



Greg Caetano - Chapter Support and Leadership Training
Report to District Board of Directors July 16, 2011

Past President's Task Force

This task force appointed by 2010 DP Cowin in Oct/Nov 2010, enlists the help of the Past Presidents to personally visit each of the District Chapters and ask them for their opinions on some basic questions about their and their Chapter's involvement in District events and their ideas for improvements. In a similar fashion, 2011 Society President Alan Lamson has asked all BHS Leaders to make it a priority that ALL BHS Chapters are visited within 2011.

As of this date, the task force leader Past President Joe Sullivan reports project has progressed well, but is currently stalled. Joe plans on revisiting the list of Chapters yet to be visited with his committee and develop a plan to complete the visits and have a more comprehensive report for the Fall House of Delegates.

Since the Society has asked all Districts to complete an online visitation report <http://www.bhscap.org/survey/visit.html>, the task force needs to provide data entry on the Society website for all our past visits. The committee will need to re-contact the Chapters since the BHS visitation report includes different questions than the task force questionnaire. BHS Staff member Adam Scott made Chapter visits (Aurora, Rockford Metro, Chicagoland West Suburban, Chicago Metro) in May during his District visit. As BHS visitation reports are completed, the following webpage <http://www.bhscap.org/survey/cvpcomplete.cfm> shows the Society wide listing.

Although the CSLT VPs are responsible for ensuring the visitations take place, President Bagby receives an automated delivery email once a visitation report has been submitted. The automated email includes a non predictable weblink to review the visitation report. I submitted an email to the BHS team coordinating the chapter visitation reports to see if the CSLT VPs could be cc'ed on the automated email. The request has been granted as of July 16, 2011. I will gladly share the emails as they come in with the Board and taskforce members so everyone can view the visitation report.

Chapter Presidents Forum

Following the Spring Convention and the Chapter President's roundtable that followed the Spring HOD meeting, a yahoo group for the chapter presidents was setup to include only the Chapter Presidents or his designate and the District CSLT VP. The forum has spawned several discussion points regarding our District Conventions but there is no consensus to report. I can speak to a few of the topics under discussion as needed by the Board members.

ILL-Leadership Academy Program

I sent an email to the Chapter President's Yahoo group at the beginning of July asking for feedback regarding leadership training for the 2011-2012 season. So far there has only been one response to the inquiry. I will be working this issue between now and the Fall HOD meeting to develop a plan.

ILL-Chapter State of ILL Annual Reports

At the end of May 2011, I did a search of the state office of the secretary for our Chapters certificates of Good Standing with upto date filing of Annual reports. The complete report was forwarded to the Chapter Presidents email distribution list and the District Board and Operations Team. The only certificate I was unable to find was for E-012 Chicago No 1 Chapter. In the state of Illinois, annual reports are due by the first of the month of the Chapters incorporation date. Chapter Presidents were also reminded to enter their Annual report filing dates on the BHS ebiz website at the "Financial Filings" of their respective Chapter Roster page.

Chapter Achievement Program

Congratulations to the Bloomington Chapter for a 3rd place ranking out of 336 BHS-wide chapters that participated in the BHS Chapter Achievement Program. The Top 10 list and their reported activities can be viewed at the following weblink:
<http://www.bhscap.org/captop10.cfm> .

We should more actively promote this program to the Chapters when the program is available. During 2011, the reporting window was Jan 1 – Mar 15. It has been actively promoted by BHS HQ through the BHS Livewire mailings.

Respectfully submitted.....

Greg