



Lessons learned from chapter presidents.

"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." ~John F. Kennedy



Get Organized

Plan your work - work your plan.

Develop a plan to guide you, and then use it. Don't let the plan fade into the distance as the year progresses. Come back to it and update it as things change. Plan major items to be addressed each month and make sure everyone comes prepared to discuss them.

Put first things first.

Prioritize your plan or agenda and work through the most important items first while you are energized and focused. You'll work more efficiently and feel a greater sense of accomplishment.



Collaborate

Be inclusive. Consult with others.

Understand your audience. Make sure to balance between lunchtime and evening activities, free and for-fee events, and in-town and suburban locations.

You can't do it alone.

You have a board for a reason. Use them! Make sure everyone understands their role and responsibility from the outset. Set internal goals and deadlines, and hold people to them. Check in with people to provide encouragement and ask questions. Finally, relax and realize there is usually more than one way to accomplish a task, and let others do their work.



Communicate

Stay in touch.

Touch base with your board and other members regularly. Don't be a leader in name only. People resonate with someone they know and who is approachable.

Reach out to partners.

Leverage your strategic partners to help communicate your message. Let them be an extension of your internal communications.

Say thank-you.

It is a small, yet impactful gesture and is easy to do. An email or phone call can go along toward future goodwill.

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