

Effective Boards - - The Critical Role of the Chair

Wikipedia defines it simply enough: a chair "is selected by an organization's board to preside over meetings and lead the board of directors." Now comes the kicker: "and lead the board to consensus from the disparate points of view of its members"... And, the chair must accomplish this with no greater voting authority than any other director! Done well, it is an art form, but if you are a board vet, you likely know the agony of less-than-stellar leadership. Diplomatically managing the myriad of difficult director interactions that can occur in the boardroom is a learned skill that can always be improved--and what a difference it makes to the organization.

The Effective Boards workshop focuses on helping board chairs carry out their responsibilities for the good of the organization. Whether you are a seasoned board chair wanting to brush up and learn something new, an incoming board chair seeking new knowledge and skills, or a person considering the possibility of becoming a board chair, this workshop is for you. In addition, chief executive officers and other management staff who interact with board chairs will find the guidance offered by this workshop useful in fulfilling their duties for the organization.

Organized into three sections, the workshop provides:

The Foundation: Building Individual Capacity focuses on preparing to take on the tasks and responsibilities of the board chair.

The Journey: Optimizing the Work of the Board deals with the application of strong leaderships and sound governance practices with a focus on board practices and board tasks.

The Finale: Creating Endings and New Beginnings addresses how to prepare for the end of your term as board chair, the importance of closure and answering, "what's next?"



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