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Who better to provide perspective on key approaches to finding and engaging a Treasurer than a past and current Treasurer – and passionate board member – Gordon Holley, President & CEO of Humanity Financial. Leveraging his professional designations as a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CA) and a Certified Professional Bookkeeper (CPB), Gordon outlines the roles and responsibilities of the Treasurer and how the role intersects with book-keeping and/or Finance staff or contractors. He shares tips on sourcing quality candidates for this critical board role. During the interview, Gordon mentions two resources Humanity Financial has created related to the topic: A Treasurer Roles and Responsibilities Summary and a Treasurer Position Description Template, available at www.humanityfinancial.ca.

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Episode 8 - What's the Deal with Robert's Rules of Order



This month I finally get to the topic that inspired the idea for this podcast: What's the deal with Robert's Rules of Order? I've personally worked with not-for-profit boards for over a decade and I've never opened the 700+ page [Robert's Rules of Order](#). I've dismissed the whole idea as being overly complex and simply too overwhelming for the typical board member to digest and, ultimately, a deterrent to effective board member engagement.

My guest, [Eli Mina](#), a Vancouver based consultant on board effectiveness and a registered...

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Episode 6 - The "Chronically" Absent Board Member



[Chilwin Cheng](#), Managing Partner of [Ascendion Law](#), tireless not-for-profit governor, and former radio host, joins me this month to share his thoughts on rising to the challenge of the **chronically absent board member**.

Chilwin invites executive directors and board members (in particular the Board Chair!) to consider how they can nurture a culture that supports every board member to show up to board meetings - in body and in mind (i.e., having prepared for the meeting and ready to engage in conversations that govern!).

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Episode 3 - Consent Agendas: Take the Spotlight Off the Boring Stuff



In our 3rd episode, I interview Vantage Point's own Consulting Manager, Mark Friesen. Having written a blog post on the same topic a few months ago, Mark was excited to share his thoughts on the topic: **Consent Agendas: Take the Spotlight Off the Boring Stuff**. From Mark's vantage point, consent agenda are a potentially powerful tool to carve our space and energy for board members to have the most engaging and relevant conversations, allowing the board to spend more time governing, rather than managing, the organization...

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EPISODE 1 - Board Terms: Friend or Foe?

Join guest speaker, [Michael Blatchford](#), lawyer with Bull Housser, to dive into the topic: **Board Term Limits: Friend or Foe?** When I approached Michael about the possibility of bringing his expertise to this podcast, and provided him with a list of potential topics, Michael looked at today's topic, Term Limits: Friend or Foe, and said...I've got a lot to say about that one!

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