



Board Bits

What is Board Engagement?

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Who is SARC?

SARC is a nonprofit association that has over five decades of experience in supporting nonprofits in the areas of training, consulting, services, and leadership. With a membership of approximately 100 community-based organizations, we are committed to providing quality services and training opportunities to our membership and beyond.



What is SARC Learning Central?

SARC Learning Central is the hub for SARC's training and education initiatives. Programs offered through SARC Learning Central focus on strengthening an organization and the quality of services they provide.



SARC Learning Central





Treaty Acknowledgement

SARC and SARCAN Recycling would like to acknowledge that the land on which we operate our business is on Treaty 2, Treaty 4, Treaty 6, and Treaty 10 Territory.



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“Board engagement is the degree to which individuals on a nonprofit board prepare for meetings, participate actively in meetings, complete tasks between meetings, advocate for the nonprofit in the community, further development, goals, and bring ideas and solutions to the larger board.”



- Boardable



Board Engagement Strategies

The 10 Top Board Engagement Strategies



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2. Review your board director recruitment process

Consider Diversity When Recruiting



“We need someone with social network experience on our board to broaden our outreach.”

- Blue Avocado

“We need three members with willing hearts and active hands who are skilled in the following areas: accounting, risk management, and human resources.”

- Foundations Learning



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Engaging Youth on Boards



“For young people to meaningfully take part in their boards, they require guidance from their more experienced peers. With support, youth can help solve problems, become more prepared in expressing their ideas, and be more confident in offering new ways of thinking that can help boards grow.”

- Engaging Youth in Nonprofit Governance



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3. Provide an exceptional onboarding experience
4. Be clear on expectations for board participation
5. Have effective meetings
6. Look for ways to improve communication
7. Evaluate board performance
8. Look for board development opportunities
9. Committee involvement
10. Recognition and appreciation



Wrap Up



Any questions?

Thank you for joining us

Please complete the evaluation linked in the chat

We will email you the resource document(s) after the session

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