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It's a new year. Is it time to seriously ask,  
**Is your board a strategic asset to the company?**

### Six Questions To Consider

1. Does your board understand the company's business, and know its competition?
2. Does your board provide intellectual capital, diverse ideas and best practices?
3. Does your board enhance decisions through the rigor of analysis, knowledge and constructive interaction?
4. Does your board "raise the bar" for company executives?
5. What was accomplished at your last board meeting?
6. Are your board meetings exciting, challenging and enjoyable?

The role of the board of directors has morphed from "decorative" to "watch-dog/overseer" and "sounding board for the CEO." In recognition of this evolution, and the heightened public interest in good corporate governance, **boards are asking more meaningful questions**. Pose these questions at your next board meeting – the list is intended to stimulate discussion. Check [www.governancesolutionsgroup.com](http://www.governancesolutionsgroup.com) for a new list each month.

Some of the questions are easy to answer and will allow you to validate your belief that your board is operating within the scope of "governance best practices." However, good governance is more than checking a "good governance box" so that the board keeps out of trouble and out of the spotlight. Good governance is about examining how the board is actually functioning and about making meaningful changes to improve your board's effectiveness, engagement, efficiency and accountability. If your board could benefit from a dose of independent advice concerning how to establish or modify your board's governance practices, structure your board or revitalize your board, call Denise Kuprionis at The Governance Solutions Group.



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*"Good governance is part of every good business solution." Mary Denise Kuprionis*