

Internet Links to Board Governance Resources

CompassPoint Non-profit Services makes the renowned *Board Café* papers available free of charge. These are brief, to-the-point, research-based better practices and tips about all aspects of non-profit boards and their work. If you only have time to look in one place, go to:

<http://www.compasspoint.org/boardcafe/archives.php>. CompassPoint also sells books on some of the same topics.

BlueAvocado overlaps somewhat with CompassPoint Non-profit Services. It is concise and easy to navigate; www.blueavocado.org.

BoardSource is devoted solely to improving non-profit boards. It is an excellent source of books about better practices: www.boardsource.org/

Minnesota Council of Non-profits is an excellent general-purpose source of info about understanding the role of non-profit boards and improving their effectiveness:

http://www.mncn.org/info_principles.htm

ManagementHelp is comprehensive and easy to navigate, but is not exclusively about non-profit management: www.managementhelp.org.

Four Best Books for Nonprofit Board Members:

1. *Governing Boards: their Nature and Nurture*, the classic by Cyril O. Houle that says it all. \$30.00 at amazon.com
2. *Improving the Performance of Governing Boards*, by Richard Chait, Tom Holland, and Barbara Taylor. \$47.95 at amazon.com
3. *All Hands on Board: The Board in All-Volunteer Organizations*, by Jan Masaoka, a booklet available from www.compasspoint.org/bookstore for \$10 plus shipping and handling.
4. *Strategic Planning for Nonprofit Organizations, 2nd Edition* by Michael Allison and Jude Kaye, available from www.compasspoint.org/bookstore for \$39.95 plus shipping and handling.