BOARDEFFECT YEAR IN REVIEW: TOP 5 GOVERNANCE TOPICS OF 2018

... And What to Improve on in 2019

The BoardEffect Team asked our blog subscribers for their feedback on the most popular board governance topics and issues of 2018. Below, we've outlined key findings from the survey and offer additional resources for improving board governance as we move into 2019.

1. Pain Points for Meeting Minutes
39% of governance professionals reported that recording how the board arrived at decisions is their biggest pain point for board meeting minutes.

Interested in learning how you can tackle your pain points for board meeting minutes? Read our blog on How to Take Minutes at a Board Meeting.

2. Agenda Items
54% of governance professionals said that most of the time, they accomplish everything listed in the agenda in a given board meeting, but not at every board meeting.

Get tips and tricks for optimizing your board meeting agenda process to have productive, efficient meetings every time – check out our blog, Board Meeting Agenda Format and Template.

3. Relationships Between the Board and Management
28% of governance professionals responded that their board and management maintain a neutral relationship that serves to achieve some goals, but does not benefit the organization in notable ways.

Want to strengthen the relationship between your board of directors and management team? Understand how each role should contribute to an organization in our blog, Board of Directors vs. Management: What is the Difference?

4. Writing a Report to the Board of Directors
58% of governance professionals serving on board committees said they are extremely confident in their ability to write a report to the board of directors.

Hone your report-writing skills even further – get key reminders and templates in our blog, How to Write a Report to the Board of Directors, to ensure that all board reports are focused and effective.

5. Applying Robert's Rules of Order in the Boardroom
Only 10% of governance professionals reported that they are extremely familiar with Robert's Rules of Order in the context of running effective board meetings.

Learn everything you need to know about Robert's Rules of Order in our blog, Robert's Rules of Order Cheat Sheet for Nonprofits, to increase effectiveness and organization in your boardroom.

"I love getting [the BoardEffect blog newsletter]. Always appreciate the insight and the knowledge that [informs me] to accomplish my role."
– Anonymous Survey Respondent