

Developing tomorrow's leaders is one of our five grand challenges for K-State Research and Extension. Most people presume this concept focuses on youth development and it does. However, another focus for Extension programming is around developing adult leadership educational opportunities. The adage of you are never too old to learn new things is so true in today's society. The overwhelming and bombardment of information we have accessible to us at any given moment is quite daunting. The question then becomes how do we better ourselves and enhance our learning opportunities. If civic engagement and community involvement are your interest, we have an upcoming course you might be interested in.

The Welcome-A-Board Leadership Series is a four-course series offered once a week for four weeks. The course is designed to provide basic training for members of community-based boards. The series will be hosted by local K-State Research and Extension professionals. "Informed and committed board members are the key to healthy, effective boards and committees in our Kansas communities. K-State Research and Extension's Welcome-A-Board Leadership Series will provide an opportunity for board members to learn the basics of being a good board member," said Trudy Rice, retired extension community development specialist. "Whether you are a member of a church board, a township board, a non-profit agency board, or a home association board, this training is appropriate for you."

This year the course will be offered virtually from 6:00pm – 8:00pm through Zoom. The cost will be \$40 dollars per registration for the entire series. One registration holds a virtual seat for all four sessions and can be rotated by participants. Registration will be required, and course materials will be mailed to participants the week before the class begins.

The dates and topics to be covered include:

February 21: Conductive Effective Meetings and Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members

Basics of parliamentary procedure

Strategies to make meetings more productive

February 28: Fundraising, Fund Management, Legalities and Ethics

Explore board options for raising and managing money

March 7: Understanding Fellow Board Members and Conflict Management

Learn how to manage conflict in a way that is productive, not destructive to the board

March 14: Strategic Planning

Learn about establishing a common mission and vision for the board and how to plan priorities for the future

Registration Fee: \$40.00

To register:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=e6rb9sqab&oeidk=a07ejj1vsze2379584c>

Registration deadline is February 3, 2023