

Controlled Debates can lead to New Ideas



For your board to crackle with innovative ideas, create committees that meet under the direction of strong, fair-minded committee chairmen who know how to encourage open discussions - even heated debates. Debate is a sign that committees/boards are doing their jobs.

Example – a great program idea is presented but some board members immediately bring up potential problems. The original idea person may then leap into the fray suggesting other ideas to eliminate the potential problems already brought to light. Others may then jump in and recommend other ideas because they think the new program idea is too off- the- wall or untested.

Under the right leader, this situation can yield a better solution. When this happens, another benefit will be gained--people learn to disagree openly and find ways to manage differences--a practice any healthy leader should encourage and appreciate.