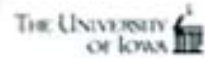




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# Newsletter

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## Boyd Spoke Before the Senate

June 22, 2004, President Emeritus Willard 'Sandy' Boyd spoke before the Senate Finance Committee in Washington D.C. concerning charity oversight and reform. To view President Boyd's discourse click <http://finance.senate.gov/sitepages/hearing062204.htm>. To read President Boyd's discourse, go to <http://finance.senate.gov/hearings/testimony/2004test/062204wbtest.pdf>. For the Staff Discussion Draft, go to <http://finance.senate.gov/hearings/testimony/2004test/062204stfdis.pdf>.

## Public Comment Requested On Practices

Please help us draft the best practices for Iowa nonprofits.

The Governor's Nonprofit Task Force is progressing in its assessment of the situation of nonprofits in Iowa. Part of the project of the Task Force is to come up with a set of Nonprofit Best Practices for Iowa, which could be adopted as guidelines for nonprofits all over the state. The point of such best practices would be to help nonprofits understand regulatory requirements, provide targets for good management of nonprofits, and set ethical standards by which nonprofits guide themselves. In addition, a self-generated set of guidelines for nonprofits may supercede the need for additional federal regulation of nonprofits.

The Task Force has looked at some of the Best Practices that exist for nonprofits in other states, and decided that the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits [Principles and Practices for Nonprofit Excellence](#) is a good one to use as a model for what Iowa will develop. Other state nonprofit organizations have generated such guidelines, and if you are interested in reviewing these, they are listed below.

We now seek to hear the voice of any and all nonprofits about how the Minnesota provisions will work in Iowa. We welcome comments from everyone on what these provisions mean, how they would be adapted for use in Iowa, what additional provisions might be added, or what of those, if any, in the Minnesota Principles and Practices should be removed in Iowa.

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## Share Your Nonprofit Story

Share Your Nonprofit Stories with Us

- Has INRC helped you be a NPO? What could INRC do better to help your organization?
- Your experience setting up a NPO why did it start up? How did it start up?
- About your NPO — what is its mission? What are its programs?
- An incident worth sharing that happened to your NPO.
- What do you think your organization does for the state of Iowa (or for your community)?
- What is the number one thing you think Iowa nonprofits need help with?
- What considerations does your organization undertake when putting together its board of directors?
- Do you work directly with any state and/or local government agencies that help fulfill your mission?
- Have you had a chance to collaborate with other Iowa nonprofits? How did that work?

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## Best Practices continued...

Please review the Minnesota Principles and Practices and then fill out the form provided below with any comments or in a letter sent to the Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center, 130 Grand Ave. Court, Iowa City, Iowa 52242.

Comment must be received by September 15, 2004 if they are to be considered in coming up with the final version of the Nonprofit Best Practices for Iowa.

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See also: <http://inrc.continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/updates/Best%20Practices.asp>

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