

Board Development Consultants

The following consultants are graduates from the Board Consultant Institute II.

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BDP & Associates is a performance management consulting firm providing customized services strategically aligned to meet nonprofit organizational needs. B. Denise Patton is the owner and president of BDP & Associates with more than 25 years of experience. BDP & Associates services include board development; assessing and training Boards and staff ; organizational diagnostic clinics; leadership and management development; planning; and organization culture and diversity training. BDP & Associates' clients include community-based agencies, nonprofit organizations and groups, educational institutions, governmental units, and faith-based groups.

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Christi Murn has been a nonprofit management consultant for over 20 years. She specializes in social services, the arts and education. "I see my role as being a catalyst, taking your organization to the next level." The results: more effective mission impact. Over her career, she has worked with small, local, emerging nonprofits to international NGO's. Christi has expertise in board development, organizational assessments, planning and fundraising. Her vast experience allows her a breadth of understanding that comes from a dedicated career to the third sector.

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Mary Unkel provides business management consulting services to nonprofit organizations after more than 20 years in corporate management. Mary is committed to helping nonprofits contribute to the well-being of their communities. Respecting each client's uniqueness and culture, Mary seeks to build on current assets to enhance future capacities. In addition to Board development, Mary is skilled at strategic planning, diagnostic clinic assessments, and dashboard measurements.

Sam (Carolyn) Macklem, CFRE

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Sam Macklem provides a strong background of experience in her Board consulting services for nonprofits. With over 25 years of experience in the nonprofit world, Sam assesses Boards through the BoardStar GPS; builds Board development plans; writes and reviews bylaws; develops nomination, recruitment, and orientation programs; engages Board Directors in committees, and much more. She also utilizes her wide experience in fundraising to train Board Directors with her workshops: *Fundraising—Taking the Fear Out* and *The Art of the Ask*, both popular programs at BoardStar. Sam believes that strengthening nonprofit Boards of Directors will not only help that organization but the community as a whole.

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Amalia F. Schoone, CFRE, has worked for twenty years in all aspects of non-profit leadership, resource development, and program evaluation, specializing in education, the arts, health care and social services for children and families. Amalia has successfully designed and implemented annual and capital campaigns, funded capital and program projects, trained volunteers to speak on politically charged issues and conducted special events. In December 2009, Amalia graduated from the Nonprofit Management Fund's Board Consultant Institute II and provides consulting Board development consulting in nomination, recruitment and orientation; effective committees, dynamic meetings, mission/vision clarification, planning.

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Sara Wilson is co-founder and principal consultant of MAYES WILSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC and has more than 20 years of experience working with Board directors and nonprofit executives of community-based organizations. She specializes in working with nonprofit clients in board and organizational development, and all aspects of planning— strategic, annual, transition, and program-specific. By analyzing organizational capacity and helping organizations define priorities, Sara helps nonprofit leaders transform their passion and commitment for the mission into organizational success. She regularly presents workshops on *Building Strong Boards*, *Board Director Engagement*, *Board and Executive Director Relationships*, *Organizational Planning*, and *Organizational Excellence* at state and regional nonprofit conferences.

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Racine native, Bonnie Prochaska is founder and president of Ginkgo Leaf Consulting in Racine, a firm working with nonprofit organizations. In this role, she draws upon her work and volunteer experience with nonprofit organizations for the past 25 years. Ginkgo Leaf Consulting specialties are Board, Organizational, Program and Administration Development. Prochaska received a certificate from the

Board Consultant Institute II, sponsored by the Nonprofit Management Fund. Previously, Prochaska was the executive director for Sustainable Racine.

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A nonprofit management consultant for over 30 years, Joan Jacobs consulting has centered on resource development, project/program design, planning, and Board development. Among other activities, she has facilitated numerous annual and strategic planning processes; worked with nonprofit Boards of Directors to increase their effectiveness in their governance responsibilities; completed feasibility studies and business plans for earned revenue initiatives; designed new programs and completed program/project evaluations; and worked with organizations to develop and implement resource development plans. Joan has worked with a wide range of local and regional organizations, primarily in the areas of employment and training, economic and community development (including low-income housing), youth programming, early childhood, urban agriculture, alcohol and drug addiction programming, and homelessness.

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Karen Higgins, owner of KWH Consulting, has specialized in working for 30 years with small and medium sized nonprofits in various capacities as a staff person, board director, and consultant. As she engages with organizations, she focuses her work on a) building internal capacity and infrastructure b) clarification of direction; and c) problem solving. Areas of specialty include Board development, mergers, executive coaching, strategic/operational planning, and providing interim leadership for organizations in transition. Karen is a two time graduate of the Nonprofit Management Fund's Board Consultant Institute and has been Executive Director of five different nonprofits in the Greater Milwaukee area.

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For BoardStar, Rob Meiksins helps to connect qualified candidates with Boards in the nonprofit sector where they can serve effectively. In addition, he provides consulting services and helps build Board Development plans using the BoardGPS, reviews corporate documents, teaches governance workshops, and much more. Over the course of almost 30 years in the nonprofit sector, Rob has served in capacities ranging from Intern through Program Director, Executive Director, Board Director, and consultant. He brings this range of experience to his work in helping people and Boards articulate their vision for the future and build a plan to achieve it.