



Nonprofit Board Certificate Program

Don't start your board service unprepared!

DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2015

TIME: 1-5 P.M.

LOCATION: CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

COST: \$25.00



The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is pleased to present the Nonprofit Board Certificate Program. This certificate will be offered to individuals who complete a ½ day seminar consisting of three sessions.

Each of the three sessions includes opportunities for discussion as well as hands-on workshop activities.

Learn About:

- Board Member Expectations
- Legal Responsibilities
- Finances & Fundraising
- Managing Board Obligations
- Regulations
- Questions to Ask Before

“ This is just the kind of training that I wish I'd had during my board service: clear, concise and effective. Everyone comes to the table READY! ”

~local board member

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Register online: [BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org/
BoardCertificateProgram](http://BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org/BoardCertificateProgram)

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Session Details

The three topics covered in the Board Certification Program provide a comprehensive overview of the various aspects involved with board membership for an Indiana nonprofit organization.

TOPIC #1:

The Nonprofit Board in Today's World: The Roles and Responsibilities of Board Membership

A description of the position the Board of Directors or Trustees plays in a successful nonprofit organization. The session presents the various types of structures nonprofit boards might take and guidelines on the differing board roles and activities required by these structures. It also provides guidelines on effective relationships between the staff and the board of the organization. The session concludes with a summary of the responsibilities all nonprofit organizations and their boards have to a community - and in particular the challenges they face in our current economic and political environment.

TOPIC #2:

The Law and Nonprofit Board Members: Legal Responsibilities and Liabilities of Board Membership

An outline of the regulatory considerations that apply to Indiana nonprofit organizations and their Boards. The session emphasizes the legal role of board members, both as individuals and as members of a governing board. It also defines the liabilities of board members and provides guidelines to protect the board members and the organization from legal claims. The legal relationships of nonprofit organizations to government and business are also addressed, including the rights and restrictions related to political advocacy, lobbying, and regulations governing self-interest and other business practices.

TOPIC #3:

Being a Productive Board Member: Assessing a Board Position - and Filling that Role Effectively

Guidelines on the questions a new board member might ask when considering board service. The session outlines the ongoing operation of a typical board and offers guidelines on how an individual board member can be most effective, including how to work as a committee member and ensure effective meetings. Information includes the role of the Board in organizational planning and evaluation. The session concludes with a brief outline of future trends affecting nonprofit organizations and the Board, including emphasis on increased collaboration among nonprofit organizations.

Presenter



Presenter [Al Lyons](#), PhD is currently a Lecturer at Indiana University, Bloomington teaching courses in Nonprofit Management for the School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA).

Previously Al was Director of Social Innovation and Nonprofit Management at the Johnson Center for Philanthropy in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Before entering the doctoral program in Philanthropic Studies at IUPUI, for over 30 years Al provided management consulting services for nonprofit organization around the country.

While completing his doctorate at Indiana University, he helped start the Social Entrepreneurship Certificate program at IU and served as Associate Director of the program for three years.