



The **POLICY GOVERNANCE® NETWORK (PGN)**  
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN  
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## Improving the Practice of Policy Governance® in 2007

Since 2000, the Policy Governance Network has acted as the support arm of a regional coalition of organizations interested in sharing and improving on their practice of Policy Governance. PGN hosted luncheon meetings, new board member orientation sessions, and subject specific workshops in the Battle Creek area. A web site and occasional newsletters have provided access to Academy Trained consultants and their advice on improving governance practice.

PGN sponsored a ten year celebration of the practice of Policy Governance in west Michigan by sponsoring the return of Dr. John Carver to Kalamazoo. Over the course of two days, John addressed a large group of organizations and met with 14 boards who practice Policy Governance in a "Tune-Up" session. A frequent response from that session, by participants, was their interest in networking with other boards on common challenges and solutions to the practice during the year. It was also apparent from feedback at this event that continuing local support for boards and their executives is still desired. A number of small changes to the model such as Ends development have already been initiated by some boards along with model consistency improvements essential to good practice.

**Governance Study Groups (new)** In response to the desire for **increased networking** among boards, PGN has created study group opportunities beginning on **Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 9:00 to 11:30am in Kalamazoo. The intent of these sessions will be for a "hosting board" to lead discussion on a subject of interest that challenges our governance practice. And in future sessions we will rotate the hosting boards responsibility to build on the networking advantages. The sessions will be scheduled quarterly throughout the year, the second session is tentatively set for Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. A fee of \$ 25.00 per person to cover room rental and a continental breakfast will cover PGN's supporting costs.

**CONTACT THE PGN OFFICE TO SIGN UP FOR THE NEXT NETWORKING SESSION**

## CONTINUING EDUCATION SESSIONS

The Policy Governance Network has set a number of **Workshops for the 2007 Winter-Spring calendar (on the web)** that are designed to support board education. They have been expanded into Kalamazoo to provide easier access for boards in that area. **New Member Orientation** sessions will be held on three evenings starting in January and repeated in March and May, designed to assist boards where new members can benefit from a brief orientation of the model in addition to the education they will get from their organization. Also scheduled for early 2007 will be an in-depth full day session for board members, executives, and their staff who desire a thorough training on the model-consistent practices that support their boards. **Policy Governance 101** will be the short course for those who will consider themselves governance champions for their boards. New to this year will be a series of brief review sessions designed to give boards the tools to add new features of the model to their practice that may not currently be in place. A certificate will be provided to participants upon completion of this session and the post quiz. Following a board assessment session, the **Governance Improvement Series (GIS)** will hold three sessions on important topics, two of which will be schedule for online learning.

The Policy Governance Network:  
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## An Affordable Membership Opportunity The Policy Governance Network

We know that boards like to plan their activities and budgets for the year based on continuing education that meets their needs and is affordable. The Policy Governance Network is offering boards a membership package that does both. For an **annual fee for \$ 350.00** your board will more than gain back the value of ongoing education designed to meet your specific needs.

Being a PGN Member Board gives you the following value:

1. Quarterly Governance Study Groups, (no charge)
2. New Member Orientation Sessions, through the year, (no charge)
3. PGN Workshops -10% off
4. Board Governance Consultation, 10% off