

Guidelines for Retaining Membership

- 1. Help members meet their needs – get to know them personally.**
- 2. Show an interest in the “total person” – not just what occurs at a meeting.**
- 3. Try to do things together socially. Attend a film, concert, or other social event, and then go out together after the event or meeting.**
- 4. During the meeting, have the committee divided into smaller groups to discuss ideas and problems. This will give various members more of an opportunity to interact.**
- 5. Let different members run various areas of the meeting.**
- 6. Delegate all tasks so that each member has a reason to come to meeting and to stay on committees.**
- 7. Encourage shy members to participate and speak up.**
- 8. Have entire committee decide democratically on programs.**
- 9. Provide the information a member needs to work on a given task.**
- 10. Take time to know your committee.**
- 11. Give responsibilities your own personal touch.**
- 12. Be organized (goals, objectives, job descriptions, etc.)**
- 13. Know problem solving techniques.**
- 14. Remember to express appreciation to your members.**
- 15. Be willing to get your hands dirty – work along side your committee members.
Don't get in the habit of delegating responsibilities without assuming any yourself.**



Characteristics of Good Membership

A **MEMBER** is the most important person in this organization.

A **MEMBER** is not dependent on us... we are dependent on them.

A **MEMBER** does us a favor when he joins our organization... we are not doing him a favor by administering to his needs.

A **MEMBER** is a part of our organization... not an outsider.

A **MEMBER** is not a cold statistic... he is a flesh and blood human being with feelings AND emotions like our own.

A **MEMBER** is a person who brings us TIME, TALENT, and RESOURCES... it is our responsibility to give him a sense of BELONGING, PERSONAL SATISFACTION, and PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT.

A **MEMBER** is not someone to argue or match wits with... but someone to work and build with.

A **MEMBER** is deserving of the most courteous and attentive treatment we can give them.