## Copy of the Google Forms Board Member Self Evaluation

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## Copy of the Microsoft Forms Board Member Self Evaluation

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## Websites offering free resources for nonprofit boards:

**BoardSource** offers a wide range of resources and tools on key topics for nonprofit boards to help increase their effectiveness and strengthen their organizational impact. These resources include information on executive transition, roles & responsibilities, strategy & planning, culture & dynamics, fundraising, and board composition and recruitment.[[1]](https://boardsource.org/fundamental-topics-of-nonprofit-board-service/)

This resource can serve as a cornerstone for nonprofit boards seeking guidance and best practices to enhance their performance and governance.

[BoardSource](https://boardsource.org)

**The National Council of Nonprofits** provides guides, articles, and tools specifically designed for nonprofit boards. Topics range from governance and compliance to financial oversight and strategic planning, aiming to strengthen the effectiveness of nonprofits through better board practices.

[The National Council of Nonprofits – Board Roles and Responsibilities](https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/tools-resources/board-roles-and-responsibilities)

**Council of Nonprofits** offers a variety of resources aimed at helping nonprofit boards with governance, ethics, and best practices. Their extensive tools and guides cover almost every aspect of running a nonprofit.

[Council of Nonprofits - Tools and Resources for Nonprofit Organizations](https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/tools-resources)

**BoardEffect** provides a plethora of resources, including blog posts, guides, webinars, and case studies focused on nonprofit board governance. Topics cover everything from improving board meetings and strategic planning to bylaws and policies.

[BoardEffect Blog](https://www.boardeffect.com/blog/)

**Nonprofit Hub** is another excellent resource offering articles, webinars, and how-to guides for nonprofit professionals, including board members. They cover a broad range of topics, from fundraising strategies to nonprofit marketing and governance.

[Nonprofit Hub - Free Resources](https://nonprofithub.org/)

**GuideStar by Candid** provides insights, research, and tools to nonprofits, with a section dedicated to governance and nonprofit boards. Their articles and tools can help boards understand the importance of transparency, strategic decision-making, and ethical management. Bonus: if your nonprofit is at a Gold level or higher you also gain access to the Foundation Directory which may help you seek grants.

[GuideStar Resources](https://www.guidestar.org/NonprofitDirectory.aspx)

**Blue Avocado** is a magazine and online community focused on non-profits. It provides practical and strategic advice relevant to nonprofit boards and leaders. Their articles often touch on governance, leadership, policy-making, and financial management.

[Blue Avocado](https://blueavocado.org/)

**Nonprofit Ready** offers free online courses and training for nonprofit professionals, including board members. Their resources are designed to help with professional development in the nonprofit sector, covering a wide range of topics from management and leadership to operations and finance.

[Nonprofit Ready](https://www.nonprofitready.org/)

**Board Governance Research LLC** offers "Nonprofit Board Governance Guide," a free resource designed to help nonprofit board members understand their legal obligations and improve their governance practices.

[Board Governance Research - Free Nonprofit Board Governance Guide](http://www.boardgovernanceresearch.com/free-resources)

**Cause Effective** provides guidance, workshops, and resources designed to enhance fundraising capabilities and board development for nonprofits. They specialize in helping organizations utilize their boards more effectively for fundraising and strategic growth.

[Cause Effective - Resources](https://causeeffective.org/resources/)

These resources can greatly help nonprofit boards foster better governance, strategic planning, and overall effectiveness.

## State Nonprofit Associations URLs:

1. **Alabama**: [Alabama Association of Nonprofits](https://alabamanonprofits.org/)
2. **Alaska**: [Foraker Group](https://www.forakergroup.org/)
3. **Arizona**: [Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits](https://arizonanonprofits.org/)
4. **Arkansas**: [Arkansas Nonprofit Alliance](https://www.arkansasnonprofits.org/)
5. **California**: [CalNonprofits](https://calnonprofits.org/)
6. **Colorado**: [Colorado Nonprofit Association](https://coloradononprofits.org/)
7. **Connecticut**: [Connecticut Community Nonprofit Alliance](https://ctnonprofitalliance.org/)
8. **Delaware**: [Delaware Alliance for Nonprofit Advancement](https://delawarenonprofit.org/)
9. **Florida**: [Florida Nonprofit Alliance](https://flnonprofits.org/)
10. **Georgia**: [Georgia Center for Nonprofits](https://www.gcn.org/)
11. **Hawaii**: [HANO - Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations](https://hano-hawaii.org/)
12. **Idaho**: [Idaho Nonprofit Center](https://www.idahononprofits.org/)
13. **Illinois**: [Forefront](https://myforefront.org/)
14. **Indiana**: [Indiana Nonprofit Resource Network](https://www.inrn.org/)
15. **Iowa**: [Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center](https://inrc.law.uiowa.edu/)
16. **Kansas**: [Kansas Nonprofit Chamber](https://www.ksnonprofitchamber.com/)
17. **Kentucky**: [Kentucky Nonprofit Network](https://www.kynonprofits.org/)
18. **Louisiana**: [Louisiana Association of Nonprofit Organizations](https://www.lano.org/)
19. **Maine**: [Maine Association of Nonprofits](https://www.nonprofitmaine.org/)
20. **Maryland**: [Maryland Nonprofits](https://marylandnonprofits.org/)
21. **Massachusetts**: [Massachusetts Nonprofit Network](https://massnonprofitnet.org/)
22. **Michigan**: [Michigan Nonprofit Association](https://www.mnaonline.org/)
23. **Minnesota**: [Minnesota Council of Nonprofits](https://www.minnesotanonprofits.org/)
24. **Mississippi**: [Mississippi Alliance of Nonprofits and Philanthropy](https://www.alliancems.org/)
25. **Missouri**: [Nonprofit Missouri](https://www.nonprofitmissouri.org/)
26. **Montana**: [Montana Nonprofit Association](https://www.mtnonprofit.org/)
27. **Nebraska**: [Nonprofit Association of the Midlands](https://www.nonprofitam.org/)
28. **Nevada**: [Alliance for Nevada Nonprofits](https://alliancefornevadanonprofits.com/)
29. **New Hampshire**: [New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits](https://www.nhnonprofits.org/)
30. **New Jersey**: [Center for Non-Profits](https://www.njnonprofits.org/)
31. **New Mexico**: [Center for Nonprofit Excellence](https://www.centerfornonprofitexcellence.org/)
32. **New York**: [New York Council of Nonprofits](https://www.nycon.org/)
33. **North Carolina**: [North Carolina Center for Nonprofits](https://www.ncnonprofits.org/)
34. **North Dakota**: [North Dakota Association of Nonprofit Organizations](https://www.ndano.org/)
35. **Ohio**: [Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organizations](https://oano.org/)
36. **Oklahoma**: [Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits](https://www.oklahomacenterfornonprofits.org/)
37. **Oregon**: [Nonprofit Association of Oregon](https://nonprofitoregon.org/)
38. **Pennsylvania**: [Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations](https://pano.org/)
39. **Rhode Island**: [Rhode Island Foundation](https://rifoundation.org/)
40. **South Carolina**: [Together SC](https://www.togethersc.org/)
41. **South Dakota**: [South Dakota Nonprofit Association](https://www.sdnetwork.org/)
42. **Tennessee**: [Center for Nonprofit Management](https://www.cnm.org/)
43. **Texas**: [Texas Association of Nonprofit Organizations](https://tano.org/)
44. **Utah**: [Utah Nonprofits Association](https://utahnonprofits.org/)
45. **Vermont**: [Common Good Vermont](https://www.commongoodvt.org/)
46. **Virginia**: [Virginia Association of Nonprofits](https://www.thenonprofitinstitute.org/)
47. **Washington**: [Washington Nonprofits](https://washingtonnonprofits.org/)
48. **West Virginia**: [West Virginia Nonprofit Association](https://wvnpa.org/)
49. **Wisconsin**: [Wisconsin Nonprofits Association](https://wisconsinnonprofits.org/)
50. **Wyoming**: [Wyoming Nonprofit Network](https://www.wynonprofit.org/)

## What Every Board Orientation Binder Should Contain

**Introduction to the Organization**

* Mission, Vision, Values page
* Welcome letter from the Executive Director/President & CEO
* Welcome letter from the current Board President/Chair
* Brief history of the organization. This should be inspirational and focused on your organization’s impact.
* Information about your cause including infographics, recent articles, last year’s impact report.
* Contact sheet for leadership and key employees

**Introduction to Board Members**

* Contact list for all board members and committee members including name, physical address, email address, and phone.
* For extra credit, create mini-bio pages for each board member including a photo. You probably already have this available on your website.

**Important Dates**

* Upcoming board and committee meetings
* Upcoming programmatic and development related events
* Any upcoming educational opportunities (like this seminar!)
* Previous board agendas & minutes for the last 3 meetings

**Introduction to Board Service**

* Resource: Introduction to Serving on a Nonprofit Board
* Robert’s Rules of Order – a [brief history](https://www.britannica.com/topic/parliamentary-procedure)
* Board member job descriptions
* List of board committees. Include the chair and members.
* Board Agreement (signed)
* Board Conflict of Interest Policy and Form to identify any conflicts
* A copy of your organization’s D&O insurance certificate

**Organization’s Financials**

* Financial policy
* Approved budget for the current calendar year
* Most recent monthly financials
* Most recent audited financial statement
* Copy of the past 3 years’ Form 990’s and schedules
* Staff/Volunteer organizational chart

**Public Relations & Marketing**

* A copy of current marketing materials such as brochures, flyers, one-pagers, etc.
* Recent newsletters
* Most recent annual impact report
* Executive Summar of the current Strategic Plan or a Vision Document (or any strategic planning document if available)

**Fundraising**

* Contact Sheet
* Fundraising one-pager
* Give/Get Agreement
* Board Annual Fundraising Plan
* Thank you letter/email template
* Phone call script (this could be your elevator pitch)
* Blank notecards and envelopes they can use

**Other resources as determined by your organization (examples)**

* Infographic outlining a dog’s training timeline
* Login information to your state’s nonprofit association. Many offer free accounts under yours for board members
* Social media handles or hashtags they can use to tag the org
* Donation pledge cards