

MENTORING IDEAS FOR OUR CHAPTERS

How can we maintain members and develop leaders within our chapters?

1. **Planning meeting:** Hold a chapter meeting in June that plans programs for the next year. Members volunteer to develop one meeting, give inspiration, be a greeter, or be a hostess. The program committee adds names of members not present at the planning meeting. Every small task is important, creating involvement and fellowship.
2. **Present a program:** Ask members to provide a program, presenting their school project. Meet at the school.
3. **Involvement:** Check your yearbook: Is every member involved in at least two meetings?
4. **Fellowship:** Offer a ride to another member; carpool; enjoy the company.
5. **Scholarships:** Alpha Rho State has scholarships to give and not enough applicants!!

The Chapter President or Scholarship Chair provides dates, forms, and the offer to write a letter of recommendation for a member, encouraging her to apply for a scholarship.

6. **Committees:** Use your roster as a checklist to make sure that every member is part of at least one active committee. After serving with a more experienced chairperson for a year or two, the member may be willing to serve as the chair.
7. **Co-officers:** Members may be more willing to serve as officers if they are able to share the responsibilities with another member. This is a great way to develop leadership. Co-officers may work together, or they may take turns being responsible for the meetings. Pairing an active teacher with a retired teacher benefits both members: The active teacher will have some school conflicts and the retired teacher may be gone on a vacation and miss meetings. When they share the office, they have support from the person they work with, and they also have more schedule flexibility.
8. **State, Regional, and International Meetings:** Invite another member to share transportation and a room with you. This saves money for you both, and builds friendships.