



**Scraping the Sky:
Building Blocks to Board Capacity**
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“The Board is responsible for creating the future, not minding the shop.”

**John Carver
Governance Guru**

Why talk about board capacity?

“It was my fortune, or misfortune, to be called to the office of Chief Executive without any previous political training.”

Ulysses S. Grant



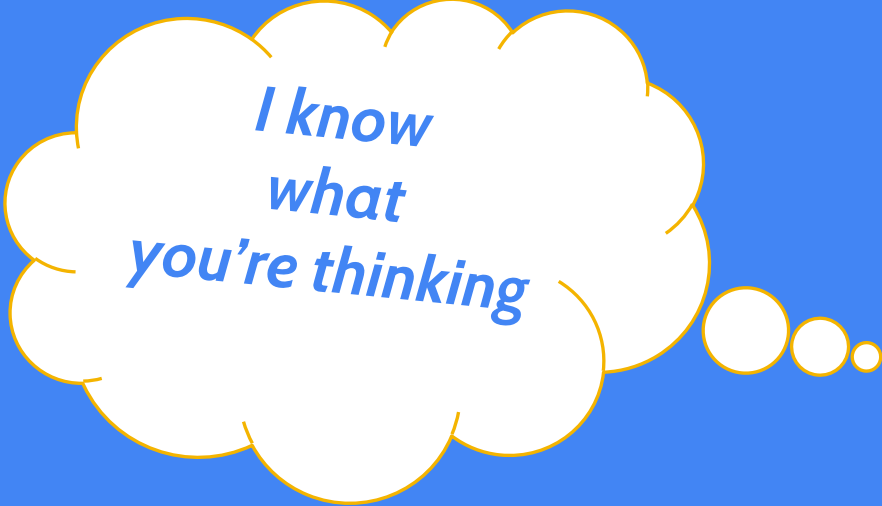
Being on the board is a job



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Better Practices

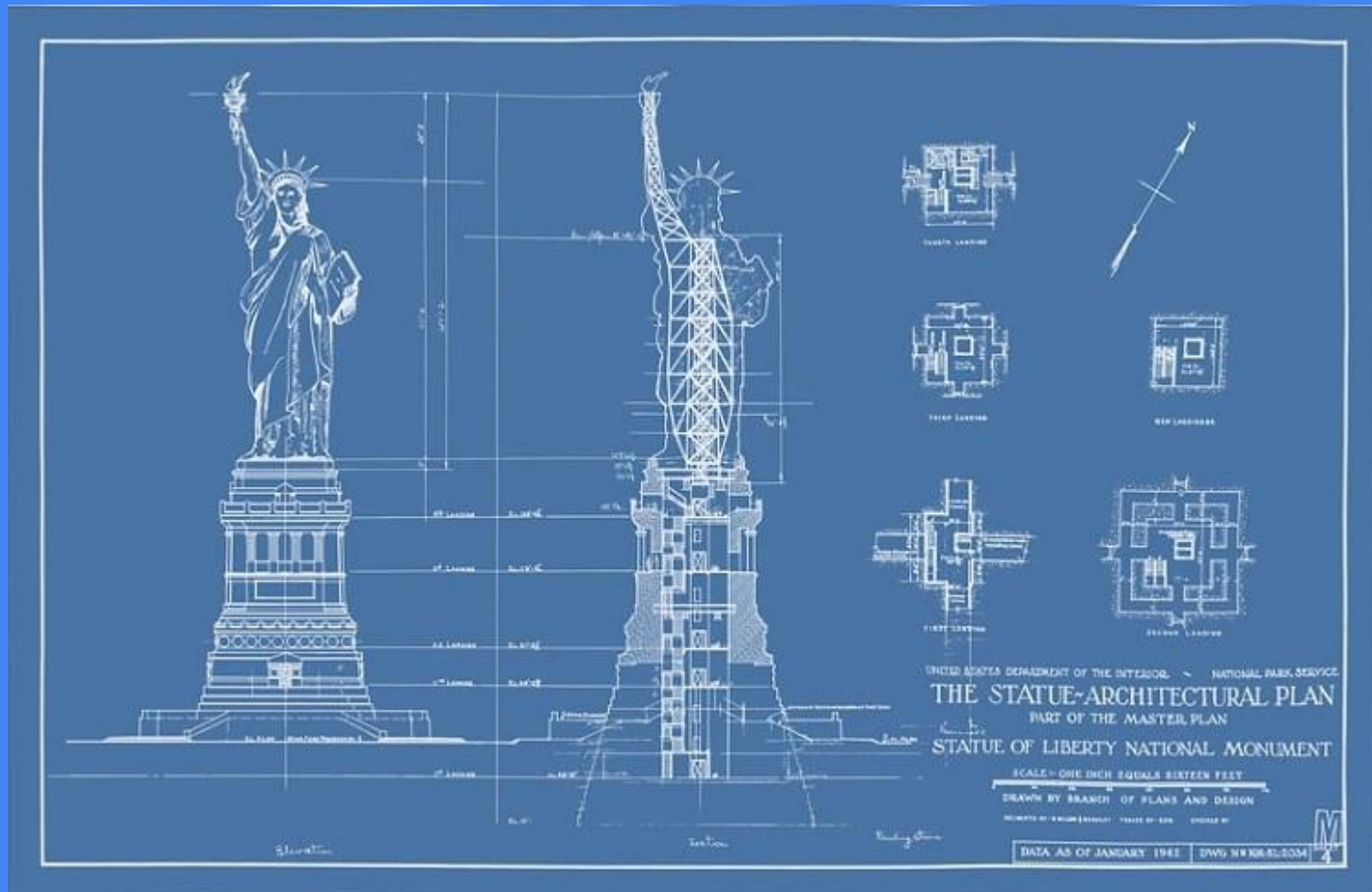




*I know
what
you're thinking*

How do we do this?

In the beginning



Orientation

The Legal Stuff

- » Duty of Care
- » Duty of Loyalty
- » Fiduciary Responsibility

The Fuzzy Stuff

- » Board as a team
- » Leadership
- » Stewardship
- » Vision

The Unique Stuff

- » How your board works
- » Expectations
- » Documents
- » Interactions

The Fun Stuff

- » Collegiality
- » Making a difference
- » Value
- » Empowerment

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Ongoing Maintenance



Scaffolding



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