

## May 15, 2010: Rebooting the Board

Sometimes a board gets stuck, holding meetings but not making a discernible impact. When this happens, it is tempting to look for problems or try to assign blame. In this situation, many trustees feel powerless, believing that there is nothing they know how to do to improve the situation. There are always options, such as: bring in some new members, change who is in charge, get some advice on what to do differently, do some goal-setting, focus on a new strategy, or get some training.

What's most important is to do something different to re-start meaningful board activity. Is there one right way to do this? No, whatever works ends up being a good thing to do. Waiting for the best answer or waiting for staff to make it happen rarely works. Just the act of trying can actually lead to action that brings results. Go ahead and declare a new activity as your restart button and give it a push!