



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.

It's That Time of the Year... Board Renewal, Role Reminder, Replace

Perhaps the most important job, tool, and process in the entire organization is the utilization of the Governance Committee. The Governance Committee (Board Development) is charged with the responsibility of recruiting and developing interested individuals to the Board of Directors and its standing committees who will use their abilities and resources to ensure that the Boys & Girls Clubs of Any Town will be a strong force in the community.

By developing a committed Board of Directors, the longevity and continued growth of the Club will be guaranteed for all the future generations of young people. See these two resources for more information: [Sample Letters-Remind-Renewal-Remove](#) and [Board Development and Engagement Guide](#) or email you request to us by [clicking here](#).

Also, please see BGCA's [National Service Recognition Awards](#) for your annual board recognition program.

What Makes Great Boards Great

In the wake of the meltdowns of such once great companies as Adelphia, Enron, Tyco, and WorldCom, enormous attention has been focused on the companies' boards. Were the directors asleep at the wheel? In cahoots with corrupt management teams? Simply incompetent?...

While some companies have had problems with director independence because of the number of insiders on their boards, this was not true of all the failed boards, and board makeup was generally the same for companies with failed boards and those with well-managed ones.

[Click here](#) for full article.

Best Practice Library

The Best Practice Library of the University of San Diego is a continually growing resource for the nonprofit community, comprised of consulting projects completed by graduate students of the Nonprofit Leadership and Management (NPLM) master's degree program.

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BoardLeader SPOTLIGHT



Featuring: MICHELE WHEELER

President & Chief Operating Officer, Jackson-Shaw Company

As President and COO, Michele Wheeler is responsible for management and coordination of all major financial transactions and the ongoing operations of the company. With more than 25 years of experience, she represents owners and developers of commercial real estate projects nationally. A past recipient of the *Dallas Business Journals* "CFO of the Year" award, and a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University (B.B.A., 1987).

Michele is currently Vice Chair of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas. She has served as board member since 2008 and helped lead the inaugural Great Futures Luncheon as Co-Chair raising \$248,000. She has been instrumental in helping expand the Club's reach including contributions to major renovations of the facilities. Through her years of involvement with The Real Estate Council (TREC), she has been able to bring the Club and TREC together to benefit the nonprofit's East Dallas Club renovation.

She was honored for her role on the board at the [Outstanding Directors Awards 2015, Nonprofits](#). She believes in reaching kids by becoming less facilities-based and integrate in schools. She has pushed to bring its programs into schools to spend less money on facilities and more dollars on where it will actually make an impact on the lives of kids.

Michele said the most meaningful involvement with the Boys & Girls Clubs is seeing the kids grow and become successful later in life.

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!

6 Minute Read - Future of Philanthropy

Pregnancy Prevention Returns \$6 BILLION to the Economy

A new report outlines how philanthropic dollars to birth control lift millions out of poverty – but many foundations are hesitant to dive into the “politically sensitive” issue.

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

Should a CEO serve as a board member?

It is possible for individuals to serve as board members with or without voting rights. A misconception persists in the field that “ex officio” board positions always carry a vote with them. But in reality, ex officio board members may serve either with or without vote.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Term Limits: Thumbs Up? Thumbs Down?

Nonprofit boards have been debating the pros and cons of term limits for many years. If your board has not embraced term limits (and we recommend you do), perhaps the time is now for your board to revisit the topic.

To view the pros and cons, please [click here](#).

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