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To assist you in your role of board chair at American College of Education, we have curated these AGB member resources for you.



Trusteeship Article

Winning Amazon H2Q

With Amazon's second headquarters up for grabs, Virginia Polytechnic University (Virginia Tech)—and its institutionally related foundation, the Virginia Tech Foundation—were ready. In this *Trusteeship* magazine article, Christopher Connell, independent journalist, former Associated Press education writer, and author of AGB's *Top Strategic Issues for Boards 2020-2021*, tells the story of how the university and its foundation played a key role in Northern Virginia winning the nationwide competition for Amazon's second headquarters. [Read the article.](#)



Trusteeship Article

From the Board Chair: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: What's a Board to Do?

The events over the last year have caused many to examine their position in society and their voice in furthering goals of diversity in the organizations they serve. That personal exploration is mirrored by discussions occurring at many colleges and universities, which are now asking: where, exactly, are we in our journey to strengthen diversity, equity, and inclusion? In this *Trusteeship* magazine article, Elizabeth Hardy Noe, board chair of the Agnes Scott College Board of Trustees explains why all campus constituents—including the board of trustees as the governing body—must be involved as full-fledged participants for this exploration to be truly effective. [Read the article.](#)



Trusteeship Article

Board Restructuring to Eliminate Silos at a Small Liberal Arts Institution

The University of the South (familarly known as Sewanee) was facing transactional board meetings and siloed presentations that precluded deep conversation by its board. Impressed by the results from The College of New Jersey's board committee restructuring in 2017, Sewanee's leadership embarked on a board committee restructuring journey of their own. In this *Trusteeship* magazine article, Nancy Berner, PhD, provost, and Eric Hartman, vice president for risk management and institutional effectiveness, University of the South, share insights from their experience. [Read the article.](#)



Blog

When Should a President Step Down? Leadership Transition Planning for Higher Education

Although leadership transitions happen regularly in higher education, these departures disrupt institutional trajectory, even in the best of circumstances. President and provost transitions can lead to changes among vice presidents and deans, as teams adjust to a new senior leader focused on aligning and balancing skill sets with the institution's evolving strategic direction. In a new AGB blog post, Mark A. Heckler, PhD, president emeritus of Valparaiso University and interim CEO of the College and University Sustainability Project (CUSP), explains why boards and presidents need to think carefully and strategically about these transitions and their implications given the organizational consequences of any change in key leadership positions. [Read the blog post.](#)



Upcoming Webinars
and Workshops

[Under Pressure from Students to Divest from Fossil Fuels? Us Too.](#)

Fossil fuel divestment is a popular topic across university campuses, often with students and faculty advocating for divestment. In this webinar on Wednesday, July 21, at 1:00 PM ET, you'll hear from the Western Washington University Foundation about how its staff and investment committee approached pressure from students to divest, and how it worked with students to evaluate potential options and implement a solution that met both environmental and return objectives. [Register for the upcoming webinar now.](#)



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[JDE&I: Building a True Equity Lens for Your Board](#)

Many boards are being asked to guide and support efforts to rectify inequities on their campuses. Boards that foster an equity lens in their composition, structure, and processes are better equipped to address issues related to justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion (JDE&I). Join Carlton Brown, AGB senior consultant and experienced leader of our JDE&I practice area, and Kim Bobby, EdD, AGB Search senior consultant, on Monday, July 26, at 11:00 AM ET for a session that will show board members how to provide exceptional leadership by threading equity through all their work. [Register for the upcoming webinar now.](#)

Thank you for your leadership and engagement with AGB.

Best regards,

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More AGB Resources to Support Your Board and Institutional Vitality

[Assessing the president's path forward.](#)



Strategic leadership is crucial to the long-term success of higher education institutions in a volatile environment. Presidential assessment provides the occasion for a board to deepen its understanding of the president, his or her leadership, and the institution. Assessing a president in order to build stronger performance is a process with three stages: ongoing feedback, annual reviews, and periodic 360 assessment. [LEARN MORE](#)→

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