

# Excellence in Board Governance

Don't Just Sit There

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What's
Your
Legacy on
the Board?



#### Which Board Member Are You?

	Weak Members	OK Members	Good Members	Exceptional Members
What they say	"This will look great on my resume."	"What do I have to do?"	"How can I be most helpful?"	"Thanks for the opportunity. Let's get to work."
What they add	Dead weight	The minimum	Dedication	Passion
What they take	A valuable spot	Instructions	Role seriously	Time to do 110+%
How they look	"cool"	Usual	Eager	Unassuming
What they read	TV Guide	Time Magazine	Industry newsletters	Servant Leadership
Whom they serve	themselves	Their obligations	The organization	The org & community

A Not-So-Exceptional Board Governance Experience

Think back to a board position you held in which the experience was problematic for you, the organization, or the community.

Why was it so terrible? What happened? Interventions, outcomes?

What lessons did you learn from the experience?

8 Best Practices of the Most Successful Boards & Members

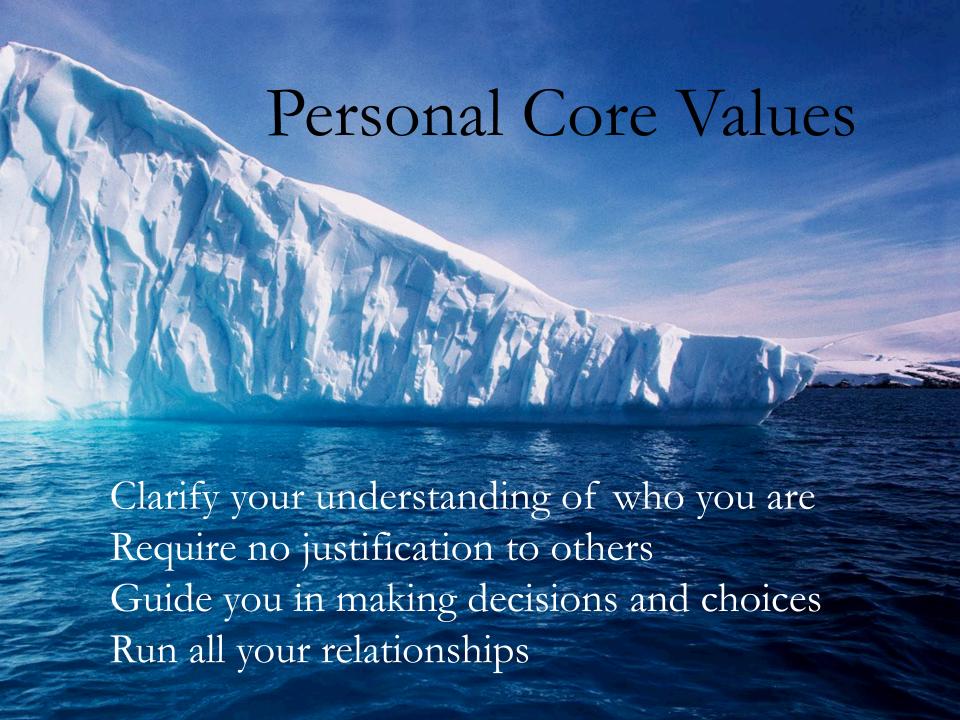
- Passionate About the Mission & Purpose
- Behave Based on the Mission & Purpose
- Make Decisions Based on the Mission & Purpose
- Prepared to Contribute Strategically at Meetings
- Build Trusted Relationships
- Engage Between Meetings
- Activist for the Organization's Mission
- Communicate How the Organization Creates Value

An
Exceptional
Board
Governance
Experience

 Think about the most exceptional board governance experience you have had in your career.

What made it so impactful?
 Outcomes of it?

 What were your lessons learned from it?

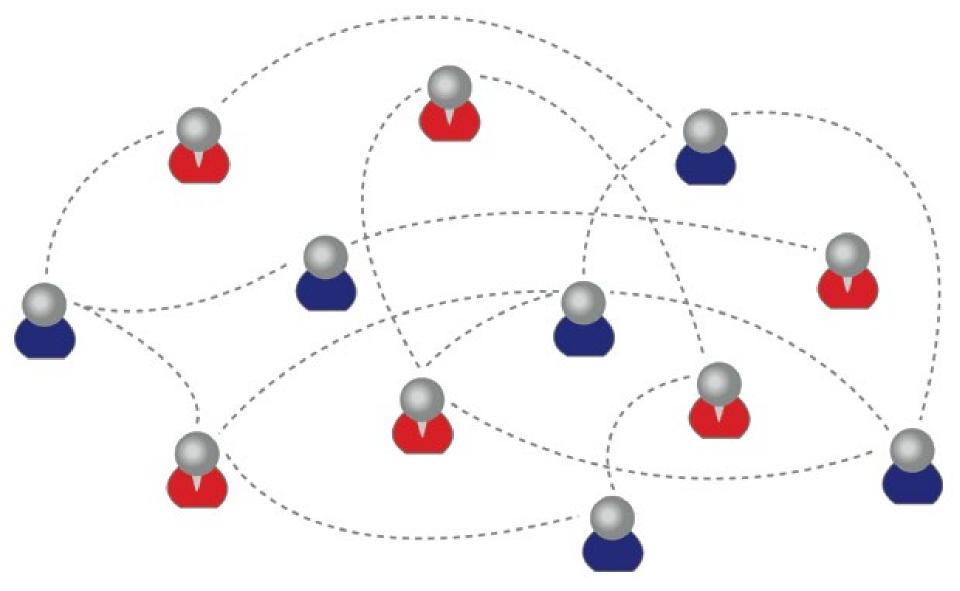


**Does Your** 

#### Network

Support

### Your Legacy?



Who are the individuals in your network?

## Mistakes in Networks

- Too formal
- Too many
- Too safe
- Too biased
- Too superficial
- Too inconsistent





What will be

Your Legacy

as a Board Member? A well-written life is almost as rare as a well-spent one.

The choices we make about the lives we live determine the kinds of legacies we leave.



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