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Articles describing the art of establishing good governance practices abound. But, even if you check all the right boxes, your board may not be an effective, collegial working group.

Should your board consider these additional practices?

Six Questions To Consider

- 1. Would it be helpful ... if your CEO sent one-page updates "in-between" meetings?
- 2. ... if directors met in executive session after (or before) every meeting ... twice, once with the CEO and no other members of management and once without the CEO present?
- 3. ... if the board expected the nominating committee to be active not only in considering potential new directors ... but also in considering the contributions of current directors?
- 4. ... If meeting materials were sent in advance (including both "must" reads and "nice to know" materials)?
- 5. ... if the chair actively solicited comments from every board member during meetings?
- 6. ... if directors contributed their thoughts on what should be on the next agenda?

Ask these questions during the executive session at your next board meeting.

The answers might help your board become more effective and the company stronger.

New questions are posted each month at <u>www.governancesolutionsgroup.com</u>. Every board can benefit from periodically taking a hard look at how it is functioning and at the status of its corporate governance structure. Sometimes high-performing individuals find it helpful to talk with an outside expert – much like the occasional consult with the golf pro, or the visit to the doctor for an annual physical.



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