



UNDERSTANDING DIRECTOR ROLES AND ASSESSING READINESS

Board membership opens doors to rich networking experiences, offers financial rewards, and presents unique challenges that foster growth. In addition, it is a chance to mentor the next generation, contribute meaningfully to causes, and navigate complex business crises.

The following includes Articles, Books, Associations, and Recruiters/Other Resources for executives interested in pursuing board appointments.

Articles:

AMC Governance Solutions: [12 Must-Read Nonprofit Governance Books](#)

CIO.com: [10 board readiness training programs for directors and executives](#)

LinkedIn: [Better Together](#): A virtual fireside chat series that inspires, empowers, and connects the nonprofit community.

[LinkedIn for Nonprofits Resource Page](#)

Books:

["The Board Book: An Insider's Guide for Directors and Trustees"](#) by William G. Bowen.

["Boards That Lead: When to Take Charge, When to Partner, and When to Stay Out of the Way"](#) By by Ram Charan, Dennis Carey, Michael Useem

[The Imperfect Board Member: Discovering the Seven Disciplines of Governance Excellence](#) by Jim Brown

[HBR's 10 Must Reads on Boards \(with bonus article "What Makes Great Boards Great" by Jeffrey A. Sonnenfeld\)](#) by [Harvard Business Review](#), Jeffrey A. Sonnenfeld, Linda A. Hill, Robert S. Kaplan, Ram Charan

In Addition to Joining an Industry or Professional Association:

[NACD](#) (National Association of Corporate Directors) – offers courses, seminars, and networking opportunities for current and aspiring board members.

[Corporate Board Member Network](#) – connects corporate directors to each other and to expert advisors through peer-to-peer networking and a suite of educational programs, tools and resources.

[National Council of Nonprofits](#) – the largest network of nonprofits in North America. They champion, inform, and connect organizations across the country to support nonprofits and the communities they serve.

[Board Source](#) – a platform that strengthens nonprofit board leadership.

Recruiters and Other Resources:

[SpencerStuart](#) Spencer Stuart has long played an active role in corporate governance by exploring key concerns of boards and innovative solutions to the challenges they face.

[Board of Directors Recruiters](#) – Top rated recruiters by specialty for Board of Directors

SpencerStuart [Board Governance Trends](#) – research and insight on leadership, board and governance issues, organizational culture and more.

Forbes 2023 [America's Best Executive Recruiting Firms](#)