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Generosity – Powering the Future

by Tim Kurth, Co-Leader, Resource Development Team

In 2015, I was in Kathmandu, Nepal shortly after the devastating earthquakes. Aftershocks were still occurring on an almost daily basis. Sitting outside an orphanage where the children were sleeping in tents because they feared being inside a building, I felt the ground shake under my feet. As one who had never experienced an earthquake or an aftershock, it was surreal. It's unsettling when the very ground beneath your feet moves.

Fast forward to Forth Worth, Texas in June of this year. Those gathered for the GOVERN for IMPACT Conference in-person and virtually felt the ground move. **In subtle, yet ever more apparent ways, governance is showing its power to shape the future.** For some this will be unsettling but those of us standing at the epicenter of governance see it coming and are making the shift to be out on the leading edge. **That shift is taking GOVERN far beyond a simple association as we transition into a philanthropic force championing excellence in governance.** At this year's conference this transition was fully realized.

A Binda Foundation grant made it possible for Paul Smith to deliver his captivating keynote presentation. Our Generosity Team welcomed many new members even as we enjoyed a rousing version of "Name That Tune" while enjoying a good old-fashioned Texas BBQ. The whole organization made a shift setting up a dynamic future through your generosity. A generosity that will inspire others to join us in changing the world for the better through governance excellence. **Yes, GOVERN for IMPACT is ready for an earth shaking future. Can you feel it? Join us!**

Make your gift by clicking here and join the Generosity Team today!

Tap into the power of giving, it's simple on any Smartphone. Just text code 250941 to 1-855-575-7888

2022 Caroline Oliver Lifetime Achievement Honor Awarded to Richard Stringham

The Caroline Oliver Life Time Achievement Award is given to a GOVERN for IMPACT affiliate who has made remarkable and stellar contributions to GOVERN for IMPACT over an extended number of years in a sustained manner. This can include volunteer service across a wide variety of contributions including sharing knowledge and wisdom, developing programs, researching, building community, advocacy, organizing, and writing, etc. The Caroline Oliver Lifetime Achievement Award was also created to commemorate our colleague, friend, and visionary leader. Caroline was instrumental in bringing us a group to believe in a community which can help improve the world through effective governance. This award is designed to honor a person who has been dedicated, who has provided thought-leadership, knowledge, and compassionate service to GOVERN for IMPACT and the community through compassionate, thoughtful, purpose-driven and ethical governance. This is a high bar to meet.

The award nomination comes from the CEO to the Board for consideration and the Board makes the decision or not to confer the award. This is the highest level award presented by GOVERN and is only presented once in a person's lifetime. The 2022 recipient of the Caroline Oliver Lifetime Achievement Award is Richard Stringham.

For over 30 years Richard has provided development services to a range of organizations, such as cooperatives, professional regulatory organizations, nonprofit groups, and community organizations. As a member of the management team for a nonprofit educational organization, he led leadership development programs for both youth and adults, provided educational services and facilitated planning for boards and volunteers and management groups. He began work with the application and Policy Governance® Model in 2002. With the Alberta Institute of Agriologists (AIA), where he was a direct report to the CEO.

In that capacity, he provided governance services to both the CEO and the Governing Council, and AIA received the benefit of in house Policy Governance expertise. He attended the Policy Governance Academy in 2004 and as an affiliate of GOVERN for IMPACT Richard has served on the Consistency Team, and previously coordinated the Simplifying Policy Governance Hub. Richard is a Senior Associate with The Governance Coach™ providing governance consulting to a wide range of organizations. He has contributed to this community through being on the Consistency Team for many years; the last two as Chair. He has served on other governance task forces, presented at many annual conferences for over a decade.

Richard has presented at Face to Face, advanced practice webinars, and as an instructor in the Policy Governance Proficiency Program. He always says yes to provide insight or a presentation if asked, sometimes in emergencies. He is a go-to person for providing sage advice and input to people within the community, serving as a member of the GOVERN Leadership Team and being an honest, sincere, caring person with integrity.

Congratulations to Richard Stringham from the GOVERN for IMPACT Board and CEO. You motivate us and we are grateful for your stellar contributions.

Pat McCarver, GOVERN Board Chair (middle) and Karen Fryday-Field, GOVERN CEO (right) congratulate Richard Stringham at the 2022 Annual Conference

Richard Stringham's Address to Receiving the Award

We stand on the shoulders of giants. I think if you think about that, for this community, it's John Carver, Caroline Oliver, to name a couple. But there are other shoulders and they're the shoulders that I rub within this community, just a marvelous group of people from a number of different aspects. There are all the people in this room, all the people online, all the people engaged with us who want to make the world a better place. It sounds trite and yet it's just so real. The other thing I appreciate is the level of ability to connect. And this may sound strange, but to even disagree, to have differences of opinion, and be so respectful.

Karen and I are on the Consistency Team, there are also other members who are not at this conference. We have these great conversations about sometimes what seems like "how many angels can dance on the head of a pin", but really, we're working away at trying to figure out what is the really important policy governance stuff. And it can be a passionate disagreement and agreement and yet its the most respectful place and I love being there. My wife will tell you I don't dive into conflict easily so when we get into those kinds of settings and you can feel comfortable to say "wait a minute, I see this a different way" and know that the people there are going to say, "alright, I'm willing to listen and to take your perspective into account" - it is so easy to just be there and have that presence. For that, I am thankful. So many people have made this experience a great life experience. Thank you for this honor!

Recipients of the Caroline Oliver Lifetime Achievement Award

- 2022 - Richard Stringham
- 2021 - Richard Biery
- 2020 - Kathy Wiener
- 2019 - Rose Mercier
- 2018 - Caroline Oliver
- 2017 - Karen Fryday-Field
- 2016 - Eric Craymer
- 2015 - Susan Radwan
- 2014 - Jannice Moore

You Can Learn What We Learned at the 2022 GOVERN for IMPACT Annual Conference - Organizations That Make a Difference: Board Driven Relevance and Accountability -

Unable to attend or participate virtually in the 2022 GOVERN for IMPACT conference in June... there were many great sessions you will want to learn from! Here's how you can still do that:

You can purchase access to the Conference Syllabus which includes the session recordings and the related materials (Powerpoint, etc). The cost of the entire set of conference records is only:

- $510 USD for Affiliates
- $605 USD for Non-Affiliates

Purchase of these conference proceedings is for personal use only. It is not to be shared with others or to be used for any commercial purpose.

Here are just some of the recorded sessions you can get:

Key Governing Fundamentals

- The Impact of Powerful Ends - Translating Values to Clear Purpose
- Limitations that Empower
- Notions of Ownership
- Board Process: Exercising Responsibility, Delivering Accountability
- Board-CEO Relationship Principles and Practices

Governing in the Future

- Strategic Vision is Not Strategic Planning
- Future Focused Governance is Agile
- Getting Unstuck with Deep Democracy
- Facilitated Unconference - What Did We Learn? What Do We Want to Learn?
- Purposeful Profitability

To purchase access to the recordings go to the following link: SHOP on the GOVERN for IMPACT website.

- Login in to your account or create an account if you do not already have one with GOVERN for IMPACT
- Click on the 2022 Conference Thumbnail (picture)
- Choose "Add to Bag"
- Choose Go to Checkout

Note: If you registered for the 2022 GOVERN for IMPACT Conference you will be receiving access to Conference Syllabus through a password protected URL (link). Stay tuned.

Engage with GOVERN

GOVERN's 2022 Generosity Team

On behalf of our whole GOVERN team and community, we thank each member of the generosity team for your leadership to contribute to moving "governance excellence" forward. Your support for future-thinking, for purpose-driven governance, for ethical (including equitable) and prudent based governance is to be celebrated. To all our 2022 Generosity Team Members thank you for your donations. We do celebrate you!

- James Amador
- Charity Beland
- John Bohley
- Bill Charney
- Gary Chizmadia
- Jeremiah Dameron
- Michelle Davis
- Karen Fryday-Field
- Lindsay Grillet
- Marian Hamilton
- Gerald Harburg
- Tom Keyse
- Tim Kurth
- Carl LaBarbera
- Pat McCarver
- Rose Mercier
- Chuck Namit
- Harry Nijkamp
- Barbara Springer
- Richard Stringham
- Elaine Vandale
- Hartger Wassink
- Kathy Wiener

Board to Board - Hold the Date

Let's Collaborate, Co-Create, and Positively Change Our World Through Effective Governance

As Boards, we need to learn, digest, and set policy direction regarding Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Decolonization, Justice... and more.

Please collaborate with use at our **complimentary** Virtual Town Hall Webinar. More details coming on speakers and agenda.

This will be one of those dialogues you cannot miss.

COMPLIMENTARY

Virtual Town Hall
Tuesday Sep. 27, 2022
11:30-1:00 pm Eastern Time

There is no fee; however, you do need to register to attend.

CLICK TO REGISTER NOW!!

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