



# Thursday Thoughts

## Levity in Laughter at RMPI

AFP Colorado's annual conference, Rocky Mountain Philanthropy Institute (RMPI), is just a few weeks away!

**Register today to save your spot at timely and timeless sessions led by top-notch speakers, including Emily Davis of *Emily Davis Consulting***

**Consulting.** Davis will wrap up the day with a raucous, interactive session called "Funny and Fundraising: Is that Really a Thing?" During this talk, you'll commiserate with your development colleagues over the comedies, tragedies, and joys of fundraising, and leave the conference energized and equipped to make lasting change in your community.

You can learn more about Emily Davis and other RMPI speakers [here](#).

**Registration to [Virtual] RMPI is just \$99, with group rates available – [register today!](#)**



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## Job Postings

**Warren Village - [Donor Relations Manager](#)**

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# Transformational Capacity Building



Capacity building for a nonprofit is the process of building and strengthening systems, structures, cultures, skills, resources and power that organizations need to serve their communities. In a new piece published in the [Stanford Social Innovation Review](#), leaders from [RVC](#),

April Nishimura, Roshni Sampath, Anbar Mahar Sheikh and Ananda Valenzuela, along with philanthropy leader, [Vu Le](#), share how conventional approaches to capacity building have been inaccessible and often unsuccessful for nonprofits led by and serving communities of color. The authors offer seven approaches that have emerged from their work in these communities to improve capacity for organizations serving and led by BIPOC.

Read more about [Transformational Capacity Building](#) here.

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## Thinking About Board Service?

Serving on a nonprofit board has many benefits, personal and professional. It offers the ability to be more closely involved in a cause or sector you care about, increases access to professional networks, improves your resume, and provides an opportunity to learn more about leadership and governance.



***“When I came to AFP I was still pretty new to Colorado philanthropy. I got so much more than what I expected. Not only did AFP create a network of people who pushed me to go for the jobs I would love and excel in. It created a family of people who believed in me and encouraged me to give my full heart to philanthropy. I simply would NOT be where I am today had I not joined AFP.”***

***Lynn Adams, VP Diversity***

AFP is currently accepting nominations for our Board of Directors 2021. The ideal nominee will be an AFP member, have one or more years of AFP committee experience, and be passionate about the nonprofit community with an interest in connecting and serving our community and members. Considering nominating a colleague or yourself! Nominations are due September 15, 2020.

Interested? Use the links below to access more information and

nomination forms.

BOARD NOMINATION FORM  
(WORD)

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(PDF)

**Thursday, September 10th**  
**8:00 am - 10:00 am**



### **Open Conversation about Fundraising Best Practices**

Join us for an organic conversation about fundraising best practices. Development professionals can share what is on their mind and get input from the group on current roadblocks or struggles.

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Please send suggested Open Forum topics to [brenda@rmmfi.org](mailto:brenda@rmmfi.org) before Thursday, September 10th.

Meeting information will be posted later!

Anyone with fundraising duties in their job description is welcome to attend. Coffee Chats are free to everyone and there is no need to register

## **Member Spotlight**



***Welcome to our newest members!***

*Leah Bobbey ~ Kate Crisham ~ Patrick Hayes  
David Henderson ~ Allison Kerr ~ Stacie Ledden  
Kelly Tomajko ~ Kalli Wilson*

## Upcoming AFP Events

**September 4th**

NPD Honoree Submissions due

[Nominate Here!](#)

**September 11th**

RMPI!

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**September 15th**

AFP Board Nominations Due

Nomination Forms in [Word](#) or [PDF](#)



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