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## About the Centre

The BC Centre for Non-Profit Development (NPD) operates to build capacity in the non-profit sector in British Columbia. Our *vision* is for healthy, cohesive, and safe BC communities with services accessible to all. Our *mission* is to strengthen non-profit organizations' capacity to support individuals and communities in BC.



The associated Centres' staff of the NPD: *(from left to right)* Sheila St. Laurent, Centres' Library Coordinator; Patrick Neal, Centres' Information Manager; Dr. Irwin Cohen, Centres' Research Director; Lucie Honey-Ray, NPD Manager; Annette Vogt, Centres' Project Coordinator; Amanda McCormick, Centres' Research Coordinator; *(center)* Tamara Childs, Centres' Assistant.

## What's New?

Our ten-module 'Introduction to Non-Profit Management' course will be launching at the Terrace campus of Northwest Community College on November 17<sup>th</sup> and at the Trail campus of Selkirk College on January 29<sup>th</sup>. The course was developed by the BCCNPD to build capacity in the non-profit sector by providing free educational opportunities for staff or volunteers.

The Centre continues to work with institutions throughout the province to ensure the course has a far reaching impact. In addition to the above mentioned, the course is being offered through the University of the Fraser Valley and the College of New Caledonia, and is in the discussion phase with Okanagan College, Northern Lights



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Our office and resource library is also shared by the:



All three centres are located at the:



College, Thompson Rivers University and The College of the Rockies. More detailed information on how to secure your free seat is available on our website at [www.bccnps.ca](http://www.bccnps.ca).

## Hot Topics

### Board Governance: What You Need to Know

All registered charitable organizations and nonprofits registered as corporations are required by law to have a Board of Directors or trustees. The nonprofit board is legally responsible for the 'governance' of the organization. Governance may be defined as the exercise of authority, direction and control of an organization in order to ensure that its purpose is achieved.

What is a Board of Directors?

What does board governance include?

Are there difference kinds of boards?

These questions, along with key terms and definitions, are answered on our '[Board Governance' fact sheet](#) found on our website at <http://www.bccnps.ca/files/BoardGovernance.pdf>.

## Resources and Links

Check out these helpful links on Board Governance:

BoardSource

<http://www.BoardSource.org>

Building Effective Non-Profit Boards

<http://www.vcn.bc.ca/volbc/governance/qovcomplete.pdf>

Panel on Accountability and Governance in the Voluntary Sector

<http://www.vsr-trsb.net/pagvs/Book.pdf>

The Enterprise Foundation

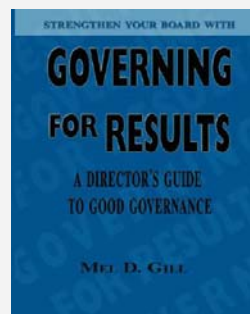
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## Lending Library

### Governing For Results

By Mel D. Gill

This book is intended to be a guide for board members in determining and executing their most appropriate and effective governance role relative to setting and advancing the mission of their organization.



## Field Guide to Developing and Operating Your Nonprofit Board of Directors

By Carter McNamara

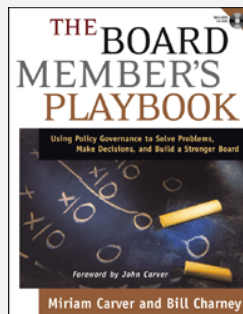
This guide is useful when starting a board or fixing a currently struggling board. This guide will help your board to establish and always maintain mastery of the fundamentals.



**The Board Member's Playbook: using policy governance to solve problems, make decisions and build a stronger board.**

By Miriam Carver and Bill Charney

Incorporates real world scenarios that address the challenges that confront boards of all types of organizations.



## Upcoming Events

### Uniting the World Through Volunteering- Celebrating the Spirit

December 5, 2008, Abbotsford BC

This event celebrates the International Day of the Volunteer set out by the United Nations. For event details and registration, please visit the [Abbotsford Spirit of BC event calendar](#) , call 604-850-7161 or email [info@abbotsfordspiritofbc.com](mailto:info@abbotsfordspiritofbc.com) .

### Compliance and Not-For-Profit Panel Discussion

December 6, 2008, Richmond BC

Registration and event details can be found using the following link: <https://www.eplivevents.com/Event.aspx?l=1&evt=10ceab2c-ce29-42d8-a4d6-a89a36da0615>

### Hiring Your New Executive: Best Practices in Board-Led Search Processes, December 16, 2008, 9:00 am-4:30 pm, Vancouver BC

For full event details and registration information [click here](#) or go to the Volunteer Vancouver website at [www.volunteervancouver.ca](http://www.volunteervancouver.ca)

### Interim Executive Management 101

December 17, 2008, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Vancouver BC

[Click here for full details and registration information](#) or visit the Volunteer Vancouver website at [www.volunteervancouver.ca](http://www.volunteervancouver.ca)



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## WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Do you know of any events, educational opportunities, or resources that you would like us to consider for inclusion in our newsletter or website? Any suggestions or questions can be directed to our Centre's Assistant.

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