

Fourth Annual BoardWalk Governance Fellowships at Harvard December 2-5, 2007

Governing for Nonprofit Excellence (GNE) is designed for board chairs and other seasoned directors destined to become significant board leaders in their respective organizations. The program has three distinguishing characteristics:

- A strong leadership focus, as reflected in both the experience of participants and the issues covered in class;
- The effectiveness of Harvard Business School's interactive approach to learning; and
- HBS faculty who combine board leadership and nonprofit management experience with world-class teaching expertise.

2007 KEY DATES

- 8/15: Nominations open
- 9/10: Nominations & Preliminary applications due
- 9/24: Finalists selected
- 10/5: Full applications due
- 10/17: Fellows announced
- 12/2: Program convenes
- 12/5: Program concludes

Eligibility

BoardWalk expects to award six Fellowships this year. To be eligible, an applicant or nominee must be

1. A senior (unpaid) Board member of an IRS-recognized tax-exempt organization;
2. Endorsed by the nonprofit represented;
3. Able to prepare for and attend all sessions of the three-day course at HBS;
4. Acceptable under normal HBS admissions criteria for the GNE program.

To Apply or Nominate

Send a *brief* (one-page) e-mail to Fellowships@BoardWalkConsulting.com, indicating four things:

- Concurrence with the four eligibility requirements
- A brief summary of the mission, scope and scale of the nonprofit
- The candidate's role in the organization
- The candidate's objectives in attending the program and how those objectives complement the organization's aspirations.

Selection

The BoardWalk Governance Fellowship selection committee will meet in September to review initial responses, and a small number of nominees and applicants will be invited to complete Harvard's formal application process (which is not as cumbersome as it sounds). The final choice will be made by the selection committee in concert with the HBS admissions office. Fellowships will be announced in mid-October.

If Selected

Each BoardWalk Fellow will receive a grant equal to half the cost of program fees for the GNE program. (Fellows are responsible for providing or procuring the other half.) Program fees are inclusive of room & board as well as tuition.