

BOARD GOVERNANCE

QNET Presents:

The Pursuit of Governance Excellence – A Series of Half Day Workshops, January to April, 2009

Governance Models for Boards

Wednesday, January 28 - 8:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Within an organization, management is responsible for operations and the board is responsible for governance. One of the difficulties with this division of roles and responsibilities is that management and board are often uncertain or unclear about what is governance. This workshop will examine:

- What is governance? Why is it important?
- Core principles of good governance
- Analyzing different governance models
- Assessing what kind of board you are
- Deciding what kind of board you would like to be
- Tools and strategies to implement good governance in your organization

Addressing Conflict of Interest in an Organization

Wednesday, March 25 - 8:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Increased regulation and public scrutiny are making organizations realize that they need to pay more attention to internal ethical decisions. Conflict of interest is a highly complex area that can easily be brushed aside, but if ignored, it may lead to compromised decision-making. This workshop will examine:

- What is conflict of interest?
- Methods to define conflict of interest within your organization
- Essential elements of effective conflict of interest guidelines
- The role of codes of conduct
- Conflicts of interest case studies

Practical Board Tools

Wednesday, February 25 - 8:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Once the concept of governance is understood, organizations and boards need concrete tools to ensure the effectiveness of board processes and outcomes. QNET has developed three practical tools designed to help any board. This workshop will:

- Examine the QNET Board Governance Criteria
- Allow the participants to assess their board performance against the 21 list criteria
- Review the Initial Assessment of Board Practices
- Identify the Key Questions for Boards
- Provide participants with tools and strategies to assess and implement effective short and long term board plans and processes

Liability for Volunteers

Wednesday, April 29 - 8:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

In current times, more and more organizations are dependent upon the hard work, time and dedication of volunteers to assist in the provision of its programming and services. While no salary may exchange hands, the law holds these volunteers equivalent to employees in many ways. Organizations must be alert to their legal responsibilities. This workshop will explore:

- The role of volunteers within an organization
- What is liability? What is vicarious liability?
- Major areas of liability for volunteers
- Reducing the risk of liability

Facilitator: Priti Shah is a lawyer, mediator, arbitrator, investigator and facilitator and operates *PRAXIS Conflict Consulting* in Winnipeg. Priti trains in the areas of board development, effective communication, conflict resolution, negotiation and mediation skills, equality, diversity and harassment. In 2005, Priti was awarded the Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award for Contribution to Community from the Women Business Owners of Manitoba.

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Participants will receive location and final details approximately 3 days prior to session; please contact QNET if you do not receive this information. Cancellations must be received in writing no later than 6 business days prior to the course. After that time, the full registration fee will apply. Invoices will be sent for non-attendance. Replacement participants accepted anytime. G.S.T. Reg # 899755334RT.



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