2026 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 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. While not required, we encourage boards to send two participants together to maximize shared learning and application.

> *"The Board Leader Training Class was certainly timely -- a week before the series began, I unexpectedly became board chair! The information, which was presented in a crisp,and interactive manner, has been invaluable. Additionally, the format encouraged connections with other non profit leaders. I want to take the class again, as I feel I have so much to learn from this BLT!"*
>
> **Mary Beth Grady,**
> **Camp Jabberwocky, Board Chair/Treasurer**

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**
  - Thursday, April 23, 2026, 10am-1pm
- **Session 2: The Board/ED Relationship; Building a Diverse Board**
  - Thursday, May 7, 2026, 10am-1pm
- **Session 3: Strategic, Business and Operational Planning and Managing Leadership Transitions**
  - Thursday, May 21, 2026, 10am-1pm
- **Session 4: Building Awareness of and Fundraising for your Organization**
  - Thursday, June 4, 2026, 10am-1pm

Email completed application to Jess Wyckoff at jess@mvnonprofits.org by March 20, 2026.

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2026 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.
- Mary Kay will schedule interviews with those accepted to better customize sessions to interests.
- **Please indicate your interest in applying to MVNC by March 20, 2026.**

2026 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:

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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