# **Board Assessment Survey**

# As you review and evaluate the summer, it is also a good time to evaluate the board/commission’s work. Part of this process should include the assessment of the board and its work. This can help improve meetings and decision-making, help the board chair and executive committee understand and support the work the board and committees are doing throughout the year, and better unearth/leverage board/committee members’ skills.

Review the list of basic board responsibilities below and indicate if, in your opinion, the board is meeting expectations in each area and how the board could improve its performance.

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|  | Does Well | Needs Work  | Suggestions |
| 1. Organization’s Mission
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| 1. Strategic Planning
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| 1. Program Evaluation
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| 1. Fundraising
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| 1. Fiscal Oversight and Risk Management
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| 1. Relationship with Chief Executive
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| 1. Board-staff Relationship
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| 1. Public Relations and Advocacy
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| 1. Board Selection and Orientation
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| 1. Board Organization
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**Questions to ask yourself:**

1. In what ways have you contributed this year?
2. Is there additional skill you have that we have not tapped?
3. How could we improve our meetings?

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