



Weekend Book Club

Concept: This activity engages members in three activities:

1. Individually reading books directed at governance practice or theory.
2. Critically assessing whether the publication is consistent with Policy Governance principles.
(See below)
3. Write a brief review for the IPGA newsletter.

Ground Rules:

- Host of the club rotates among active members of the group.
- Host chooses the book for reading.
- Host facilitates the conversation.
- Length of call: 75-90 minutes
- Due to timing of active participation, book club could happen by telephone or limited time list-serve.
- By signing up, it only commits you to reading at least two of five books in the coming year.
Current recommendation: Two hosts agree on one book: Two choices for participation in discussion: Saturday 10:30 a.m. EST; Sunday 2:00 p.m. EST with pre- registration.
English alternative calls are possible (i.e. Dutch, Spanish, French) as participants are willing.

The word "critical" describes your attitude when you read the article. This attitude is best described as "detached evaluation," meaning that you weigh the coherence of the reading, the completeness of its data, and so on, before you accept or reject it.

The book club's critical assessment begins with an analysis or exposition of the reading, The analysis discussion should include the following points:

- A summary of the author's point of view, including:
- A brief statement of the author's main idea (thesis or theme)
- An outline of the important fact and lines of reasoning the author used to support the main idea
- A summary of the author's explicit or implied values
- A presentation of the author's conclusion or suggestions for action
- An evaluation of the author's work in relation to Policy Governance principles as defined in the Source Document
- A recommendation regarding the resource for Policy Governance practitioners. Why or Why not?

Projected Weekend Dates of Calls:

September 25-26, 2010

December 18-19, 2010

February 19-20, 2010

May 14-15, 2010

Face to Face Meeting: as Thursday afternoon, preceding Annual General Meeting at conference.

Weekend Book Club Interest Form

Name _____

Contact Info:

Email _____

Telephone _____

- Yes, I am interested in participating in the IPGA Weekend Book Club.
- Yes, I am interested in hosting and/or participating in a non-English bookclub event.

Language: _____

- Yes, I am interested in Hosting
- I am interested in Participating only
- Yes, I am interested in hosting a Book Club Teleconference Call.
I am interested in hosting on the following weekend:
 - Saturday, September 25, 2010, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. EST
 - Sunday, September 26, 2010, 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. EST
 - Saturday, December 18, 2010, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. EST
 - Sunday, December 19, 2010, 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. EST
 - Saturday, September 25, 2010, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. EST
 - Sunday, February 20, 2011, 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. EST
 - Saturday, May 14, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. EST
 - Sunday, May 15, 2010, 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. EST
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A book I'd like to critically assess is:
