



The Board Briefing

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BOARD Briefs are a series of "at-a-glance" written resources, including video and audio tools to assist Board Volunteers in supporting their local Boys & Girls Club. They are designed for use at board and committee meetings, new board member on-boarding, providing educational and generative content.



Honor Those Who Serve

How many of your board and staff leaders have served your organization for more than 5 years? Have you recognized those leaders with a BGCA Service to Youth Award? Please take the time to honor those who serve, a key component of team morale, retention and just the right thing to do. To obtain a nomination form, please click [here](#).

The **National Medallion Awards: Bronze and Silver** will be presented at each **2016 Regional Leadership Conference** including **Service to Youth Awards** for those board leaders with **20+ years of service**.

If you would like to nominate someone during the **Southwest, Pacific, Midwest, or Northeast Leadership Conference**, please complete the nomination form for the **National Medallion Awards** and/or **Service to Youth Award**. Submit to [drojas@BGCA.org](mailto:d Rojas@BGCA.org) by **Friday, September 9th** (*they must be present*)

Governing as a Team

Sharing leadership and creating a collaborative, team culture in your boardroom is the first step in establishing a high-performing board. This resource explains ways to build team spirit on **your board**, such as:

- developing a board mission statement
- defining worthy goals
- maintaining focus
- regularly assessing performance

For more information, please click [here](#).

Board Culture and Meetings

All nonprofit boards have an internal culture, and how boards run meetings are a reflection of that culture. Whether your board hosts formal, structured meetings or more relaxed gatherings, it is important to keep in mind a few items that related to board culture, including:

- structure
- communication
- professionalism

Please click [here](#) for full article.

Featuring: Stephen J. Schlegel

Steve J. Schlegel graduated from Northwestern University and later went on to IIT-Kent Law School. He joined the Union League Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago as a trustee in 1980. Steve was elected to serve as Legal Counsel and continues to this day. He also held a position as committee member for resource development and currently serves as Chairman of both the Legal and Safety Committees.

Steve has been providing safety seminars at BGCA's national and regional conferences. He also conducts consultations to other board members in the Midwest Region. Steve created a Safety Committee within the organization. He assists professional staff in implementing an annual All Staff Safety training. He worked with Les Nichols and BGCA staff to share with other Clubs throughout the nation in creating their own safety committee.

Steve is Chairman of the Heritage Society and he has been active on the National Jeremiah Milbank Society and recognizes local board members at organizational Heritage Society events. For Steve's longtime service he was awarded The President's Volunteer Service Award in 2014.

BoardLeader SPOTLIGHT



Mark Your Calendars! 2017 National Conference

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2017

May 10-12, 2017

Hilton Anatole - Dallas, Texas

A special Board Track is planned for governance leaders during the conference.

Stay tuned for more details!

Board Size: Where's the Sweet Spot?

Is there a sweet spot when it comes to board size? Yes, there very likely is, but it differs for each board. One size does not fit all. Wondering how to determine the best size for your board?

Please click [here](#) for some tips.

Best Board Meeting Ever

What makes a nonprofit board meeting great? Les Wallace, PhD, President of Signatures Resources, Inc., shares the details on the best board meeting he attended. He also explains the key elements that increase productivity and keep board members involved, such as:

- the meeting agenda
- discussion topics

- executive summaries

For the full story, please click [here](#).

What Nonprofit Boards Can Learn From Corporate Boards

It's a given that nonprofit and for-profit boards have different motivations for doing what they do for their organizations. Nonprofit board members seek increased social impact and the fulfillment of their missions; for-profit board members seek increased shareholder value.

But do these differences mean that there aren't lessons to be learned from those who have served on both types of boards?

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