National/Chapter Relations Committee

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1. Solicit nominations for the Diane K. Bollman Chapter Advocate Award and recommend recipient(s) to the Board of Directors.

OUTCOME: The committee accepted 5 nominations from the Board members of the nominee’s respective ACEP Chapter. All 5 nominees were felt to be appropriate candidates. The committee analyzed and voted to put Bob Ramsey forward as the 2020 awardee. The ACEP BOD accepted the committee’s recommendation and named Bob Ramsey (Virginia) as the second recipient of the Diane K. Bollman Chapter Advocate Award.

2. Analyze the results of the 2019 annual chapter survey. Develop and promote chapter resources and best practices in cultivating current and future leaders.

OUTCOME: A subcommittee reviewed and analyzed the 2019 survey results and brainstormed various ideas for resources that would help chapter leaders hit the ground running and be effective from the start of their term. The top two that stood out were:

1) Online Toolkit for new chapter leaders with smart links (ensure searchability) to include:
   a. Board orientation and program templates from large chapters. Chapters utilizing this resource will need to adapt the materials to their chapter.
   b. Membership recruitment and engagement: connecting with your chapter & micro-volunteering opportunities.
   c. Mentorship program for new chapter leaders and new chapter members.

2) Podcasts on various chapter leadership-specific topics: Top ten tips for chapter leaders, micro-volunteering, etc.

3. Develop resources to address the needs of small and medium sized chapters. Seek input from the Education Committee and Membership Committee. (National/Chapter Relations is the lead committee.)

OUTCOME: Several ideas were proposed by a subcommittee which revolved around creating awareness of the resources available to members and chapters and facilitating the sharing of “best practices”. In other words, improving communications. Improving member recruitment and involvement through various tactics was also proposed.

4. Explore mentoring and collaboration opportunities between regionally paired/grouped large, medium, and small chapters.

OUTCOME: The subcommittee assigned to this objective had an ambitious goal of creating two new resources for ACEP State Chapters. Due to a variety of factors, this would be a multi-year, resource intensive project to create & maintain. The subcommittee presented the following for consideration by the entire committee to gauge the interest & utility of such an initiative before recommending continuation. Questions for Consideration by the NCRC:

1) Is a “Cross-Referenced State-By-State Chapter Program Inventory” a worthwhile resource for the NCRC to continue to collect & publish to the chapters?
2) Is a “State Chapter Subject Matter Expert Reference List” a worthwhile resource for the NCRC to continue to collect & publish to the chapters?

Objectives 2-4 will be carried over to next committee year.