

The BUZZ For Nonprofits

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IS YOURS A WELL BALANCED BOARD?

Developing the perfect board of directors that will actively represent the organization, provide strong governance and support the mission and programs can be a challenge and often a frustration. An organization's board must be representative of the communities it serves, not only geographically but also culturally, racially and by economic class. Boards should strive for such diversity among their members and include members from their client/consumer population.

In addition, there should be a variety of skill and professional expertise represented on the board. I often see boards full of social workers and educators. But where are the business people? The attorney, banker, doctor, or clergyperson? Each member will bring a unique perspective from and connection to the groups, towns and professions of which they belong. This diversity and variety of perspective is essential to a vital board of directors. Boards gather at the "Board Café" at: www.blueavocado.org/category/topic/board-cafe.

INNOVATORS HONORED!

Two national leaders in nonprofit capacity building were recognized last summer for their trail-blazing work in the area of executive transitions. Tim Wolfred of CompassPoint Nonprofit Services and Tom Adams of TransitionGuides received the Alliance for Nonprofit Management's "Innovation Award" for their leadership in developing the practice of executive transition management and their years of research and training on the issue. The award was presented during the Alliance for Nonprofit Management's 2009 Annual Conference. Focused on executive transitions, Diane Crosson has attended several of Wolfred's and Adams' trainings as well as the 2009 Alliance Conference. Learn more at: www.allianceonline.org.

Managing Executive Transitions: A Guide for Nonprofits, by Tim Wolfred, is newly released and a must read for boards and executives who anticipate an executive transition in the near future. Easy to read, the book provides practical advice on managing leadership turnovers in ways that can heighten mission impact. Get yours now at: www.managingexecutivetransitions.com/index.php.

WHO WE ARE • WHY WE DO IT

D Crosson Group strengthens nonprofits by providing interim leadership and consultation during executive transitions. Diane Crosson founded the company after many years of providing nonprofit management assistance in Texas, and observing the need for support during executive transitions. Learn more about us online at: www.dcrossongroup.com.

IF YOU JUST CAN'T STAND IT ...

"The BUZZ For Nonprofits" will be coming to you 3 or 4 times a year. But, if you just can't stand it, and you don't want to receive "The BUZZ For Nonprofits" ever again, then send us a reply saying so. And we'll remove you from the list!

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