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What is the National Council of Leaders?

An assembly of local ACA leaders who serve as representatives of the camp, youth development and educational communities. Members of the NCOL serve as an important communications, policy and membership conduit between the ACA Board of Directors, Executive staff and local members. Members of the Council of Leaders are a key source of information on strategy, policies, activities and programs of ACA. As representatives of their constituencies, NCOL members are charged with bringing emerging issues, thoughts, concerns, and questions to the assembly that contribute to the success of ACA's mission.

Desired Outcomes:

- Ensures diversity of thought through local input on critical issues affecting ACA.
- Cultivates ACA's inclusion of a broader cross section of the camp community and other youth development audiences.
- Generates new ideas and thinking about the future of ACA related to how we can better meet our mission.

Primary Responsibilities of the NCOL Member:

- Support ACA's mission strategic goals and programs
- Provide a conduit between local members and the Board of Directors
- Obtain and convey constituent views and ideas, particularly those related to implementation of ACA growth strategies to the appropriate ACA leadership, governing board, or executive staff
- Regularly communicate ACA information, strategic goals, and programs to constituents so he/she is recognized as a member of the NCOL
- Attend and be prepared by reading materials etc., for all NCOL assembly meetings
- Provide input on critical issues
- Serve on committees, task forces and focus groups
- Actively recruit new ACA members and help retain current members

- Encourage and be committed to actively developing new people to serve as leaders for all levels of the ACA organization.
- To provide input to the association on regional and national issues that is relevant to a diverse group of camp, youth development and educational professionals who are implementing delivery of the camp experience in various shapes and forms.

Make-up and Term of the NCOL Members:

The NCOL consists of two members per local office who are selected by the local council of leaders and affiliate boards in which he or she is a member. The term of each member will be staggered for three years.

NCOL Member Qualifications:

ACA member

Ability to work in a change environment and understand that the NCOL model is flexible and dynamic

Have a clear understanding of ACA's 20/20 Vision

Ability to think about national/global issues

Ability to be flexible and able to adjust to the changing dynamics related to the methods of feedback, including electronic methods

Ability to commit to a high level of discovery and information collection, as well as offering feedback to the Board of Directors and Executive staff

Ability to share information and opinions that may not be their own

NCOL Meetings, Frequency and Formats:

Meetings will be conducted four times a year in September, December, and April via teleconference and webinar, and an in person meeting at the February national conference.

Agendas for the meetings will be shared between the Board of Directors and the NCOL.

The Board of Directors may call special meetings as needed, which can involve smaller groups with representation that ties to the topic.