



Membership Recruitment, Retention, and Growth

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Agenda

- Establish a Baseline for Our Goal
- Member Relations Team
- Recruit Your Team
- Set Your Goals
- Plan Your Activities
- Set Your Budget
- Start Communicating
- Overview



Basis – Membership Lifecycle

- Membership consists of five key lifecycle stages to sustain membership growth:
 - Awareness
 - Recruitment
 - Engagement
 - Renewals
 - Reinstatements



Basis - Target Market

 Membership TEAMS need a strategic plan that identifies their Target Market

Possible Target Market consist of:

- New professionals within your company
- Former members of your chapter and the NMA
- Young professional



Let's Look at Our Team!



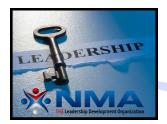
Member Relations Team

- Who are we and what do we do?
 - We are the first line of communication with membership
 - Focus on gaining new members and retaining current members
- How do we recruit members?
 - Every employee is an opportunity
- How do we keep the members satisfied?
 - Emphasize membership ROI Return on Investment
 - Consider all demographics
 - Understand members' needs





Recruit Your Team

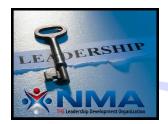


Recruit Your Team

- Advertise open positions to membership
- Actively seek out interested candidates
- What qualifications do your future officers need to possess?
 - Time to volunteer
 - Leader awareness
 - Enthusiasm and energy
 - A compelling story of their own
- You need a strong team to meet your goals
 - Keep your team motivated!!!



Set Your Goals



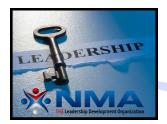
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- Set measurable goals for the year to keep track of how your team is doing
- Examples of measurable goals:
 - Increase Membership by 10%
 - Social Networking
 - Create Sites
 - Monthly Discussion Topics
 - Hold at least two membership drives





Plan Your Activities



Plan Your Activities

- Plan your calendar events for the year
- Hold team meetings and get fresh ideas
- Revisit your plan monthly
- Establish a regular pace for events
- Think outside the box...and cast a wide net
 - What activities are more likely to attract a wide range of participants?
 - Don't assume what you've always done will work
- Survey membership to learn their interests

Be flexible



Plan Your Activities

Membership Drives

- Hold different types of events to increase awareness and participation
- Have recruiting competitions
- Get executive leadership involved
- "Work Smarter not Harder" collaborate with other committees and organizations
- Leverage tools from NMA
 - Public relations guidebook
 - CAR1 report





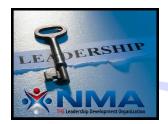
Plan Your Activities

- Multiple Shifts
- Salaried and Union Represented Members
- Job Functions
- Age Range
 - Traditionalists
 - Boomers
 - Gen Xers
 - Millennials





Set Your Budget



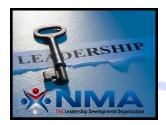
Set Your Budget

- Plan activities that give the most "bang for your buck"
- Remember that this money comes from member dues – use it to benefit the membership as much as possible
- Partner with leadership staff who are engaged
 - They may assist with some financial support
 - Leverage any marketing collateral you may have on hand



Don't go over budget!

- Track expenditures throughout the year
- Keep a close working relationship with your finance committee to ensure you are both on the same page



Start Communicating

• Stay in communication with other committees

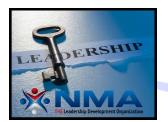
- What events are we having?
- What community service activities need volunteers?
- How can we get the word out?
 - Chapter publication
 - E-mail blast
 - Social media
 - Word of mouth
 - Membership meeting
 - Informal mixers



Professional development
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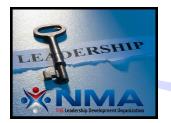
- Member Relations is the first line of communication with the membership
 - Always "sell" your NMA chapter
 - You don't have to be a "salesperson" to effectively sell your experience and the value you receive
 - If you can't sell, just tell!
 - What is the member's ROI?
 - Professional development classes, networking, and community service volunteer hours
 - Make sure every officer knows the organization's benefits and can answer questions



- Use various means to communicate with membership
 - Emails | Website | Social Networks | Flyers | Presentations | Newsletters
- Utilize your company's advertising resources
 - Company Event Calendars | Staff Meetings | Digital Media
- Remember that not everyone reads emails or printed advertisements – you must hit all avenues
- The more people you reach, the more people you recruit!



- Ways we communicate and promote the organization:
 - New Hire Orientation
 - New Member Packets (Add Your Chapter Info to the packets)
 - Upcoming Events & Activities
 - Chapter Publication (monthly distribution)
 - Networking during informal mixers
 - Ambassadors for new members during dinner meetings



What can NMA do for you?



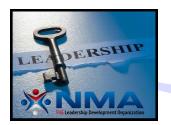


Overview

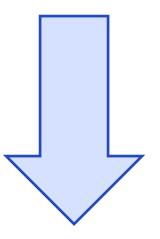


Member Relations Team

- Overview
 - Maintain two-way communication with members
 - Use all available resources to spread the word
 - Survey members if you haven't reached out in a while
 - **PUSH** for participation in chapter activities
 - Advertising is the first step to creating awareness
 - Reach out to **ALL** eligible potential members
 - Don't neglect other segments of shifts in your workforce if you have a 24/7 operation
 - Make sure you recruit new hires and seasoned employees
 - Promote mutual interests of chapter, parent organizations and NMA



Thank you for attending!!





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