



As the SAP Rises

Tips for Strategic Action Planning

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What's a SAP Footprint?

Follow the footprints! Have you reviewed your chapter or state organization SAP with a magnifying glass? When you do, look carefully for the footprints of your committee or office. You may discover places where your committees need to be actively involved in nurturing the SAP. A “footprint” is the term we use for identifying the places where we see who is responsible for ensuring our actions are realized. It is also important to track progress — because a living SAP moves us all forward!



Regional Workshops

Strategic Action Planning is a roadmap for your chapter's future. Your chapter, not International, decides what that future will be by addressing issues, maintaining successful practices, and pruning things that are no longer useful. The workshop session at regionals is designed for those who are in all stages of Strategic Action Planning development at the Chapter level, and may also interest those involved in planning at the state organization level. Let's lay a path to help your chapter get from where you are to where you want to be. Workshops have been confirmed for the following Regionals:

- Southwest - **Jeannette Zuniga** (jeannette@saborio.org)
- Southeast - **Jonnie Ghattie** (jghetti@comcast.net)
- Northeast - **Dr. Lyn Schmid** (mschmid@supernet.com)
- Northwest - **Barb Whiting** (whitings@att.net)

SAP International Update

In November, numerous updates to the Society SAP were considered by the Administrative Board. Because the document is key to our Society's future directions, once facts were checked and rechecked (because it is always important to double check the *Constitution* and *International Standing Rules*), the current update to the plan was approved by electronic vote of the Board in January of this year. All the international committees have been working diligently to ensure they are included, where appropriate in the Plan—a process we often refer to in planning as “footprints.” Suggestions from Committees that met between November 2012 and April 2013 will be considered by the Administrative Board at the upcoming May 2013 meeting. Our SAP document is organic — it is updated often to meet the priorities and changing needs of our organization as we continue to share our vision and strengthen our Society!

"Without leaps of imagination, or dreaming, we lose the excitement of possibilities. Dreaming, after all, is a form of planning."
— GLORIA STEINEM

Looking for the Society SAP online? Consult the GAPP section of the Library at dkg.org

Q & A

- Q.** Should membership be its own category in our plan?
A. Members are the heart of our Society, so each chapter may want to consider how members' needs and interests are addressed through strategic planning.
- Q.** Should we include a list chapter programs in our plan?
A. A strategic action plan guides your activities and helps you understand where you've been and where you are going — including specific programs may be less important than including an objective such as “maintain a record of successful chapter programs.”

Helpful Hint:

At the chapter, state organization and international levels, our mission and vision guide our strategic action planning!