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**BUILDING GOVERNANCE CAPACITY**

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Orienting Board Members

- How have you made orientation interesting?
- When do you start orientation?
- Any success stories on orientation?

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"NOTHING PERSONAL BUT WE'VE SAT THROUGH BOARD MEETINGS THAT WERE WORSE THAN THIS."

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Communications

- What are you doing between meetings to communicate among yourselves, with staff and the board?
- What techniques do you use for board-staff communication?
- How do you use technology to improve communications?

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Selecting Board Members

- Critical role for the board.
- How do you determine the ideal composition of your board?
- What is leadership role in identifying, cultivating and recruiting potential candidates?
- How have you strengthened your selection/election processes?
- Role of staff?

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Table Task

- How will we improve the way we recruit, orient and engage board members? How can we improve our communications process?

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Improving Board Meetings

- If board members can handle the work at home alone, then don't do it at the board meeting.
- Use the consent agenda.
- Make board development a part of every meeting.

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- The substance of the meeting should dictate the structure of the meeting.
- Develop an annual board agenda.
- Provide the board with the *governance information* it needs at the right time and in the right amount before each meeting.

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- Concluding Comments

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