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POLICY GOVERNANCE[®] PROFICIENCY PROGRAM 2017-2018: REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

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The IPGA Policy Governance[®] Proficiency (PGP) Program aims to provide a high-level understanding of governance in theory, principle and practice. The seven-unit curriculum draws strongly on the work of John Carver in creating the Policy Governance system and provides context through the provision of an understanding of a variety of approaches to governance.

The PGP program runs from October to May using a variety of learning methodologies and leads to a certificate denoting the successful completion of an externally accredited program. The program is accessible from anywhere in the world to English-speaking participants who have a good internet connection. You can find out more information and register [here](#).

Congratulations to our 2016-17 cohort of nine Policy Governance[®] Proficiency (PGP) graduates whose details we will have on the IPGA

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The International Association of Policy Governance (IPGA) is seeking volunteers to help create an outstanding annual conference next year, June 21-23 in Savannah, Georgia. This committee will be very hands on, working to develop stellar content, secure great speakers and design sessions for



different learning styles. We are looking for a variety of professionals, particularly board members, CEOs and young professionals. If you are willing to serve on the committee itself, you will be expected to attend one conference call at 11 am ET on the second Wednesday of each month (usually one hour, occasionally longer) and do approximately 2 hours of work per week on individually-assigned tasks. No prior experience in conference program planning is necessary, but we would appreciate knowing about any relevant experience you do have. We are also seeking volunteers who do not have time to serve on the committee but are willing to take on a short 2-3 hour task. The work will be most heavy from now until January of 2018, and taper off after that.

If you are willing to serve, please send the following information to Vicki Hawarden at vicki@thearcspark.com by August 4.

- Name & Contact Information
- Indicate whether you wish to serve the IPGA conference planning committee or just wish to do tasks upon request.
- List any relevant experience in planning or program development (not required).
- List any networks or connections you are willing to access to help increase attendance or sponsorship.
- What questions or concerns do you want answered before your appointment is confirmed?

Thank you very much for your attention and your willingness to help IPGA meet its members' needs!

CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS

The International Association of Policy Governance (IPGA) is seeking session proposals for its annual conference next year, June 21-23 in Savannah, Georgia. We want stellar content and great speakers as well as ideas for unique session formats. Please submit either your session or speaker ideas even if you don't wish to present, or of course, feel free to submit your own presentation for consideration. All proposals are welcome, but in particular we hope to see submissions from boards, board members and CEOs practicing great governance who are willing to teach their fellow practitioners.

The theme of the conference will be determined soon, and at that

point, we will work with any selected presenters to align their topic with the theme. In the meantime, please submit your session ideas to Vicki Hawarden at vicki@thearcspark.com. All ideas are welcome, so please feel free to submit topic, speaker or session format suggestions even if you don't wish to present. Of course, feel free to submit any sessions you wish to present as well.

- Suggested Session Topic/Title
- Suggested Session Speaker (s)
- Suggested Session Format
- Why do you believe this session topic or speaker is important/outstanding?
- Suggested length of session.
- General ideas you wish to share (keynote speakers, session formats, networking events, schedule, etc.)

SAN DIEGO- GOVERNING FOR THE LONG RUN A RICH EXPERIENCE



San Diego did us proud with its gorgeous harbor providing the backdrop for three days of learning and fun. Our speakers and participants came from around the world with the England, Japan, US, Canada, Scotland, New Zealand, Hawaii and the Netherlands all represented.

Great to see not only many seasoned board members and executives but also a growing band of board administrators and young professionals in our midst and more people than ever saying they would recommend.

Save the date for 2018 - June 21-23 - in beautiful Savannah, Georgia, USA.



IPGA HUBS NEWS

Hubbarama 2017!

It was with great pleasure that many of the Hub communities were able to meet each other face to face during the 2017 IPGA conference in San Diego last month! Something happens when you meet someone face to face, after talking over web meeting all year long.... Magic!

Over 50 attendees attended Hubbarama at conference, and participated in a quick workshop learning about group communications techniques. There was much laughter in the room! Thanks to all the facilitators who helped out!

IPGA's special interest hubs offer great opportunities for sharing and learning! You can join in any time. Details of upcoming Hub meeting dates are at: <https://www.policygovernanceassociation.org/calendar.html>. Here is an update on the work of each Hub:

Board Administrators' Hub

Participants in the March 29th meeting continued to work on developing job descriptions for the Board Administrator's role. Three sample templates have been forwarded for review. The hub hopes to produce a matrix of board support needs in relation to operating the Policy Governance system and the pros and cons of different approaches to meeting them.

Welcome to LeeAnn Christian as the newest member of this Hub! This group meets quarterly and the next meeting will be on **August 2, 2017 12:00-1:00 p.m. EST**. For more information, contact Shelley Farouse at: SFarouse@crnns.ca.

Credit Unions' Hub

This hub is being reinvigorated, under the leadership of Roger Ballard. The group has been using Slack at: <https://cugovernancehub.slack.com/team> and have a Google group at: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/ipga-credit-union-forum>.

We counted SEVEN conference attendees from the Credit Union space. Welcome to Al Strawn, who just joined this Hub!

For meeting dates and more information, contact Roger Ballard at: rballard@nuvisionfederal.org.

Education Organizations' Hub

The February meeting focussed on how IPGA can serve education organizations and orientation. The next meeting will be at the new time of 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Eastern at a date to be determined by Doodle Poll. The topics Pipeline includes more on ownership linkage, effective monitoring and trust (how can board members challenge if feel not enough evidence) and elevating management issues to the board. For more information, contact Caroline Oliver: ceo@policygovernanceassociation.org.

Faith-based Organizations' Hub

The February meeting looked at the challenge of boards that want to be involved in strategic planning. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 11:30 - 12:30 Eastern Time. For more information, contact Ted Hull. thull@tedhullconsulting.com.

New to Consulting Hub

The focus of this Hub's meetings is on sharing members developing wisdom and understanding with occasional guest input. The topics pipeline includes: 1) the soft side of governance, the psychological side, 2) sustaining Policy Governance implementation, 3) using technology (videoconferencing, etc.), 4) debriefing the IPGA annual conference and 5) sharing presentations. The February meeting started a discussion on reframing this group's purpose. For more information, contact John Bohley: jpbohley@gmail.com.

Simplifying Policy Governance

This Hub is working its way through the ten principles of Policy Governance and considering how they might be simplified in theory, teaching and practice. The group is currently working on the principle of ownership. At its March meeting, the group discussed what to do when owners don't care. At its next meeting on **Thursday, April 27** at 11 a.m. Eastern, the group will be exploring the boundary between Ends and Limitations. For more information, contact Richard Stringham: richard@governancecoach.com.

Parked and New Hubs

The following hubs are looking for leadership:

- Governmental Applications
- Associations

The following hubs have also been suggested and we are exploring if there is sufficient interest to get them going:

- Local Government
- Non-Profit Trusts
- Regulatory Health Organizations

If you would like to get involved in any of the above, contact our Hubs Manager, Athens Koliass: athens@order4orgs.com

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