



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.

The Importance of Forming a Board-Led Safety Committee

The Board of Directors of a local Boys & Girls Club bears a considerable legal and ethical responsibility in the area of safety. It is ultimately the responsibility of the board to have an up-to-date plan in place to ensure that reasonable and prudent steps are taken to protect Club members and all persons who utilize Club facilities or participate in Club-sponsored activities.

[Click here](#) for Board Committee Guidance.

BGCA Giving Societies recognizing local Club donors

If you would like to submit your members for inclusion in the 2016 Individual Giving Societies Annual Report, the deadline is January 17, 2017.

The following are the descriptions of the three individual giving societies:

Jeremiah Milbank Society (JMS) recognizing donors who make an annual campaign gift to the Club of \$10,000 or more;

The Lifetime Giving Society (LGS) recognizing those individuals who have contributed a minimum of \$250,000 to local Clubs during their lifetime;

The Heritage Club (HC) recognizing those individuals who have named their Club in their will or estate plans

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

Board Leaders SPOTLIGHT



Featuring: Boys & Girls Club of Trinity

The Boys & Girls Club of Trinity in Texas exemplifies what the board transformation training model is intended for which is to develop a game plan for staging change, improved effectiveness of current board leadership and leading board transition.

They have taken and used the tools provided to them. Their board members participate in meetings and conference calls with a third party consultant who has assisted them in developing a board improvement plan. They all work as a team and the board leadership is engaged.

Under the leadership of their new CEO, David LaVassaur and Board Chair, Rich Chamberlain they are progressing towards becoming a strong board.

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!

The Three-Committee Board

Experiences with a Streamlined Structure

A [simplified board model](#) was created back in 2009 by David La Piana, Managing Partner of La Piana Consulting. Nonprofits of various kinds have embraced the idea and made it their own. Has it paid off?

Three nonprofit leaders spoke on using a streamlined three-committee structure and how it has influenced board effectiveness and organizational impact.

[Click here](#) for more information on streamlining board committees.

The F Word and How to Use It

Nonprofit governance is a shared role by an organization's chief executive and the board as a collective. Together they are responsible for ensuring the necessary resources for the organization – both human and financial.

However, there is much confusion about fundraising and the various roles within ensuring necessary resources for an organization. Moreover, there is big resistance to fundraising — the “F” word of nonprofit businesses. I would argue this is because fundraising is widely misunderstood as a process.

[Click here](#) for the full article. For RD Club Services resources, please [click here](#).

Uncovering the Mystery: The Art and Science of Shared Leadership

Shared leadership between nonprofit board members and the chief executive is a commonly invisible issue or at least widely misunderstood. Who leads the charge when it comes to strategic planning? Fundraising? Operations?

Governance is a shared responsibility between the chief executive (CEO or executive director) and the board of directors as a collective. Chief executives provide the board with valuable perspectives for informed decision making and serve as the liaison between the board and staff.

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