

# Chapter Activities

Chapters are uniquely positioned to deliver the mission of the association in a very tangible way. It is a matter of finding a focus and engaging in activities, projects, and programs that have the greatest impact.

## Helping Chapters To Find a Focus

Individuals join organizations to meet one or more of the needs listed below. By being aware of these needs, the CML can guide a chapter toward designing an activity, or multiple activities, that meet those needs.

Need	Looking For	Want To Answer
Meet professional needs	Practical value	What's in it for me?
Belong to a community	Social value	How can I build relationships?
Contribute to the greater good	Emotional value	How can I give back?

## Options For Chapter-Initiated Activities and Projects

A CML can guide chapters to a focus by using the above model. While multiple activities and projects would be workable for some chapters, a single focus would be more workable for others. Some general suggestions follow.

Professional	Community	Greater Good
(Practical Value) <b>What's in it for me?</b>	(Social Value) <b>How can I build relationships?</b>	(Emotional Value) <b>How can I give back?</b>
Conferences Forums Keynote Addresses Panels Round Tables Seminars Scholarships Recognition/Awards	Collegiality Fellowship Friendship Mentoring Networking Volunteering	Community Outreach Education Advocacy Fundraising Mentoring Program Partnerships Recognition/Awards Service Projects Scholarships

Also...

Visit the PDK website to find specific suggestions that are cited under Best Practices: Chapters Making A Difference.

Know the context of the chapter and such characteristics as size, geographic location, relationship with local school districts and universities, education climate, and member demographics.

## Options For Association-Sponsored Activities and Projects

In addition to the activities that are self-initiated by chapters, the international office offers an array of programs that can be used to enhance chapter focus. Using the model, programs offered by the association are listed below. Detailed information about these programs may be found on the PDK website.

Professional Need	Community	Greater Good
(Practical Value) <b>What's in it for me?</b>	(Social Value) <b>How can I build relationships?</b>	(Emotional Value) <b>How can I give back?</b>
Annual Summit on Public Education Book Study Group Doctoral Dissertation Awards Graduate Fellowship in Educational Leadership International Travel Program Instructional Development Institutes Paul H. Henkin Scholarship for Annual Summit on Public Education PDK/Gallup Poll Powerpoint Teacher-to-Teacher eMentoring Traveling Scholars	Collegiality Fellowship Friendship Mentoring Networking Volunteering	Annual Fund Giving Complimentary <i>Kappan</i> Subscription <i>EDge</i> Sponsorship Education Advocacy Forums on Public Schools Future Educators Association PDK/Gallup Poll Powerpoint/DVD Regional Project Grants Scholarship Grants for Prospective Educators Teacher of the Year Teacher to Teacher eMentoring Walk for Education