

Chapter Leader Experience Tips and Takeaways from the Session:

- **Lead by Example:** Demonstrate the values and behaviors you want to see in your chapter board.
- **Effective Communication:** Be available to your board. Listen actively to concerns and ideas from other board members.
- **Stay Organized:** Consult with your chapter administrator to maintain clear records, schedules, and procedures to ensure smooth operation and accountability.
- **Inventory of your Strengths:** Make a list of your skills, competencies, and accomplishments, and assess which ones will have the most impact to your chapter.
- **Cultivating Empowerment from Other Leaders:** Encourage board members to take initiative and express their creativity, empowering them to contribute meaningfully to the chapter's initiatives.
- **Recognition of Success:** Celebrate achievements and milestones, both big and small, to foster a sense of motivation for yourself and your board members.
- **Long-term Planning:** Develop strategic plans and initiatives that align with the chapter's long-term vision and sustainability.
- **Balance:** Strive to maintain a healthy balance between your role as a chapter leader and your personal life, avoiding burnout and fatigue. Be aware of the things you can do, and what you can delegate.
- **Empathy:** Demonstrate empathy and compassion towards board members facing difficulties or challenges, offering support and understanding whenever needed.
- **Legacy:** Leave a lasting impact on the chapter by considering the immediate needs while you are a leader. Ex. developing future leaders, documenting best practices, and institutionalizing processes for sustainability.
- **Delegate Wisely:** Trust your board members and delegate tasks based on their strengths and interests.
- **Transparent Goals:** Define clear goals and objectives for the chapter, and ensure all are aware of them.