

Title: Getting Involved! Activity
Objective: <i>Participants will be able to define ways to get more involvement in meetings.</i>
Precept: Action A7: Invest in others by enabling and empowering them
Supplies: - AS.1
Preparation: Have enough copies of the following documents: - AS.1 – 1 per participant
Content: <i>Pass out AS.1 and have participants determine new ways that they can get members involved in meetings.</i> We are going to work in groups of two to determine new ways that we can get more members involved in our meetings. When I say, “Go”, find a partner and begin filling out the “Get Involved!” worksheet that will allow us to brainstorm new ways that we can get more participants involved in meetings. We will have five minutes to complete this activity. Questions? “Go!” <i>When the five minutes have concluded, have participants share their answers with the group. Utilize the reflective questions below to wrap-up the activity.</i> <i>Here are a few sample ways to get more members involved in a meeting:</i> - <i>Prepare a meeting agenda and make copies for each meeting participant so everyone knows what is going to happen during the meeting</i> - <i>Place a box in the ag classroom for meeting agenda items. Two days prior to the meeting the advisor should go through the box and add any additional meeting items to the agenda. Officers should then meet prior to the meeting to discuss the new items of business added to the agenda</i> - <i>Have one or two chapter officers visit with each class prior to the meeting to share the agenda and generate discussion</i> - <i>Allow a committee member to give the committee report rather than it always being given by the committee chair</i> - <i>Have a member provide a follow-up report after a CDE or chapter activity that they have participated in</i> - <i>Provide a spotlight for those individuals who are taking an active role – CDE teams/ award winners/ scholarship winners/ county fair winners/ highlight achievements in other areas</i> - <i>Have a group of advanced chapter members serve as greeters for the first chapter meetings, then switch and have newer members of the chapter serve as the greeters, allowing everyone a chance to meet one another</i> - <i>At each meeting, highlight a different group of students (have them prepare to answer a few questions about themselves that are appropriate for the meeting) – this can be done by grade in school or class; this will help everyone get to know one another and find common interests</i> - <i>Provide refreshments, entertainment or a social highlight afterward to allow for peer interaction</i> - <i>Involve all members at the meeting through a team-building activity</i> Supplemental Activities:

Reflective Questions: - Why is it important to get more participation in meetings?

- If we have the majority in attendance to vote, why should we be concerned about getting more people involved?

For More Information:

Get Involved! – AS.1

Please fill in answers to the questions below about how we can get more participation in our meetings.

How can we better promote our meetings?

How can we increase our meeting attendance?

How can we receive a higher level of participation at our meetings?

What attracts you to a meeting or keeps your interest during a meeting?

Other ideas on how to receive a higher level of participation at our meetings:

The interaction of many minds is usually more illuminating than the intuition of one.

- Theodore C. Sorensen