



2010 Mennonite Health Assembly Special Session on Governance Friday, March 5th 12:30 – 5:00 pm

Included with full registration. \$210 if purchased separately.

12:30 – 1:30 Networking Lunch

Enjoy food and fellowship with other board members.

1:30 – 2:15 Jill Schumann - Governing in Turbulent Times

When the environment keeps shifting, leaders rely on vision, mission and guiding principles to provide stability and context for decision-making. What are the spiritual resources and faith-moorings that boards can draw on? How do board and staff develop a shared understanding of the organization's current reality? Jill will share perspectives from her years of experience as a CEO, as a board member and as a governance consultant.



Jill Schumann, MBA, serves as the president and chief executive officer of [Lutheran Services in America](#). LSA is an alliance of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and their 300 health and human service organizations.

Jill serves on the boards of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, the Roundtable of National Faith-Based Health and Human Service Organizations and is the current chair of the board of the National Human Services Assembly. In 2009, for the seventh year in a row, she was named by the *Nonprofit Times* one of the Top 50 leaders of power and influence in the United States and was described as an “imaginative social entrepreneur.”

2:30 – 3:45 Concurrent Governance Sessions

Vocation of the Trustee: Doing God's Work

Faith-based organizations need for board members who blend a spirit of Christian service with competency in leading through governance. Learn how your personal call to serve and your specific gifts and expertise can be used more effectively in the governing work of the board. This workshop is especially for new board members. *Tim Stair, Consulting Services Associate, [MHS Alliance](#)*

Board Self Assessment and CEO appraisal.

When done well, these key reviews can affirm strengths and identify opportunities for further growth, setting the stage for strong organizational performance. This seminar will describe best practices and will enable you to avoid some of the pitfalls related to board self-assessments and CEO performance reviews. *LaVern Yutzzy, Consulting Associate, [MHS Alliance](#)*

The CEO Role in Equipping Boards for Leadership

Boards that rubber stamp; boards that look to the future; boards that micro-manage; boards that come prepared; boards that seem bored; boards that form a team --- there are lots of kinds of boards. This session will examine how the CEO can play an active role in equipping the board function at its best. This session will draw on the latest in board research and years of experience consulting with boards, serving on boards, and working for boards to provide practical suggestions for CEOs as they partner with boards for leadership. *Jill Schumann, President/CEO, [Lutheran Services in America](#)*

4:00 – 5:00 Panel

Hear from Board Chairs and CEOs of several organizations that have responded with creativity and acted nimbly in this changing environment. *Facilitated by Rick Stiffney, President/CEO, [MHS Alliance](#)*