Introducing HBS OnBoard

A new program of the Social Enterprise Initiative, OnBoard is a program designed to inspire and support alumni serving on nonprofit boards. OnBoard will develop alumni leadership skills critical for modern governance, with a focus on the evolving role of nonprofit boards from one of fiduciary and organizational performance oversight to a role that encompasses the broader perspective of systems impact.

OnBoard will include virtual synchronous sessions with a combination of HBS faculty, social impact practitioners, and alumni to discuss cross-sector topics including systems thinking, driving change, mergers and collaborations, succession planning, and the nonprofit racial leadership gap. Each session will be interactive with opportunities to collaborate with other HBS alumni on problem solving, education and support. OnBoard is designed to build on the HBS commitment to lifelong learning while contributing to the impact of the nonprofit sector through rigorous examination of the essential roles and practices of board leaders.

OnBoard is intended for alumni who currently serve on nonprofit boards and see value in collaborating with other alumni to deepen their engagement and effectiveness. For those alumni considering nonprofit board service, the program will also include bi-annual sessions to guide you through an examination of your personal motivations, interests and skills as well as frameworks for evaluating specific board opportunities.

Interested in learning more about OnBoard? Sign up here to join our mailing list or contact Amelia Angella, Associate Director of Alumni Engagement, at aangella@hbs.edu.