



The BoardBriefing

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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.



(Top-Left, left to right) **B&GCs of Stanislaus County:** Mary Ann Sanders, Board Chair; Lincoln Ellis, CEO; and Kenni Friedman, Past Board Chair;

(Top-Right, left to right) **Vacaville Neighborhood B&GC:** Mike Johnson, Board Member; Anna Eaton, CEO; and Cynthia Holbert, Board Member;

(Bottom, left to right) **B&GC of El Sobrante:** Ruth Williams Rockey, Board Member; and Lorna Padia Markus, CEO;

Along with Teri Halliday-Rigali, BGCA DOD; Ronnie Jenkins, BGCA National Director, Board Transformation Services; and Dr. Dawn Miller, NACC Member

2016 Board Transformation Project Graduation

The completion of Phase III of the Board Transformation Program in the Pacific Region were three Northern California Organizations who graduated in Scottsdale, Arizona at the Pacific Leadership Conference.

A prize of \$1,000 was awarded to Boys & Girls Clubs of Stanislaus County for Top Organization with the best presentation demonstrating "Lessons Learned," also there was a tie for second place of a \$500 prize awarded to each winner, Boys & Girls Club of El Sobrante and Vacaville Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club.

Congratulations on a great job!

Building the Merger Team

To improve how Merger & Acquisition teams are organized, companies must articulate a strategy, determine how they want projects to be managed, and enable productive and efficient relationships across groups. Support for deal making should be organization-wide.

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

Boards Engage in the Optimal Club Experience - Are You?

Organizational transformation requires strategically oriented board leaders to ensure the Optimal Club Experience (OCE) at their local organization. Boards must partner with the CEO to lead the work that focuses on the deepest impact.

To view a snapshot of the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh board member's summer involvement at the Club, please [click here](#).

BoardLeader SPOTLIGHT



Featuring: Dr. Dawn M. Miller

Dawn M. Miller, OD, FAAO, Diplomate American Board of Optometry

Dr. Dawn Miller is a 1983 Summa Cum Laude graduate of Southern California College of Optometry. She did her undergraduate studies at the University of Wisconsin Madison. She earned the distinction of Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry in 1992 and is Board Certified by the American Board of Optometry. Her most recent achievement was being named the California Optometrist of the year in February of 2016.

Dr. Miller has served on the local Board of Directors for Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove since 1983 and held several integral positions during her tenure with the Club, including Chief Volunteer Officer and other Executive Committee seats. Her leadership at the board level has helped see B&GC of Garden Grove reach a current ADA of 6,500 youth and teens at over 60 sites throughout Garden Grove and seven surrounding cities.

Throughout her time with the Club, Dawn has recruited several other high functioning board members and acted as a mentor to new leadership by passing on her deep understanding of the importance of the work we all do to better our communities. Additionally, Dawn serves as the Orange County Area Council Treasurer as she has done for several years and provides support through her leadership and experience to the 15 organizations which comprise the OC Area Council.

Dawn's involvement with the BGC Movement also reaches a national scale as she currently serves as the National Area Council representative for a large portion of Southern California and has devoted countless hours to seeing that local board leaders have a voice as it relates to the direction of the Movement. Dawn exudes the meaning of true volunteerism and certainly understands the immensely important role board leadership plays in the success of our mission, both locally and nationally.

She has two children of her own, Jard and Jace, both of whom attended the B&GC of Garden Grove during their school age years and her husband, Ray Schuler, currently serves on the board of directors for B&GC of South Puget Sound.

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!

How To Make Better Decisions

Your gut instincts infiltrate your innermost thoughts even when you believe you are being utterly rational. They shape how you frame problems and the options you consider. They inspire you to consult some people but not others, to collect data in some areas but not others, and to take some decisions seriously but not others. Yet while you can't evade these emotions, you can understand and control them. To view two classic articles, click below:

[Strategic Decisions: When can you trust your gut?](#) *Understanding your emotions*

[How to test your decision-making instincts.](#) *Strengthen your decision process*

Board Responsibilities and Structures - FAQs

Do you have a question about basic board responsibilities and structures? For easy reference, please view the answers to questions that were frequently asked into one resource.

To read further on FAQs, please [click here](#).

The CEO Guide to Boards

To help CEOs and Board Chairs build strong boards, this McKinsey Quarterly CEO Guide synthesizes multiple sources to make quick sense of complex issues in corporate governance.

[Click here](#) to scan through the summary graphic or take a deeper dive into the text and links to learn about the four areas that are essential for building a better board.

Is Your Board Governance Committee Exceeding Expectations?

Who is looking out for the care and feeding of your board? You really need a high performance, standards driven Governance Committee to do this important work.

To view a Checklist for Top-Level Board Governance Committee, please [click here](#).

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