

The Best Practices of Great Nonprofit Boards

- 1) A shared **VISION**
 - as expressed by the strategic plan
- 2) Clear individual board member **EXPECTATIONS**
 - enforced and evaluated
- 3) Board **RECRUITMENT** is done strategically
 - monthly & year round
- 4) Board **SELF-ASSESSMENTS** are conducted
 - every two to three years
- 5) Orientation and **EDUCATION** are valued
 - all year long
 - the Board stays current
- 6) **CHANGE** is embraced
 - Mission is reviewed annually
- 7) **STAFF** is valued and rewarded
 - role delineation is clear
- 8) **RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** is viewed as a primary board responsibility
 - the entire board not a committee
- 9) **GOVERNANCE** is taken seriously
 - documents and policies are updated
- 10) The Board is **FOCUSED** on critical issues
- 11) Board members have **FUN**
 - they enjoy each other .and find service rewarding