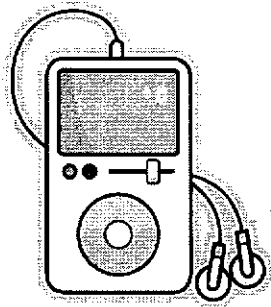




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Strategic Restructuring

April 8, 2009 | Time: 10:30

Some nonprofit leaders equate strategic restructuring only with mergers, but additional examples include partnerships, joint ventures, management service organizations, and parent corporations. Where do Boards begin when considering restructuring options? Pat Wyzbinski of the Nonprofit Management Fund talks with **Jean Butzen** about questions a Board can ask regarding the sustainability of the organization's business model, changes in revenue sources, staff talent, quality of services, potential duplication of programs, and other critical factors. Jean Butzen is the president of Mission Plus Strategy Consulting, specializing in growing nonprofit

social value through strategic restructuring.

Merger Integration

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One of the most difficult things for a nonprofit leader to learn is how to manage transitions and overcome fears that often accompany organizational change. Pat Wyzbinski of the Nonprofit Management Fund and **Mary Beth Malm** discuss the dynamics associated with integrating several boards and staffs into a single "new" entity. Mary Beth has served as Executive Director for the Girl Scouts of Greater Milwaukee and was recently involved in the integration of seven Girl Scout councils in the Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana area.

MERGER - Part 1

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Anna Pepelnjak was Board President of the Interfaith Caregiving Network when the organization was approached by Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Board leaders about the possibility of an alliance. Pat Wyzbinski of the Nonprofit Management Fund talks with Anna Pepelnjak about the Boards' involvement in the process that led to a merger and the resulting organization, Interfaith Senior Programs.

MERGER - Part 2

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The time and expense involved in making a merger work can surprise even the most experienced nonprofit leader. Interfaith Caregiving Network and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program merged in 2007 to form Interfaith Senior Programs. In her discussion with Pat Wyzbinski of the Nonprofit Management Fund, **Kathy Gale** provides the Executive Director's perspective about integrating two organizations' staffs, procedures, systems, and cultures as well as reactions to the merger by donors and the general community.

Alternative Structures: Consortium

July 4, 2007 | Time: 8:52

Nonprofit organizations are structured in many different ways, some of which result in unusual Board composition and inherent conflicts of interest. Milwaukee Environmental Consortium Board Chair **Lynn Broadus** talks with Pat Wyzbinski of the Nonprofit Management Fund about the challenges and successes of a consortium governed by a Board comprised solely of nonprofit staff from environmental organizations.



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