

What You'll Gain by Taking a Leadership Role

IAAP continually needs new leaders to step up and take charge of the present and future of the profession and association.

Here's how you'll benefit personally by taking a leadership role in your chapter or division...

1. Meet new people – both inside IAAP and outside the association.
2. Learn from the pros.
3. Gain self-confidence.
4. Get recognition from your peers for your accomplishments.
5. Focus on yourself – for a change.
6. Learn to measure and take acceptable risks.
7. Stretch your limits (many of them self-imposed).
8. Learn how to sell your ideas to others.
9. Take stock of your interests and do something just for fun.
10. Master the art of working as a part of the team.
11. Discover the secret of getting people to work with you.
12. Find out how to motivate others (including spouses and children).
13. Improve your public speaking skills (as they say...get the butterflies to fly in formation).
14. Travel to places you've never seen before.
15. Experience new things you've never done (yet).
16. Unleash your creativity.
17. Gain respect.
18. Show your children you're into learning (in other words, walk your talk).
19. Open doors to new opportunities.
20. Expand the circle you count on as friends.
21. Interact with people who are in the same stage (life/career) as you.
22. Be a mentor (or a good role model) for others less experienced than you.
23. Give back what you got from your association with IAAP
24. Feel good about doing something for others.
25. Learn fair play; take your turn.

Here's how you'll benefit professionally...

1. Get specialized training that you can use at work.
2. Gain skills you can apply immediately in your workplace.
3. Build skills that will get you noticed by management and possibly get you promoted.
4. Let your employers know they are getting a return on their investment in paying for your IAAP dues.
5. Lose your tunnel vision and learn how an organization is run from the top down.
6. Create a skills portfolio to document your proven abilities.
7. Learn from leaders who work in other companies and see how they do it better, faster, cheaper.
8. Develop a professional network outside your company.
9. Get access to the movers and shakers in your community.
10. Stay on the cutting edge of issues, trends, and techniques.
11. Experiment with new career directions by volunteering in IAAP.
12. Demonstrate your commitment to life-long learning (it looks good on your resume too).
13. Take advantage of inexpensive, quality training.
14. See professional role models in action; work beside them.
15. Pick the brains of top leaders without feeling intimidated (remember: IAAP is a learning organization...you're supposed to do things you've never done before).
16. Have access to headquarters staff and IAAP members who can advise you and serve as

*creating yourself -
journey*

personality -

sounding boards for you ideas.

17. Explore new ways to get the job done (without having to spend your company's money or put yourself on the firing line).

18. Get recognition from outside your company and show your company what you're capable of doing (they may not think of you as a leader).

19. Learn to think of things (happening in your company) like a leader would; mentally move outside your assigned position on the organizational chart.

20. Develop your full potential; don't let others decide how far you can go.

21. Learn what it means to be a "professional" and adopt the dress, words, and actions of a — leader.

22. Experiment with running your own business by taking a leadership position within IAAP and adopting good business practices.

23. Have access to excellent resource materials (reviewed and recommended by IAAP) at discount prices.

24. Meet fascinating colleagues, executives, educators, respected authors, nationally famous speakers, corporate trainers, and a host of other professionals who will inspire and inform you.

25. Continue your education without having to return to college and have it be immediately useful in your workplace.

There's much to gain by taking on a leadership role in IAAP. Volunteer to run for a chapter, division, district or international office or serve on a committee. We need you!

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