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### [From our Vantage Point Episode 16 - In-Camera Board Meetings: who, what, why, how?](#)

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In this month's podcast we consider the topic: In-Camera Board Meetings: who, what, why, how? With the drive towards increasing transparency in the governance realm, the use of in-camera board meetings is a hot topic. Shawn Mitchell, expert in not-for-profit governance and leadership, joins me to share his thoughts on how to employ in-camera board meetings to strengthen organizational governance. Shawn is the Executive Director for the Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association, and a three-term member of the board of MEC, where he also chairs the governance committee.

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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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