to a good start, a board member's guide to nonprofit insurance, how to take a public stand, working boards versus governing boards, the right way to resign from the board, the best way to raise money, meaningful board-staff acts of appreciation, and what boards need to know about copyrights.

Designed to help nonprofit board members and senior staff, "The six books address the fundamental elements of service common to most boards, including board member responsibilities, how to structure the board in the most efficient manner, and how to accomplish governance work in the spirit of the mission of the organization."--Pg. 2 Book 1.

Praise for The Imperfect Board Member "Finally! A book about boards that isn't boring." --Patrick Lencioni, author, The Five Dysfunctions of a Team "Everyone wins with good governance--countries, corporations, and community groups. In a compelling style like no one before him, Jim Brown helps leaders understand the keys for boardroom excellence. The Imperfect Board Member ought to be required reading for people on every type of board. The great thing is that it won't need to be required--it's such a fun book, even a leader will want to read it." --Jim Balsillie, chairman and co-CEO, Research in Motion; chair, Centre for International Governance Innovation "I know no board members, my friends included, who won't learn valuable lessons from Jim Brown's book The Imperfect Board Member. Don't miss it!" --Ken Blanchard, coauthor, The One-Minute Manager and The Secret "Thanks to Sarbanes-Oxley, boards have become active. The Imperfect Board Member clarifies sharply the lines of what boards need to do and what management needs to do. The time has come for the two groups to work together and yet keep independent." --Ram Charan, coauthor, Execution, and author, Boards That Deliver "The Imperfect Board Member by Jim Brown is a highly perceptive, eminently readable, engagingly human book on how boards and directors can improve their performance. In a breezy, conversational style that uses dialogue invitingly and often, the author explores with sensitivity and a light touch not only the standard ingredients but also the more subtle nuances of excellence in both corporate and not-for-profit governance." --William A. Dimma, author, Tougher Boards for Tougher Times; chairman, Home Capital Group Inc. With the myriad changes in the way health care is delivered, members of the governing boards of hospitals and other health care organizations are faced with unparalleled challenges. Their role calls for knowledgeable decision-making during turbulent times in the face of dramatic change. Welcome to the Board! helps governing boards address the question of how to orient new board members and keep seasoned members well informed of the latest trends in health care and boardsmanship. With case examples, checklists, discussion points, and suggestions for additional reading, Welcome to the Board! offers a concise, straightforward, and affordable way to keep trustees up to date on: The evolution of health care governance The health care system, and how it is run The fundamental structure, organization, and mission of a hospital Board responsibilities Individual trustee

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responsibilities Board and committee structures Board operations Plus, a glossary to trustees navigate through commonly used terms related to medicine, finance, and insurance Welcome to the Board! has been designed to serve as a cornerstone of training education; and veteran trustees and novices alike will find it provides a solid foundation for boards and their members evolve to meet health care's future.

Guidelines for Improving the Effectiveness of Boards of Directors of Nonprofit Organizations

A Practical Guide for Board Members and Chief Executives

Glider Flying Handbook

On Board

The Old Testament

Integrating Heart Energy to Facilitate Emotional Health, Healing, and Performance Enhancement: an Evolution in Psychotherapy

What Current and Aspiring Board Members Must Know about Nonprofits & Board Service

**Finally! Board member orientation truly simplified. Serving on a nonprofit board can be an incredibly rewarding experience for the properly prepared board member. This book is for the generous and busy people who agree to give of their time and talents by serving on nonprofit boards. Nonprofit boards often fail to do a good job of board member orientation for a variety of reasons. It takes a significant amount of time and effort to plan and conduct quality board member orientation programs, and every time a new board member arrives, it's time to do it again! Because of the challenges associated with providing quality board member orientation, many nonprofit organizations do not do it at all, leaving their board members to wing it. This book provides help and support to the truly great men and women serving on nonprofit boards whose service makes a positive difference in the lives of countless people every day. This book is a concise and appropriately comprehensive guide to nonprofit board service designed especially for new board members. It is a quick read, (about one hour), yet it addresses with accuracy the most significant elements of board service, such as mission, responsibility, duty, risk, liability, and board meeting dynamics. Hooey Alerts! Watch for Hooey Alerts! where the author identifies and dispels common myths and legends about nonprofit board service. There are many sources of false or misleading information about the nonprofit board service environment. A perfect example is the often vaguely-worded and intimidating assertion or implication that the Sarbanes-Oxley Act passed by Congress in 2002 applies to nonprofit organizations in a manner similar to how it applies to publicly-traded companies. (It does not.) Reviews "This book is the perfect guide for every nonprofit board member! Concise, highly informative, and loaded with nuggets of wisdom, it's a must read that will take board members to the next level of successful board governance." -- J. Todd Chasteen, General Counsel, Samaritan's Purse "Mike Batts has put his quarter century of advising and serving on nonprofit boards to good use in this accurate and easy-to-read book. In addition to describing major principles of nonprofit law and governance, the book provides helpful questions to guide board members in understanding the practical applications of the concepts discussed. While geared primarily toward**

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helping new board members get up to speed quickly, it should also help veteran board members discharge their stewardship roles wisely and efficiently." -- Chuck Hartman, Associate Professor of Business Law and Accounting, Cedarville University "This book, Board Member Orientation, is exactly what a busy volunteer board member needs. The board member's duties are presented in a clear and concise manner from the perspective of someone who has been around many boards. With a focus on those issues that are most common and/or most important, it is perfect for board member orientation and for quick reference reminders for the experienced board member." -- Doug Starcher, Partner, Broad & Cassel "This book provides clear, no-nonsense guidance on the basic issues for new nonprofit board members. Using this book for board member orientation will ensure your organization has communicated fundamental governance issues and will assist the board in determining risk management strategies." -- Dan Busby, President, ECFA \*\*\*\*\* The Simple Board Member

Orientation Process Using This Book: 1. Your board members read Chapters 1-9 of the book, which will provide them with insights regarding the key elements of nonprofit board service. 2. You provide the board members with copies of the documents described in Chapter 10 related to your organization. 3. You meet with your board members to discuss the unique attributes of your organization following the discussion questions provided in Chapter 10. Done!

Mary Hiland's decades in the trenches informs every common-sense solution she recommends for your most angst-inducing nonprofit organization board dilemmas.

Build a more effective board with insight from the forefront of corporate governance The Handbook of Board Governance provides comprehensive, expert-led coverage of all aspects of corporate governance for public, nonprofit, and private boards. Written by collaboration among subject matter experts, this book combines academic rigor and practitioner experience to provide thorough guidance and deep insight. From diversity, effectiveness, and responsibilities, to compensation, succession planning, and financial literacy, the topics are at once broad-ranging and highly relevant to current and aspiring directors. The coverage applies to governance at public companies, private and small or medium companies, state-owned enterprises, family owned organizations, and more, to ensure complete and clear guidance on a diverse range of issues. An all-star contributor list including Ram Charan, Bob Monks, Nell Minow, and Mark Nadler, among others, gives you the insight of thought leaders in the areas relevant to your organization. A well-functioning board is essential to an organization's achievement. Whether the goal is furthering a mission or dominating a market, the board's composition, strategy, and practices are a determining factor in the organization's ultimate success. This guide provides the information essential to building a board that works. Delve into the board's strategic role in value creation Gain useful insight into compensation, risk, accountability, legal obligations Understand the many competencies required of an effective director Get up to speed on blind spots, trendspotting, and social media in the board room The board is responsible for a vast and varied collection of duties, but the singular mission is to push the organization forward. Poor

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organization, one-sided composition, inefficient practices, and ineffective oversight detract from that mission, but all can be avoided. The Handbook of Board Governance provides practical guidance and expert insight relevant to board members across the spectrum.

This comprehensive guide will prepare candidates for the test in all 50 states. It includes four complete practice exams, a real estate refresher course and complete math review, as well as a real estate terms glossary with over 900 terms, and expert test-prep tips.

Lovin' on Jesus

Discovering the Seven Disciplines of Governance Excellence

Gender Identity, Sexual Orientation, and Sexual Assault

Twelve Best Practices of Nonprofit Boards

The Imperfect Board Member

Board Essentials

How Modern Biology Is Rewriting Our Understanding of Genetics, Disease, and Inheritance

**Anthropology of Religion: The Basics** is an accessible and engaging introductory text organized around key issues that all anthropologists of religion face. This book uses a wide range of historical and ethnographic examples to address not only what is studied by anthropologists of religion, but how such studies are approached. It addresses questions such as: How do human agents interact with gods and spirits? What is the nature of doing religious ethnography? Can the immaterial be embodied in the body, language and material objects? What is the role of ritual, time, and place in religion? Why is charisma important for religious movements? How do global processes interact with religions? With international case studies from a range of religious traditions, suggestions for further reading, and inventive reflection boxes, **Anthropology of Religion: The Basics** is an essential read for students approaching the subject for the first time.

The first official book released by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the sole purpose of glider and sailplane instruction and knowledge, this book answers all the questions related to glider flying and soaring found in the FAA's required knowledge exams for pilots. Included is detailed coverage on decision making, aerodynamics, aircraft performance, soaring weather, flight instruments, medical factors, communications, and regulations, all in relation to the world of glider flying. Through full-colour graphics and detailed descriptions, pilots are better able to comprehend and visualise the manoeuvres within the book.

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"The purpose of this book is to help boards of directors of nonprofit organizations improve their performance after completing the online board self-assessment tool found at [www.boardcheckup.com](http://www.boardcheckup.com). However, it can also be used as a stand-alone resource for any board seeking to enhance its effectiveness in that it also contains the diagnostic questions on which the online tool is based."--Open Textbook Library.

A comprehensive, student-centered reading and study guide instructors and students can use in a college success course.

Ten Basic Responsibilities of Nonprofit Boards

The Handbook of Nonprofit Governance

School, Family, and Community Partnerships

Love Your Board!

Hands-On Solutions for Nonprofit Boards

A Concise History of Contemporary Worship

The Little Book of Boards

This reference is designed to help school superintendents and other administrators provide effective, in-house orientation to rookie board members. It walks through the basic responsibilities of board members, and provides a structure through which specific issues and characteristics about each school district, community and board can be discussed. This publication boasts a wide range of forms and worksheets to assist the busy administrator in setting up a customized program in his or her school district.

Finally! Nonprofit financial oversight is simplified. If you are looking for a way to quickly and efficiently equip your nonprofit board or finance committee members to oversee the financial affairs of your nonprofit organization, look no further. With more than 30 years of hands-on experience serving hundreds of nonprofit organizations, Mike Batts brings his concise and clear communication style to this important topic. Each chapter of this book is an easy read, and the book is loaded with information provided in a plain-language format. The Appendices provide a wealth of useful resources. You don't need to be a financial expert to oversee the financial affairs of a nonprofit organization, but you do need to know what to look for and how to evaluate the information you receive. **Nonprofit Financial Oversight - The Concise and Complete Guide for Boards and Finance Committees** helps you do just that - simply and efficiently. Resources in this book include: Annual Board Financial Oversight Checklist Your board or finance committee can know the bases are covered by using this helpful plain-language checklist as a reminder of key financial oversight issues that should be addressed in your organization every year. Sample Policies Not only does this book tell you in a straightforward manner what policies most nonprofit organizations should have in place, it provides an array of sample policies to greatly simplify the process of adopting them. Sample Finance Committee Charter This book will help you determine whether your organization needs a finance committee or an audit committee. And if you do, you are ready to go with a sample finance committee charter and guidelines for an audit committee charter! Chapter Titles 1. The Duty of Board Members to Oversee



**Financial Operations 2. The Finance Committee 3. Audits and Other Accountability Practices 4. Key Areas of Financial Oversight 5. Governing Documents and Policies 6. Internal Financial Reporting and Monitoring 7. Financial Health 8. Tax Compliance 9. Risk Management Appendices A. Annual Financial Oversight Checklist for Boards and Finance Committees B. Sample Conflicts-of-Interest Policy C. Sample Executive Compensation-Setting Policy D. Sample Policy on Dishonesty, Fraud, and Whistleblower Protection E. Sample Donor Privacy Policy F. Sample Gift Acceptance Policy G. Sample Expense Reimbursement Policy**

**“Think for a moment of the best conversations you’ve had with friends and colleagues. You were honest with one another—not shy about speaking up but relaxed, even if the topic being discussed was serious in nature. That’s the type of conversation The Nonprofit Board Answer Book aims to have with you in the pages that follow. It follows a question-and-answer format, enabling you to quickly find an answer to a burning question you have right now. At the same time, it’s easy to pick up and read straight through, either cover to cover or one section at a time. At the end of each question-and-answer pairing you’ll find suggested action steps. These offer ways to put the information to a practical use on your own board and within your own nonprofit organization. Implementing some of these steps may lead to more questions as you become even more committed to fulfilling your responsibilities as a board member. Remember: behind every good answer lies a good question. So keep asking those questions.”--from the Introduction**

**3rd Edition - Revised and Expanded Does your organization have a better program for recruiting and training the janitor than recruiting and training its board members? This step-by-step manual will help you create a strong recruitment and orientation program, putting your board on the road to increased effectiveness. Whether your board needs minor tweaks or a major overhaul, you will find yourself coming back to this common sense guide again and again. This no-nonsense manual, with dozens of samples, checklists, forms and real life stories, will show you: How changing your recruiting mindset can ignite your recruitment efforts What qualities board members MUST have (they may not be what you think!) Where to find prospects and who should do the looking How to 'uninvite' a prospect when the fit isn't right How new board members can hit the ground running the moment they're appointed - and earlier! Your organization's best recruiting tool How to get the most from folks who just aren't board material And more!**

**The Concise and Complete Guide for Boards and Finance Committees**

**An Orientation for the New Health Care Trustee (Package, 5 copies)**

**The Best of the Board Café**

**A Comprehensive Guide for Public, Private, and Not-for-Profit Board Members**

**Field Guide to Developing, Operating and Restoring Your Nonprofit Board**

**G20/OECD Principles of Corporate Governance**

**A Board Member's Handbook for Small (and Very Small) Nonprofits**

*The trusted handbook for nonprofit board service is back—newly revised and updated! Doing Good Even Better is approachable wisdom, fresh from the recently retired chair of Habitat for Humanity International. Edgar Stoesz (Stăyce) has made Doing Good Even Better a guidebook. In short, pointedly-written chapters, Stoesz covers: Helping Directors Understand Their Governance Role A Plan to Fulfill the Purpose Reporting Back to the Members Planning Effective Meetings Great Boards Have a Good Fight (occasionally) Working Your Way Through a Crisis Great Boards Celebrate Leaving*

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*Right "Discussion/Action Questions" conclude many of the chapters. In addition, Stoesz offers a "Board Evaluation Form," a "Director's Self-Evaluation Form," and an Outline for the "Executive Director Annual Review." Doing Good Even Better is practical, ready-to-go material for board members who are stiffly new or wearily veteran. Author Edgar Stoesz writes crisply from his wise and seasoned board experience.*

*There has never been so much pressure on nonprofit boards of directors to achieve a level of accountability that meets public and stakeholder expectations. Member-serving association boards maybe especially challenged by their more complex affiliate structures and a greater emphasis on representative governance. But what does the journey to good governance look like? Markedly different from existing board development books, this modern approach focuses less on the behaviors and qualities of "high-performing boards" and more on the stages and processes that directors and their staff used to transform their boards. Based on research funded by the ASAE Foundation, the book fills a gap in the governance literature by emphasizing diagnosis and problem solving, using the actual tools and activities implemented by 85 transformed associations. Combining the credibility of scholarly research with lively and compelling stories, tools, and teachable moments, this book is designed to help associations and other nonprofit organizations achieve the entire journey to good governance, from first to last steps.*

*Epigenetics can potentially revolutionize our understanding of the structure and behavior of biological life on Earth. It explains why mapping an organism's genetic code is not enough to determine how it develops or acts and shows how nurture combines with nature to engineer biological diversity. Surveying the twenty-year history of the field while also highlighting its latest findings and innovations, this volume provides a readily understandable introduction to the foundations of epigenetics. Nessa Carey, a leading epigenetics researcher, connects the field's arguments to such diverse phenomena as how ants and queen bees control their colonies; why tortoiseshell cats are always female; why some plants need cold weather before they can flower; and how our bodies age and develop disease. Reaching beyond biology, epigenetics now informs work on drug addiction, the long-term effects of famine, and the physical and psychological consequences of childhood trauma. Carey concludes with a discussion of the future directions for this research and its ability to improve human health and well-being.*

*Nanette Fridman is an internationally respected leadership coach, consultant and trainer. With over 20 years of experience working with nonprofits, Nanette wrote, *On Board: What Current and Aspiring Board Members Must Know About Nonprofits & Board Service*, out of frustration with the lack of information prospective and current board members are given about the nonprofit sector and how boards work, what is expected of them, and how they can best contribute. Even seasoned board members can lack specific knowledge areas and skills to successfully govern and champion their organization. Are you an aspiring board member who wants to make the right decision about joining a board? Perhaps you're an executive director who isn't getting what you need from your board of directors? Maybe you're a board chair or member dreading yet another unproductive meeting or year?*

*Step Up! How to Be an Excellent Nonprofit Board Member*

*Updating Board Bylaws*

*A Step-by-Step, Common Sense Guide*

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*Transforming the Workforce for Children Birth Through Age 8*

*How To Be An Effective Board Member Of A Nonprofit Organization*

*The Executive Directors' Guide to Discovering the Sources of Nonprofit Board Troubles and What to Do About Them*

*Health and Wellbeing in Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity*

*Strengthen family and community engagement to promote equity and increase student success! When schools, families, and communities collaborate and share responsibility for students' education, more students succeed in school. Based on 30 years of research and fieldwork, this fourth edition of a bestseller provides tools and guidelines to use to develop more effective and equitable programs of family and community engagement. Written by a team of well-known experts, this foundational text demonstrates a proven approach to implement and sustain inclusive, goal-oriented programs. Readers will find: Many examples and vignettes Rubrics and checklists for implementation of plans CD-ROM complete with slides and notes for workshop presentations*

*Since they were issued in 1999, the OECD Principles of Corporate Governance have gained worldwide recognition as an international benchmark for good corporate governance. A step-by-step guide to the most efficient and effective method for participatory group decision-making Are you frustrated by that common challenge called group decision-making? Consensus-Oriented Decision-Making can help! Clearly written and well organized, keep this book by your side and refer to it often. Groups you are part of will function better as a result. -- Peggy Holman, author, Engaging Emergence: Turning Upheaval into Opportunity For any group or organization to function effectively, it must be able to make decisions well. Consensus-Oriented Decision-Making is the first book to offer groups (and group facilitators) a clear and efficient path to generating widespread agreement while fostering full participation and true collaboration. Poised to become the new standard for group facilitation, Consensus-Oriented Decision-Making combines: Deep insight into complex group dynamics Effective conflict resolution techniques Powerful communication skills Groups using this simple, step-by-step approach experience increased cohesion and commitment and stronger relationships as a result of their successful cooperation. Incorporating the principles of collaboration, inclusion, empathy, and open-mindedness, the consensus-oriented decision-making (CODM) process encourages shared ownership of group decisions. The method can be used in any group situation, regardless of whether the final decision-making power rests with a single person or team, a vote of members, or unanimity. Business, government, nonprofit, social, and community organizations can all benefit from Consensus-Oriented Decision-Making . Whether you are a designated facilitator or an active participant, understanding this powerful framework will help you contribute to the success of your group through achieving maximum participation and efficiency, a clearer decision-making process, better decisions, and improved group dynamics. Tim Hartnett, PhD, is a group facilitator and mediator who blends extensive knowledge of non-violent communication with insightful understanding of group dynamics and effective techniques for conflict resolution.*

*Swee Hong Lim and Lester Ruth have filled an important gap in the study of worship.*

*Lovin' on Jesus: A Concise History of Contemporary Worship is the first scholarly work of its kind on this topic. Lim and Ruth trace the origins and development of what we commonly call contemporary Christian worship, exploring it thoroughly and methodically. Their research includes early recordings and interviews with many who were directly involved in the early stages. The authors were students of James White, and their book is, in a sense, a much-needed addition to White's classic Introduction to Christian Worship. The thematic structure of Lovin' on Jesus mirrors that of White's Introduction, making this book exceedingly useful for students and practitioners in the study of Christian worship as*

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