



News & Announcements

Tech Corner in February

Want to know the new nonprofit technology trends for 2017? *Nonprofit Tech for Good* has 5 technology trends to watch in the new year:

1. A Declining Engagement on Social Media
2. A Revival in Email Fundraising
3. The Rise in Digital Payments on Social Media
4. The Adoption of Mobile Fundraising Apps
5. The Sector Embracing the "Internet of Things"

To read the full article, click [here](#).

Nonprofit Finance Fundamental Webinars: Building Adaptability and Resilience for Sector Leaders

Nonprofit Finance Fund is hosting a webinar series on strategic financial adaptability & resiliency in the nonprofit sector. Check out the webinars offered below:

Part 1: Tools to Promote Financial Adaptability 6 sessions from February 14 to March 21

This session includes an explanation of nonprofit financial systems and a crash course in reading financial statements. Click [here](#) to register.

Part 2: Building Resilience for the Long Haul 6 sessions from April 18 to May 23

This session includes how common business choices can be managed across leadership roles to help advance a nonprofit's mission. Click [here](#) to register.

Have You Heard About "Dine to Donate with Waco Hippodrome?"

Organizations will receive 15% of sales for their scheduled night approximately a week after their event. Charities are eligible for [Dine to Donate](#) once per year.

Schedule your event by contacting Casey at cturner@wacohippodrometheatre.com. Read the PDF with full details [here](#).

Is Your Nonprofit Looking for Grant Opportunities?

Be sure to check out our Grant [page](#) for information on recent grant opportunities.

Want to Know About Capacity Building Events That Are Happening Soon?

Stay up to date by checking out our schedule of events [here](#).

The Bernard and Audre Rapoport Foundation, Cooper Foundation and Waco Foundation Team Up to Bring Local Nonprofits 2 Building High Performing Boards Training Sessions!

Because Strong Nonprofits Help Build Strong Communities

The Bernard and Audre Rapoport Foundation, Cooper Foundation, and Waco Foundation are pleased to announce a partnership to provide local nonprofits with the most expert in their industry to create strong board governance in 2017.

Many of our local nonprofits have attended board governance training hosted by Waco Foundation in the past. This year, the foundation has expanded their efforts and is offering a grant to fund members and staff attending training sessions that will provide attendees with the tools and resources they need to build high performing boards.

We think building strong boards is a great way to succeed, but if you need any more help, we are happy to be of service to you up to \$1,000 for professional development activities. The best part is the grants for these expenses are available for 2017! Contact us today to get more information.

Building High Performing Boards
Two Opportunities

1. **"Laying the Foundation"** is available January 27th from 8:30 - 10:00 am. **August 25th from 8:30 - 10:00 am.** This is a two-hour training with Cooper Foundation Executive Director, Chuck Loring, and staff. It provides an overview of the importance of strong board governance. The training is held by nine board members, board members with questions and have not attended board governance training, and community members interested in learning more.

JANUARY REGISTRATION: <http://bit.ly/2p3u3A1>
AUGUST REGISTRATION: <http://bit.ly/2p3u3A1>
COST: Free

2. **Building Better Boards** will be held November 2nd, 2017. This also long training with executive director, Chuck Loring, will provide targeted resources to help local nonprofits build strong boards that are strategic and address their organizations' business strategy and more effectively.

REGISTRATION: <http://bit.ly/2p3u3A1>
COST: \$100

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRIZE: Up to \$1,000 for professional development for the nonprofit. "Continents" from professional work are given to the nonprofit.

IN ELIGIBLE:

- Nonprofits that operate the state of Texas, but are not located in Texas, when they are located and with the program.
- 501(c)(3) in the United States, and not in the foreign.
- At least 50% of the board must have attended a board governance training session prior to 2017, 2016 or 2015. The application will be reviewed and the grant will be awarded to the nonprofit.

MORE INFORMATION ↓
Call Waco Foundation at 254.753.6315 or Cooper Foundation at 254.753.6315.

Session 1 *Laying the Foundation*

Please note that January 27 has expired but *Laying the Foundation* is still available! Mark your calendars for **April 28, 2017 (Newly Added!)** & August 25, 2017 from 8:30-10:00 am.

Session 2 *Building Better Boards with Chuck Loring*

Available November 2, 2017*.

*NOTICE REGARDING THE NOVEMBER 2 TRAINING:

Due to space limitations, we encourage you to prioritize the attendance of board members who have never attended a Chuck Loring training. For the purpose of the professional development prize, we are extending the eligibility of the past board governance trainings to the last 5 years.

For more information on these events, click [here](#).

Waco Foundation Grant Information

Waco Foundation is pleased to announce that it has reinstated its **Small Capital Grants** program. To learn about the program's revised parameters, click [here](#).

And did you know the Foundation also offers **Immediate Impact Grants** (small grants of \$5,000 or less)? To learn more about the Immediate Impact Grants program, click [here](#).

Waco Foundation Mini-Grants

Looking to build your organization's strengths? Don't forget about Waco Foundation's Capacity Building Program which awards non-competitive mini-grants up to \$2,500 to nonprofits seeking guidance in areas such as organizational assessments and strategic planning. To learn about mini-grants and more, click [here](#)!

Meetings & Trainings

The Lilly Family School of Philanthropy "Developing Major Gifts Training" is coming to Dallas, Texas!

Among other things, this in-depth training session will teach you how to:

- Use the Eight-Step Major Gifts Management Cycle to turn consistent donors into major donors;
- Identify your strengths to better communicate with donors.



Waco Social Media | Breakfast Events February 2017 Waco Social Media Breakfast

Join Waco Social Media for their monthly meeting at the Egg & I. For more information on Waco Social Media and their events, click [here](#). To register for this month's breakfast, click [here](#).

Location: The Egg & I - 4600 Franklin Avenue, Waco, TX, 76710

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Time: 7:30 am - 9:00 am

Nonprofit Network

Join Nonprofit Network this month for *Engaging Young Professionals in Your Nonprofit*

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2017

For more information or to register for this event, click [here](#).

Date: February 27 - March 1, 2017

Location: MicroTek-Dallas, 5430 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway, Three Lincoln Centre, Suite 300, Dallas, Texas 75240


Cost: \$1,575

Time: 8:00 am - Doors Open for Networking & Refreshments
8:30 am - Welcome, Announcements, Program Begins
10:00 am - Program Ends

Location: Texas Life Annex, 1000 Washington Avenue, Waco, TX 76701

Cost: Free

For more information or to view past meetings, click [here](#).

Hosted by Cooper Foundation 

Mission Capital's Executive Leadership Academy Spring 2017

Ideal for anyone with a nonprofit organization who is new to the Executive Director or CEO role, this 4-day training will ensure attendees develop a solid understanding of all major aspects of nonprofit management. Some of the topics to be addressed include:

1. The role of the Executive Director/CEO
2. Financial management and Fiscal planning
3. Nonprofit strategy and organization life cycles.

For more information or to

Central Texas Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals | AFP



AFP February Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 23, 2017

Time: 12:00-1:30 pm

Location: Community Bank & Trust, 1711 Lake Success Drive, Waco

Cost: \$15 Member | \$20 Non-Member

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) works to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education, and certification programs. AFP conducts monthly meetings with informative presentations on fundraising and philanthropic topics. Please click [here](#) to learn more about the upcoming meeting.

The Grantsmanship Center's Essential Grant Skills Training

Do you need help with grant proposal writing but are too busy for a week-long training? This compact 2-day course provides the same training as the 5-day Grantsmanship Training Program. Give your grant proposal writing projects a

register for this event, click [here](#).

Date: April 27-28 & May 4-5, 2017

Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Mission Capital Offices, 8303 N. MoPac Expwy, Suite A201, Austin, Texas 78759

Cost: \$750 Members | \$900 Non-Members

Tuition assistance may be available to eligible nonprofits via Waco Foundation's Capacity Building Mini-Grant Program. To learn more about mini-grants, click [here](#).

boost, and register for this training [here](#).

Date: March 14-15, 2017

Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm both days

Location: United Way of Greater Houston, 50 Waugh Drive, Houston, TX 77007

Cost: \$545

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WACO FOUNDATION-CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM



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