Editor’s Note
Building Better Boards
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ccording to our reader surveys, nearly half of you reading this article sit on the board of directors of a for-profit or nonprofit organization; a role that carries a great deal of responsibility and influence. In concert with senior leadership, you help set the mission and strategy for the organization and ensure that it, and in particular its senior leadership, stays on track to achieve those goals.

Much has been written about how to create a more effective board of directors. These articles often look at the subject of immediate concern for all those organizations; a role that carries a great deal of responsibility and influence. In concert with the board of directors of a for-profit or nonprofit organization, stays on track to achieve those goals.

We published another article recently that does examine these topics, titled “The Four Principles of Purpose-Driven Board Leadership,” authored by Anne Wallestad, the president and CEO of BoardSource. It too is one of our most popular articles now.

I am happy to say that the cover story in this Summer 2021 issue of Stanford Social Innovation Review, titled “Decolonize Your Board,” adds to our growing body of articles and strategy for the organization and expands the discussion of the team, the relationships with stakeholders, and the sustainability of the nonprofit.

I encourage you to take the time to read this important article. —ERIC NEE

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