

Board Governance Resources for New Hampshire's Non-Profits

There are many resources on governance available for trustees of non-profit organizations. A search on the internet will bring up dozens of links to sites, organizations, books and articles regarding board development, board duties, and best practices. There are consultants and workshops in New Hampshire and beyond dedicated to board development. The list of websites below is but a small sample:

American College of Healthcare Executives/ www.ache.org
American Hospital Association/ www.aha.org
Charities Review Council/<http://www.smartgivers.org/resources.html>
Charity Lawyer Blog/ <http://charitylawyerblog.com/>
Guidestar/ <http://www2.guidestar.org>
Internal Revenue Service/www.irs.gov
John Carver Model of Board Governance/ www.carvergovernance.com
National Council of Nonprofits/www.councilofnonprofits.org
New Hampshire Center on Nonprofits/ www.nhnonprofits.org
New Hampshire Charitable Trusts Unit/ <http://www.doj.nh.gov/site-map/charities.htm>
Public Health Institute/ www.phi.org
The Chronicle of Philanthropy/ <http://philanthropy.com>
The Governance Institute/ <http://www.governanceinstitute.com>
Urban Institute/ www.urban.org

Resources and training alone do not result in excellent stewardship. Effective practices vary, depending on many factors, such as size, location and available resources. The Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Government Entities wrote in their June 11, 2008 report:

...superior board governance may have much more to do with the values, active engagement and accountability of those in charge than with the adoption of procedures and policies.

The Charitable Trusts Unit encourages diversity on boards to reflect the communities served, and on-going investment in board leadership development.

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