Board Resources

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*ARTICLES and Good reading about boards*

[Board diversity and inclusion do not always mean equity: four questions that aid the challenge for nonprofit boards to incorporate racial equity](https://www.crenyc.org/2018/04/26/board-diversity-and-inclusion-do-not-always-mean-equity-four-questions-that-aid-the-challenge-for-nonprofit-boards-to-incorporate-racial-equity/) by CRE

Stats on board composition (race/gender) the full report card is here <http://leadingwithintent.org/>

California AB 979 – BIPOC board membership requirement passed in 2020 <https://diversityjournal.com/23652-ca-bill-ab-979-seeks-to-increase-board-diversity/>

[The Impact of Board Chairs](https://www.compasspoint.org/blog/boardchairs)

[Using Generative Governance Principles for Better Boardroom Conversations - BoardSource](https://boardsource.org/generative-governance-boardroom-conversations/)

Great blog by Nonprofit Attorney Gene Takagi and associates – he tries to make some of the more complex legal stuff into more digestible and actionable articles. <http://www.nonprofitlawblog.com/category/governance/>

**Great articles by Board Cafe via**[**BlueAvocado.org**](http://www.blueavocado.org/)**including the below**

[What's the Point of a Nonprofit Board, Anyway? - Blue Avocado](https://blueavocado.org/board-of-directors/what-s-the-point-of-a-nonprofit-board-anyway/)

[Six Things Every Board Member Should Know About the NEW 990](http://www.blueavocado.org/content/six-things-every-board-member-should-know-about-new-990)

[Nonprofit Budgets Have to Balance: False! - Blue Avocado](https://blueavocado.org/leadership-and-management/nonprofit-budgets-have-to-balance-false/)

[What to Do When You Really, Really Disagree with a Board Decision](https://blueavocado.org/board-of-directors/what-to-do-when-you-really-really-disagree-with-a-board-decision/)

[Nonprofit Conflict of Interest: A 3-Dimensional View](https://blueavocado.org/leadership-and-management/nonprofit-conflict-of-interest-a-3-dimensional-view/)

[Should Staff Contact with the Board Be Restricted? (article)](http://www.blueavocado.org/content/should-staff-contact-board-be-restricted)

[Avoiding Conflicts of Interest on a Nonprofit's Board of Directors](https://www.501c3.org/avoiding-conflicts-of-interest/)

[Conflict of Interest... or Conflict of Loyalty? - Blue Avocado](https://blueavocado.org/leadership-and-management/conflict-of-interest-or-conflict-of-loyalty/)

[Removing a Board Member (article)](http://www.blueavocado.org/content/four-ways-remove-board-member)

[Executive Director Evaluations (article)](http://www.blueavocado.org/content/executive-director-evaluation-survey-form)

[What is Micromanagement and What Isn’t?](https://blueavocado.org/board-of-directors/what-is-micromanagement-and-what-isn-t/)

*Finding a Nonprofit*

**Besides using your current network and connections, and the board speed dating night, here are some resources to help you find organizations.**

VolunteerMatch [volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org/) Search keyword Board. You can narrow by geography, issue area.

BoardnetUSA boardnetusa.org You can search by issue area and geography.

[LinkedIn](http://www.linkedin.com/) – Volunteer positions are sometimes posted under Jobs.  Search keyword: volunteer board.  You can also fill out your profile with volunteer information and their new service will try to connect you with nonprofits on LinkedIn using their new board recruitment tool

[Idealist.org](http://www.idealist.org/search/v2/?search_type=volop)  Filter by volunteer opportunities, zipcode, and search for a keyword “Board”

Post on your Facebook or LinkedIn that you’re thinking of serving on a board – amazing what your network of friends know!

List of nonprofits: [Guidestar (includes info and 990s)](https://www.guidestar.org/)

*Templates and sample documents.*

* [Board Toolkit on Google Drive](https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B8n-1l8Ty3lsVUJ5bmlOTVh2eTA&usp=sharing)   
  (download and extract "zip files" or each file separately)

*Articles on Nonprofit*

[Alligators in the Boardroom and Urban Legends About Nonprofits - Blue Avocado](http://www.blueavocado.org/content/alligators-boardroom-and-urban-legends-about-nonprofits)

[Only Bad Restaurants Go to Scale We in nonprofits are good at taking on myths and sacred cows. But perhaps the least examined of these myths is the one about going to scale.](http://www.blueavocado.org/content/only-bad-restaurants-go-scale)

[Myths about nonprofits](http://www.councilofnonprofits.org/telling-our-story/myths-about-nonprofits)

[Guidestar](http://www.guidestar.org/) - Website that posts nonprofit information including 990's

Understanding (and the misunderstanding) about overhead. <https://calnonprofits.org/resources/a-board-members-guide-to-nonprofit-overhead/>

[NEO Law Group](https://neolawgroup.com/news) - website has a lot of great resources and they have a wonderful blog

*Other resources that can be helpful*

Accountability/Roles Matrices (DARCI, RASCI, etc.)   
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Responsibility_assignment_matrix> also one that was created in the nonprofit sector MOCHA <https://www.managementcenter.org/resources/assigning-responsibilities/>

Nonprofit Advocacy and Lobbying: <https://bolderadvocacy.org/> This is the folks at Alliance for Justice and they are THE go to resource on this topic.

BDO is an amazing resource for nonprofit fiscal management. <https://www.bdo.com/industries/nonprofit-education>

[StrongNonprofits Toolkit | Wallace Foundation](https://wallacefoundation.org/toolkit/strongnonprofits-toolkit)

CA States Attorney website [Charities | State of California - Department of Justice - Office of the Attorney General](https://oag.ca.gov/charities)

[California’s Nonprofit Integrity Act of 2004 - Adler & Colvin](https://www.adlercolvin.com/californias-nonprofit-integrity-act-of-2004/) - A nice summary of the act. A big bulk has to do with professional/commercial fundraisers (professionals and firms). However,there are some provisions regarding audits and executive compensation.

[The Sustainability Mindset](http://www.nonprofitsustainability.org/) (follow up book to the book [Nonprofit Sustainability](http://www.amazon.com/Nonprofit-Sustainability-Strategic-Decisions-Financial/dp/0470598298)) with a great companion website <http://www.nonprofitsustainability.org/> that has tools and templates

[Understanding open meeting laws: a quick guide for nonprofits – BoardEffect](https://www.boardeffect.com/blog/why-nonprofits-need-understand-open-meeting-laws/)

*Books*

Book: [Nonprofit Sustainability: Making Strategic Decisions for Financial Viability](http://www.amazon.com/Nonprofit-Sustainability-Strategic-Decisions-Financial/dp/0470598298) by Jan Masaoka, Jeanne Bell, Steve Zimmerman/ - SBook: [Financial Leadership for Nonprofit Executives: Guiding Your Organization to Long-Term Success](http://www.amazon.com/Financial-Leadership-Nonprofit-Executives-Organization/dp/094006944X)  by Jeanne Bell & Elizabeth Schaffer

Book: [Governance as Leadership](https://boardsource.org/product/governance-leadership-reframing-work-nonprofit-boards/) by Dr. Richard Chait, Mr. William Ryan, Ms. Barbara Taylor