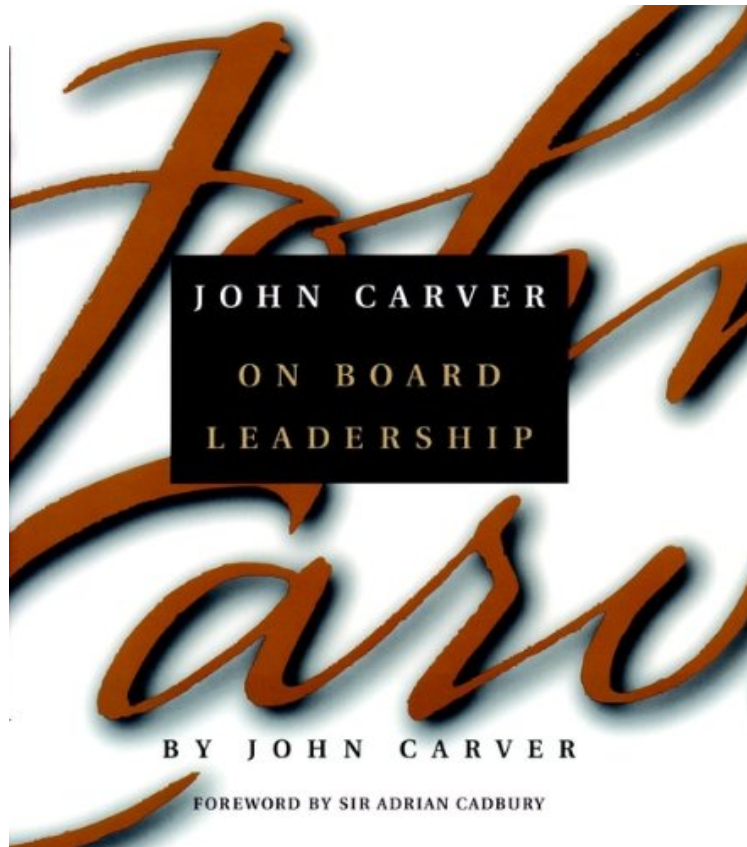


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A Valuable Addition to Carver's Work on Governance By James V Hyatt With his breakthrough work on how boards may govern effectively, John Carver has invented a body of thought and a set of distinctions that simply did not exist before. While others have tinkered with the organizational problems facing nonprofit and public entities and come up with various tips and ideas, Mr. Carver has given us a complete, seamless model, called Policy Governance, that upends traditional notions of organizational behaviour. The very distinction of governance from management is one most nonprofits never make. The failure to do so opens a Pandora's box of problems and issues that continue to plague these organizations without the ability to understand or address their causes. In his seminal works on Policy Governance, including *Boards That Make a Difference* and *Reinventing Your Board*, Mr. Carver has distilled the theory and methodology of his governance model. *John Carver on Board Leadership* brings us a wide range of his writings that delve more deeply into the many aspects and implications of his work. It is well organized by topic and cross indexed with FAQs that allow us to go from the problem to his solution

rather than from theory to application. Board and staff members alike, with a specific issue in mind, will be able to find useful articles that address just that issue while harking back to the theoretical foundation. On many occasions I have wished I had a way to sift through years of newsletters and periodicals to find a particular writing on a particular issue I was grappling with. I now have that resource, and with it, the opportunity to observe Mr. Carver's thinking in greater detail, beyond the distillation of his theoretical works. I highly recommend it. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. The rest of John Carver

By GARY DAVIS  
If you have read John Carver's books and watched his videotaped lectures, you have just begun to scratch the surface. In addition to "Boards That Make A Difference," "Reinventing Your Board," and "A New Vision of Board Leadership," Carver has produced an amazing array of short pieces designed for those who want to use Policy Governance. This book, "On Board Leadership," is a convenient compendium of these articles. It's well organized with a reliable index, an understandable table of contents and a list of "frequently asked questions" with references to the articles. What this means is that my frequent trips to the file cabinet to riffle through my file of Carver's occasional writings are a thing of the past. From now on, I'll grab "On Board Leadership" and turn right to the article I need. If, for example, I am struggling with the concept of "cost," the index sends me to page 96 where I read that a board can only do so much. So the board must satisfy itself that by giving up end X in order to accomplish end Y, it is doing what its "owners" would want. The only tool I now lack is a "Carver Concordance."

Wide ranging discussions well organized. Just what every Policy Governance advocate can use. The book belongs in every association executive's library.  
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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The ultimate resource  
By Bill Charney  
While there are more and more books available on making boards effective, no other author seems to bring together anything more than miscellaneous ideas. John Carver, on the other hand, lays out a full system for board clarity and accountability. I read his "Boards That Make a Difference", and was thrilled to see someone finally offer a way to make sense of boards. As a consultant, I've become an avid advocate of his Policy Governance model, which when used, virtually assures elevated governance. With this new book, Carver continues to impress. Rather than a conceptual text, this collection of over 100 articles addresses nearly every conceivable structural issue boards face, as well as the myths surrounding Policy Governance. To have all of this relevant information in one place is an incredible gift, another great addition to Carver's contributions to the nonprofit world, and any others interested in making boardroom activity meaningful and productive.

This one-stop board leadership resource, written by one of the world's leading governance consultants and author of the bestselling *Boards That Make a Difference*, offers you a broad range of material including the best articles from the *Board Leadership* newsletter, articles from various publications, and previously unpublished short works. Each chapter has been carefully selected and arranged to provide you with a distillation of John Carver's revolutionary Policy Governance model.

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