

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS MATTER

Professional organizations give people within the same discipline the opportunity to connect. This encourages an exchange of relevant ideas and share common problems that may be happening.

Taking part in such organizations shows that you are invested in your profession and willing to work with others to make it better.



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How Do I Encourage More People To Join?



I'm an active member of the SNA. What's your superpower? Campaign
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Membership Committee Brochure



Meaningful Meetings

We all have various skills to offer and together we have much to contribute to the profession of nursing. In spirit of that, keep meetings meaningful to your members. Common problems within the organization shared by all of your members should be addressed and relevant topics need to be discussed.

One example is professionalism. This is a very important aspect of any job that everyone needs to be aware of. This includes the interview. If members feel they need help with this, then you can hold mock interviews to help members think about what they want employers to know and encourage individuals to consider questions potential bosses will ask them.

You may also consider helping everyone put together their resume or curriculum vitae to improve their professional image.

MEMBERSHIP EVENTS

Many nursing associations, including those for students, have some facet of philanthropy and helping within the community. However, members need to feel that they are valued for their time and effort.

Hold events for your members and encourage prospective members to attend. Events could include:

- Ice Cream Socials
- Pot-lucks
- Movie Nights
- Fundraisers at local restaurants

Membership drives could also be done to help gain members. This does include Pre-Nursing students! They can become members and if they are accepted to another school, their SNA membership is transferable; they will just have to pay that chapter's dues.

Don't forget about the Pre-Nursing students! Your organization can act as a great resource for them. You could encourage a mentorship program to boost membership for your SNA chapter. If there is enough interest, contact cards could be created to help these students remember who you all are and how to become members.

MEMBER RECOGNITION

A lot of hard work is put into running a student organization and those that step up to the plate deserve to be awarded for their work and have something to show for it.

Like anything else regarding your members, make sure the award is meaningful. Examples of awards you can consider are:

- Graduation cords
- Letters of Recognition or Recommendation from the Dean or Director of the nursing school
- Certificates to include with a resume or in a curriculum vitae



Always recognize members for participation