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*EDC and the San Juan Island Community Foundation partner with
Washington Nonprofits and the Washington Secretary of State to offer workshops on board practices*

The San Juan County Economic Development Council EDC and the San Juan Island Community Foundation have partnered with Washington Nonprofits and the Washington Secretary of State to offer workshops on excellent board practices. The workshops will be held on Lopez and San Juan Islands on September 15th and October 5th (details below). Advance registration and payment required.

This interactive, hands-on workshop will cover board responsibilities, operations, development, fundraising, and advocacy. It is based on the Boards in Gear resources developed in partnership with some of our state's leading board experts. Participants will leave with concrete action steps, tools, and connections.

The workshop is designed for board members and the people who work with them, namely executive directors and program staff. It offers ideas for new board members and those who have served for a long time. It is appropriate for organizations of all sizes, whether they have staff or not.

Boards play an important role in the success of any organization. Strengthening the practice of nonprofit boards within a community will lead to more effective and sustainable results as that community addresses poverty, education, the environment and other critical issues.

The workshop will be presented by Virginia D. Lang, a veteran management consultant who has worked in the corporate sector and the nonprofit community as an advisor on all aspects of community affairs for almost 30 years. Lang has served as an expert coach, trainer, facilitator and consultant to an impressive array of nonprofit organizations, she is an accomplished speaker and teacher, and she leads business and nonprofit workshops at Whatcom Community College.

Details – advance registration and payment required

Cost: \$15 for members of Washington Nonprofits, \$10/nonmembers. Advance registration is required; brown bag lunch recommended (beverages will be served).

Lopez Island: Thursday, September 15th from 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Lopez Center. Cost \$15 for members of Washington Nonprofits, \$10/nonmembers. Please visit <http://www.cvent.com/d/5vqjdq> to register.

San Juan Island: Wednesday, October 5th from 9:00 a.m. -1:30 p.m. at Brickworks in Friday Harbor. Cost \$15 for members of Washington Nonprofits, \$10/nonmembers. Please visit <http://www.cvent.com/d/yvqjgd> to register.

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