

WFA Convention, 2012.

The convention was well attended by 7 members of concerning volunteers and Board members. I will list the different classes and speakers we heard.

Fair Board policy manual. Getting to Great Board Leadership, the workshop was very interesting; the power of one voice was discussed in great detail. The 3 tier of the Boards is Community, the Board, next Executive and last Operating Organization. The power of the board is, nominating, CEO Comp. Personnel, Facilities, audit, Marketing, Entertainment and Budget/ Finance. The CEO is to be in charge of all things below. Key Committee Considerations; BAORD Committees" authority emanates from the Board. They report to the Board. Should be established to help the Board do its job. Other Committees may be recruited/ utilized by staff for advisory and / or assistance roles. Last but not least. Helps staff to achieve objectives without confused roles/ authority. Some sample of different fairs mission statement: O/.C. "Celebration of Orange Count's Heritage. At our table was some very important state officials, that being the Governors, appointment secretary, Mona Pasquill and her assistant Sonya Logman. I ask them after their speech if they were working on the appointments for our fair and they said they were. Some of these criteria for appointments by the Governor is what committees you have been on, how many meetings have you missed, are you involved in the community, and he does not look at Party affiliations.

The Board Process Policy, Board Job Description "Product" The board is directly responsible for: 1. Linkage between the Fair organization and the Community. 2. Written performance standers (regarding policies) standards (governing Policies) for its own performance and that of staff.3. Assuring CEO performance meets those standards.

At one time one of the speakers gave an overview of things both the concessions and the fair grounds had the same and different ideas.

Leadership: someone follows you because they want to, not because they have to! If you believe in your self, others will believe in you.

Area meetings. Each fair gave their progress report, fair dates and the theme of this year fair.

Monterey's if very close to ours! Jody made a great report concerning our fair.

We were transported to the Orange County Fair Grounds and had a wonderful evening of entertainment and a great dinner. We have not had a special event in many years!

The speakers were motivations speakers, one Michael West was wonderful and kept the audience at all times, He was funny, but very interesting.

Ways to make money: BEER FEST, a great idea, one that would work well with the Burrito Festival. Food Trucks, we have so many around here it would be a great event. Barbeque events, Weddings during the Fair?

The Convention was full of many different classes, some took the Fair Board class and some did the Fund Raising class. All in all we had a wonderful week, all being paid for by each individual since there is not any money this year we felt it was up to each of us to pay or own way.

Loretta

\_\_\_\_\_ (name of Organization)

### **Board Meeting Assessment (SAMPLE)**

Meeting Date \_\_\_\_\_

**For each statement below, indicate your degree of agreement using the following scale.**  
**Strongly agree    1    2    3    4    5    Strongly disagree**

|     |  | Brief comment of specific example(s) to support your response. |
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| 1.  | Board members came to the meeting prepared, and punctual.<br>1    2    3    4    5   |  |
| 2.  | Participation was balanced, with broad engagement and no one person dominating.<br>1    2    3    4    5   |  |
| 3.  | Board members can be honest with each other, and leave the meeting with mutual respect for each other.<br>1    2    3    4    5                      |  |
| 4.  | The interests of the membership as a whole were at the forefront of board discussions.<br>1    2    3    4    5                                      |  |
| 5.  | The agenda was appropriately prepared by the Board Chair.<br>1    2    3    4    5   |  |
| 6.  | The Chair presided over the meeting in accordance with Board policy/expectations.<br>1    2    3    4    5   |  |
| 7.  | Deviations from the agenda, if any, were a group decision.<br>1    2    3    4    5  |  |
| 8.  | Decisions were limited to items that, according to Board policy, are related to the Board's not (not delegated to the CEO).<br>1    2    3    4    5 |  |
| 9.  | The Board considered appropriate background material, and board member perspectives, when making decisions.<br>1    2    3    4    5                 |  |
| 10. | The Board provided strategic leadership by focusing on Ends.<br>1    2    3    4    5  |  |
| 11. | The Board encouraged diversity of viewpoints.<br>1    2    3    4    5   |  |
| 12. | The Board was proactive and its discussions future-focused.<br>1    2    3    4    5   |  |

NOTE: Some boards record attendance with checklist: \_\_\_ AB \_\_\_ Late \_\_\_ Left early \_\_\_ Prepared

13. Other notes/suggestions to the Chair:

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