



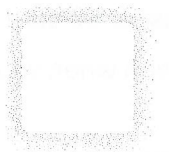
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## Board Meeting Etiquette for Today's Board Members

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It's an honor to be appointed and serve as a board member for any organization. Those who accept a position on a board should have a high standard of conduct by virtue of their position. Board meetings are formal events because important business takes place in boardrooms. For board meetings to be productive, there needs to be order and protocol. Board meeting etiquette also ensures that boards observe legal and ethical principles.

Boardrooms are places where important discussions and debates take place and where important decisions are made. By design, boards are composed in such a way as to bring multiple and diverse perspectives to the forefront to discuss and debate them with the best interests of the organization in mind. A board's goal for a board meeting is to vet issues thoroughly to set the stage for good decision-



voted against them. It's considered poor taste to try to dissuade other board members away from an official vote that was already taken during the meeting.

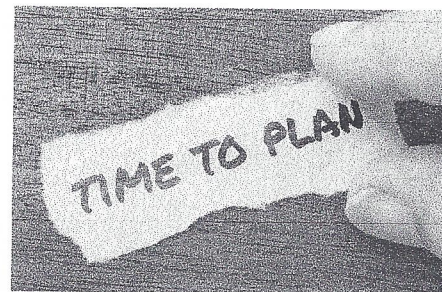
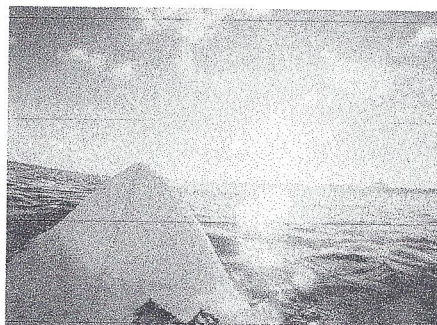
The general board meeting etiquette sets the stage for board directors to establish mutual trust and respect for each other and for the process of governance. In keeping with general etiquette, when you make a mistake, it's always appropriate to apologize.

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