Pre-Conference Schedule & Description

Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits and Squire Patton Boggs Present
Arizona Nonprofit Board Governance Symposium

Date: Tuesday, September 19
Time: 1:00pm to 6:00pm
Venue: Desert Willow Conference Center
Address: 4340 E Cotton Center Blvd, Phoenix, AZ 85040

Presented By:

Keynote Speaker - Frank M. Placenti, Partner, Chair of US Corporate Governance Practice, Squire Patton Boggs and Founder and President of the American College of Governance Counsel.

Frank is nationally recognized for his work in corporate governance with over 30 years’ experience, and serves as the Founding President and Trustee of the American College of Governance Counsel and as Vice Chair of the Corporate Governance Committee of the American Bar Association. Frank is also the editor of The Directors Handbook, A Field Guide to 101 Situations Commonly Encountered in the Boardroom.

Overview - Join us for the inaugural Arizona Nonprofit Board Governance Symposium which will explore the importance of effectively managing the governance responsibilities of an organization’s board, and how mismanagement can severely damage an organization's reputation.

The symposium will educate new and experienced board Chairs, Chairs-Elect and Executive Directors on best practices for discharging their legal and ethical obligations, tools for developing a diverse and accomplished board, board and management interactions, and management the myriad of complex issues facing today's nonprofit directors.

The half-day session will cover the following topics, as well as feature two panels where attendees can learn from experience and knowledge of their peers. All attendees will also receive an invaluable resource packet (via thumb drive) with board templates and other important governance information.
12:30 – 1:00pm  Registration
1:00 – 2:00pm  Nonprofit Governance Symposium – Part 1
2:00 – 3:00pm  Panel - “Building and Maintaining a High Functioning Board”
3:00 – 4:00pm  Nonprofit Governance Symposium – Part 2
4:00 – 5:00pm  Panel - “Do’s and Don’ts for Boardroom Success”
5:00 – 6:00pm  Networking Mixer

Topics Covered Include:
- Introduction to Board Fiduciary Duties
- The Duty of Loyalty and Conflicts of Interest
- Effective Oversight of Management
- Enhancing Board Culture and Performance
- Protecting the Board
- Lobbying and Advocacy
- Introduction to Resource Materials

“Building and Maintaining a High Functioning Board” - First Panel
Moderator - Brad Wright, Of Counsel, Squire Patton Boggs
Panelists - Pam Gaber, Gabriel’s Angels
           Tammy McLeod, APS
           Torrie Taj, Child Crisis Arizona

“Do’s and Don’ts for Boardroom Success” - Second Panel
Moderator - Ronald Butler, Phoenix Managing Partner, Ernst & Young, LLP
Panelists - Mark Feldman, MRA Associates
           Connie Phelps, Lutheran Social Services
           Marcus Sipolt, Catholic Charities