

Resource List – Board Governance Training

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The Principles and Practices for Nonprofit Excellence, a publication and project of the **Minnesota Council of Nonprofits**, are based on the fundamental values of quality, responsibility and accountability. The ten characteristic accountability principles distinguish the nonprofit sector from government and business. The 133 management practices provide specific guidelines for individual organizations to evaluate and improve their management
http://www.minnesotanonprofits.org/Principles_Practices.pdf

The **Charities Review Council of Minnesota's Accountability Standards** consist of 27 standards, which address a charity's performance in four critical areas: public disclosure, governance, financial activity, and fundraising. The standards have evolved over the Council's 65 years, with broad participation from Minnesota's nonprofit and philanthropic communities, to reflect reasonable public expectations of nonprofits.
http://www.smartgivers.org/uploads/standards_-_final_5.pdf

To help boards operate at the best and highest use of their collective ability, **BoardSource**, an authority on governance in the United States, developed The Source: **Twelve Principles of Governance That Power Exceptional Boards**. Drawing on observations, academic knowledge, and proven practices, we identified the common traits and actions of board that made discernible differences to their organizations.
<http://www.ctp.uk.com/uploaded/documents/Fact%20Sheet%20-Twelve%20Principles%20of%20Governance%20That%20Power%20Exc%E2%80%A6.pdf>

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There are approximately 650 topics in the **Free Management Library**, spanning almost 10,000 links. Each topic has additionally recommended books and related Library topics. The Library is an informational and educational site. The Library focuses especially on free, online and practical information that visitors can quickly apply. <http://managementhelp.org/>

Websites:

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits <http://www.minnesotanonprofits.org/>

Charities Review Council <http://www.smartgivers.org/>

Nonprofits Assistance Fund <http://www.nonprofitsassistancefund.org/>

IRS – Tax Information for Charities & Other Nonprofits
<http://www.irs.gov/charities/index.html?navmenu=menu1>

Office of the Minnesota Attorney General – Charities Page
<http://www.ag.state.mn.us/Charities/>

Fiduciary Duties of Directors of Charitable Organizations
<http://www.ag.state.mn.us/Charities/FiduciaryDuties.asp>

MAP for Nonprofits (Management Assistance Project)
<http://www.mapfornonprofits.org/>

Minnesota Association for Volunteer Administration (MAVA)
<http://mavanetwork.org/>

BoardSource <http://www.boardsource.org/>

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