



2025 Board Leader Training: An MVNC Leadership Intensive

Hosted by MVNC in collaboration with strategy and business planning consultant Mary Kay Leonard

About the Program:

Strengthening Leadership Through Collaboration and Real-World Learning

This multi-session training is designed for new and emerging nonprofit board leaders ready to strengthen their impact through effective governance, collaboration, and mission-focused leadership. Participants gain practical tools, insights, and peer support to lead confidently alongside fellow board members and staff.

The Board Leader Training:

- Covers core governance concepts, frameworks, and best practices grounded in real-world examples and current challenges;
- Creates a collaborative space for candid discussion, case studies, and shared learning;
- Builds a lasting peer network for continued support and problem-solving

This training is ideal for board members with at least one year of board service who are currently in their first years of a leadership role or preparing to step into one. While not required, we encourage boards to send two participants together to maximize shared learning and application.

"[I] attended [the] Board Leader Training with one of my younger board colleagues who'd served on our board for 7 years. BLT really inspired and equipped us to make important changes which had the full support of the board and staff and which have made us a stronger board and organization... I highly recommend it!"

Jennifer Blum,
Vineyard Conservation Society, Board of Directors President

Program Details:

Our intention is to meet in-person for all four sessions, with Zoom capacity, if needed.

- **Session 1: The Role of the Board: Governance and Policy Setting vs Management**
 - Tuesday, September 30, 2025, 9am-12pm
- **Session 2: The Board/ED Relationship; Building a Diverse Board**
 - Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 10am-1pm
- **Session 3: Strategic, Business and Operational Planning and Managing Leadership Transitions**
 - Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 10am-1pm
- **Session 4: Building Awareness of and Fundraising for your Organization**
 - Tuesday, November 18, 2025, 10am-1pm

Email completed application to Shauna Moon at shauna@mvdonors.org by August 20, 2025.



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2025 Application Information

- We are accepting up to 20 individuals serving on the boards of Martha's Vineyard based organizations to join in this year's cohort.
- The cost for participation is \$250 for each individual, excluding travel.
- Mary Kay will schedule interviews with those accepted to better customize sessions to interests.
- **Please indicate your interest in applying to MVNC by August 8, 2025.**

2025 Board Leader Training Application

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Are you a year round resident of the Vineyard?:

Yes

No (seasonal)

What nonprofit board will you be representing?

Time spent on above Board:

Board Title; Committees you are on?:

Please list any other board(s) you have served on in the past or present:

What do you hope to get from the training?

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For each of the 4 dates, please indicate if you can attend and, if so, in person or virtually. Ideally, participants will attend all 4 sessions in person.

Date/Time	In-person	Virtual	Cannot attend this date/time
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If there is another member of your board who might be interested – please forward this invite or include their name and/or contact information here and we will reach out:

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