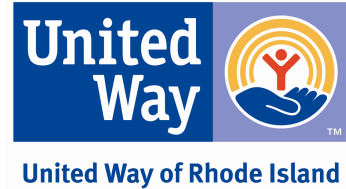


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Nonprofit executives participate in seminar on ‘best practices for board development’ co-sponsored by Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West and United Way of Rhode Island

Attendees gain insight into organizational strategies and structures

Providence, RI (September 15, 2010) — Attendees at the second part of the 2010 series of joint seminars for nonprofit executives held yesterday (Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2010) and co-sponsored by Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) and United Way of Rhode Island (UWRI) participated in a robust discussion on ‘best practices’ for board development and organizational strategies. Led by PLDW Managing Partner Gary R. Pannone and Associate Robert S. Knychalski, the workshop was the second installment of the year-long series, “Managing Your Organization’s Future: Strategies for Nonprofits in the 21st Century.” In addition to learning about important elements of leading a nonprofit organization, the seminar included distribution of a ‘check list’ of items nonprofit leaders should consider as part of their routine mission assessment and fiduciary responsibilities. The free seminars are held from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at UWRI, 50 Valley St. in Providence.

The final session in the 2010 joint seminar series is on Nov. 3 and will center on an overview of employment issues. It will highlight the rights and responsibilities of employers and employees in the digital age. PLDW Partner and Employment Team Leader William E. O’Gara, who has concentrated his practice for 25 years in the area of employment law, will guide the fall workshop.

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