



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.

Best Practices for Exempt Organizations & Form 990

Tax-exempt organizations required to file federal Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, which was expanded and revised beginning in 2008 tax years, now have some experience with the new requirements. They may have experienced much anxiety as they and their CPAs learned that the new Form 990.

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

Board Room Inquiry: Meaningful Discussions

Board room engagement can be made richer by the board routinely asking questions which prompt meaningful discussion and quickly get to the heart of the matter. Looking at board functions from three difference perspectives – fiduciary, strategic and generative – can help boards navigate issues from three critical dimensions, sometime described as “what we do,” “how we do it,” and “why we do it.”

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

Not Paying Your Taxes?

If a nonprofit fails to pay taxes, the IRS may go after individual board members and executives to repay the money. Don't fall prey to this fate.

In the face of the current economic downturn, many nonprofits have found themselves in dire financial straits. Contributions have plummeted and endowments have dwindled, while the need for these charities' services has continued to grow. In the event of a cash shortage, even a charity with the best intentions may be tempted to delay tax payment or "borrow" its employees' federal withholding taxes and use that money to meet other needs.

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

Board Buzz Blog

Need a little insight for dealing with those less than engaged members of your board? Dealing with Hard to Engage Board Leaders: Boardroom Elephants and the 'Nice Guy' Syndrome.

To read this article and share your comments, please [click here](#).

National Area Council Committee

We have an updated full roster with two new members: Jim Franklin representing Great Plains, Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri Area Councils and Jim Hastings representing Wyoming Area Council.

For a full committee roster, please [click here](#).



Featuring~ Bill Rogers

Chairman and CEO of SunTrust Banks, Inc., Board Member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta

[Member of the 2014 Georgia Boys & Girls Clubs Hall of Fame](#) presented by the Georgia Area Council celebrating his significant contribution to the Boys & Girls Club Movement for more than 20 years.

Looking for ways to honor board leaders? See the Georgia Hall of Fame, please [click here](#) and the Tennessee Hall of Fame program, please [click here](#).

**BoardLeader
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Does your board qualify for the League of EAGLES Award?

As your CEO completes the 2014 Annual Report for BGCA, take a moment and closely assess your board's success in percent of attendance, asking for funding, giving funding, involvement in committee work, and evaluating the board.

The Strong Board Key Performance Indicator (KPI) is nationwide benchmark as to how effective your board is compared to other similar organizations. Join the Celebration~ honor your board!

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



Mark your calendars, BGCA National Conference is May 13-15 in Chicago

The 2015 Great Boards Symposium will offer a special Board Leadership Track just for you.



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