

**Course Syllabus**  
**GOV: Leadership and Governance In Nonprofit Organizations**

**Week 1. The Board Bottom Line**

In Week 1 we will focus on the fundamentals of Board service. The importance of knowing the role of a board member cannot be too strongly emphasized. Acting as a leader can be a fine line between advising the organization and micro managing.

**Week 2. The Right People**

In Week 2 we will cover the importance of creating a process for attracting the correct type of individuals to your Board. Different methods of recruitment will be discussed in the readings. Not one method is best for all organizations.

**Week 3. The Right Work**

In Week 3 we will see the value of Boards not being stagnant. Methods of improving the agenda for board meetings will be discussed so that time spend in meetings will be the most productive.

**Week 4. The Board/CEO Leadership Partnership**

In Week 4 we will discover the importance of establishing the best relationship between the Board and the CEO. Often the strongest relationship is between the CEO and Board President but all members of the Board should feel a strong connection to the Administrative team.

**Week 5. Boards as Boundary-Spanners**

In Week 5 we will learn that board service is more than just attending meetings. Board members are advocates of your NPO in their everyday life. In, "Stand for Your Mission," there is a great deal of information that I suggest you keep handy for further reference beyond this course.