

7 Steps to Seamless Transitions

Encourage succession through well-organized planning

Item #	Check Off	Action	Notes
1		Make recruitment an ongoing process: tap your current volunteers for interest and leadership potential. *TIP: share info about upcoming opportunities with your membership.	
2		Identify board gaps or positions that expire at the end of board terms.	
3		Develop an opportunity description for each position. *TIP: List out challenges and areas for growth to help frame the roles.	
4		Invite incoming board members to observe a board meeting. *TIP: Assign a "Meeting Buddy" to help put them at ease.	
5		Schedule a transition meeting for the new recruit and current role holder or board chair, prior to turnover.	
6		Organize orientation and training. *TIP: Plan ahead to ensure a well-run meeting and updated board binder.	
7		Assign a mentor to check in regularly with new board members and follow up on any questions.	