Board Matching
We connect passionate people with opportunities to serve.

Business
• Provide employees the opportunity to be impactful leaders in the community by participating in BVU’s Board Matching Program that pairs and trains individuals for nonprofit board service.

• Leverage BVU’s speed dating approach to board matching to connect up-and-coming professionals to nonprofit committee and board engagement opportunities.

Nonprofit
• Receive qualified referrals of business professionals to serve on boards and committees through BVU’s Board Matching Program.

How Board Matching Works

Step 1: Nomination
Employers nominate stand-out candidates to participate in the Board Matching program. Candidates then complete an application, identifying types of organization that interests them most.

Step 2: Interview
BVU interviews candidates to learn more about their backgrounds and passions and then shares with them specific nonprofit board opportunities that meet their interests and match their skills.

Step 3: Referral
Once candidates decide which organization to pursue, BVU contacts that organization to recommend them. The two sides meet to see if it’s a good fit. If both agree to the match, the candidates moves forward in the organization’s recruitment process and joins a committee or are elected to the nonprofit board.

Step 4: Training
Board matching candidates attend a three-hour seminar to prepare them to effectively serve as nonprofit board members.

Criteria for Candidates

Candidates will demonstrate:
• Interest in community
• Expertise and achievement in their field
• Vision, strategic thinking, teamwork, fundraising and personal financial commitment
• Interest and readiness to serve on the board of a nonprofit organization in Northeast Ohio

Role of the Board Seminar:
Candidates attend a three-hour seminar on the role of the nonprofit board member. Candidates may attend the seminar at any point in the process.

2019 Role of the Board Dates:
• March 1
• June 14
• October 18

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