Finding the Right Match:
A Personal Self-Assessment for Potential Board Membership

A) What do I have to offer?

- **Work**
  - Time: How much and when?
  - Skills & Abilities: What am I able to do?
  - Interests: What would I like to do?

- **Wealth**
  - My Money: How much, what form, how, and when?
  - Other People’s Money: Who, how much, what form, how, when?
  - Other Resources: What, where, how much, and when?

- **Wisdom**
  - Knowledge: What, when and how to share?

- **Wit**
  - Perspective: How things fit in the bigger picture?
  - Sense of Humor: Can I help things move along?

B) What do I seek or need in return?

- Recognition or Prestige
- Connectedness
- Relationships or Friends
- Respect
- Opportunity to Give Back
- Contact With Beneficiaries
- Resume Credit
- Personal Satisfaction
- Community Credibility or Visibility
- Soulmates in Mission
- Personal Growth or Capacity:
  - Knowledge: What do I need or want to learn?
  - Skills: What do I need or want to learn?
  - Abilities: What do I want to be able to do?
  - Confidence: What do I want to be able to do?

- Something else?
C) Under what conditions do I like to work? Do I prefer…

- Working with large organizations or small organizations?
- Much structure or little structure to my assigned tasks?
- Much relationship with leaders or little relationship with leaders?
- High clarity of goals or little clarity of goals?
- Working with many people or few people?
- Many opportunities for recognition or prefer anonymity?
- Thinking big picture strategy or doing hands-on work?
- Leading a group or following others' lead?
- Close supervision or little supervision?
- Working indoors or working outdoors?
- Working with young people or adults?
- Working with those I know well or working with a constantly changing group?
- Working within one culture or with diverse communities?
- Strategic, long-term thinking or front-line activity?
- What else do you know about the conditions under which you work best?