

2015 Excellence Award Nomination Board Governance: Setting the Course

The Excellence Award in Board Leadership recognizes a nonprofit board that, through its commitment and leadership, has played a key role in strengthening an organization.

<u>Please be as specific as possible when completing the nomination and be sure to highlight</u> why the nominee is uniquely qualified for this award. Nominations will effectively convey the following criteria about how the board:

- 1. Identified a clear and compelling need within the organization
- 2. Worked together to define the organization's goals and a clear strategic direction and then implemented a plan
- 3. Strengthened the organization and helped it achieve its goals by clarifying its strategic direction; establishing an effective partnership with the Executive Director and staff; securing resources; and/ or establishing and instituting clear policies and procedures.
- 4. Made substantive contributions to the organization and achieved meaningful and measurable outcomes by accomplishing goals

Deadline: The deadline for all nominations is Tuesday, March 10, 2014.

Submission Instructions:

Nominations must be submitted through our online form by March 10, 2014. Please visit <u>www.massnonprofitnet.org/nominate</u> to submit your nomination.

Online submission progress can be saved and resumed later. For your convenience, the nomination questions are also listed on the next page.

Additional Information:

Refer to the Excellence Award FAQ page on the MNN website for more information about Nonprofit Awareness Day and the Excellence Award judging process.

Questions:

Please contact Emily Tamanaha at <u>etamanaha@massnonprofitnet.org</u> or 617-330-1188x281.

Board Leadership Excellence Award Nomination Form

Please prepare the questions below and complete the online nomination form at www.massnonprofitnet.org/nominate

- **1.** Nominee Information: Organization:
- 2. Provide a brief overview of the organization, including mission, approximate size and date established, programs and services offered, and population served. (150 word limit)
- 3. Describe how the nominee worked effectively to assess the organization and identify a compelling need impacting staff, programming, finances, governance or another important issue. (200 word limit)
- 4. Explain how the board members worked together to address the above mentioned need, define the organization's goals and a clear strategic direction, and implement a plan. Use specific examples. (200 word limit)
- Describe how the nominee strengthened the organization and helped it achieve its goals by clarifying its strategic direction; establishing an effective partnership with the Executive Director and staff; securing resources; and/ or establishing and instituting clear policies and procedures. Use specific examples of tools used and actions taken. (200 word limit)
- 6. Explain how the nominee made substantive contributions to the organization and achieved meaningful and measurable outcomes by accomplishing goals. Please be as specific as possible. (200 word limit)
- 7. Nominee Contact Information:
 - Name: Title: Organization: Email Address: Phone Number:

8. Nominator Contact Information: (Please leave blank if self-nominating.) Name: Email Address: Phone Number: