

The Path to National Leadership Opportunities



SNA Leadership Opportunities

- Are you looking for a challenging way to pursue your passion in school nutrition?
- Are you ready to take your experience and skills to the next level?
- Can a national leadership experience enhance your career?

■ So. . .Where do you start?

The path to
national
leadership starts
right here!



Are You Ready?

- Right time in your career?
- Right time in your personal life?
- Impact on other volunteer activity?
- Pursuing your education?

Get Started!

- Be an active SNA member in good standing
- Seek opportunities to volunteer at chapter or state level
 - »Committee
 - »Event/activity



Why?

Opportunities to develop:

- Leadership experience
 - Leadership skills

Develop Leadership Competencies

- Think big picture
- Believe passionately in SN
- Build a reputation for honesty, integrity and ethical behavior
- Earn trust
- Be a “life long learner”



Develop Leadership Competencies

- Use mistakes as learning opportunities
- Be “present”
- Practice presentation skills
- Improve interpersonal communication skills
- Learn to build consensus
- Be a good problem solver

Start in Your State Association

- Be a Chapter leader
- Be a Committee Chair
- Run or volunteer for state VP, Pres-Elect, President
- Attend SNA conferences
- Find a SN mentor



Leadership Coaching Resources

- Current state board members
- Past State Presidents
- State Association Executives/Directors

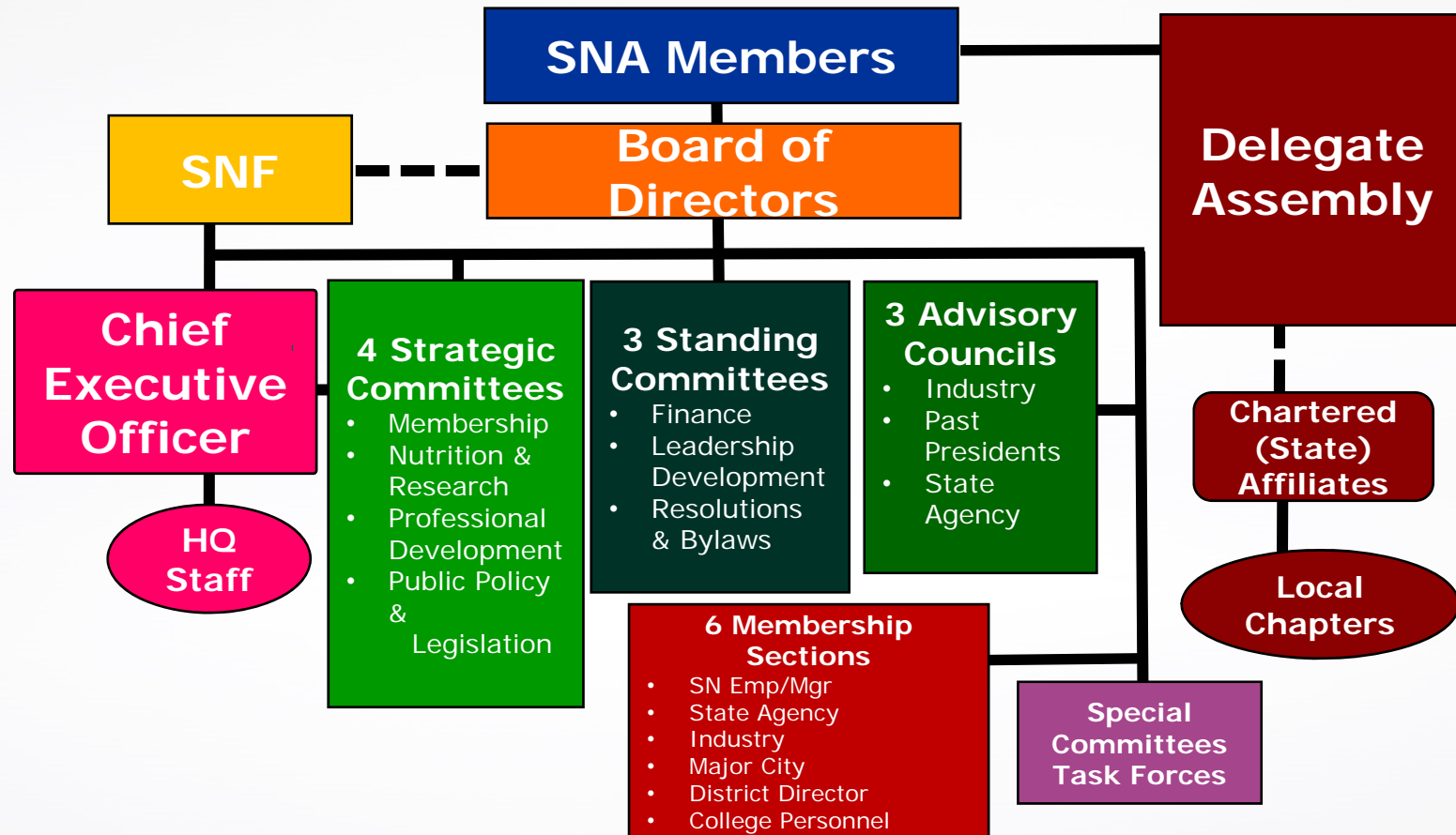


Governance Changes New Opportunities

- Changes to Board and committee structure
- Increased volunteer opportunities:
 - Committees (2 year terms)
 - Task forces (terms vary but typically short term)



Organizational Chart



Committee Appointment Opportunities

- Standing Committees
- Strategic Committees

Committee Appointment Eligibility

- Current member in good standing
- SNS Credential or SNA Certificate
- Membership segment representative (select committees)



President-Elect Committee Appointments

- Submit Committee Interest form on LeadershipOpp website page (also used for task force interest)
- Standards of Business Conduct/Conflict of Interest Policy - requires signature (LeadershipOpp website page)

President-Elect Committee Appointments (Con't)

- Geographic representatives (select committees)
- Subject matter expertise representatives (select committees)
- Board of Directors approves all appointments
- Staggered two year terms begin in July



Time Commitment

- Committees meet twice a year in October and April
 - » April meeting depends on committee workload
 - » SNA pays travel expenses
- Conference calls
- Assigned tasks



Elected Positions

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	TERM
President	1 year
President – Elect	1 year
Vice President	1 year
Secretary/Treasurer	2 years
Regional Directors	3 years
At Large Directors	3 years
Employee/Mgr. Sec. Chair	3 years



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Elected Positions

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	TERM
7 Regional Representatives	2 years

Eligibility for Board Positions

- Member in good standing
- SNS Credential or SNA Certificate
- Employed in region represented (RD's)
- Member in relevant membership segment (Employee/Manager Section Chair)

Eligibility for Board Positions (Cont.)

- SNA Board experience (President, Pres-Elect, Vice President)
- BA degree (President, Pres-Elect, Vice President)
- Knowledge of Finance (Secretary/Treasurer)



New Opportunities – Board of Directors

11 SNA Board of Director positions now require state board experience but no national SNA experience:

- At Large Director (3)
- Regional Directors (7)
- Employee/Manager Section Chair (1)



Leadership Development Committee Eligibility

- Member in good standing
- SNS Credential or SNA Certificate
- SNA Board, Committee or task force experience
- Employed in region represented

* Also two At Large members appointed by
President



Nominations and Election Schedule

Call for Nominations	July/ANC
Nominations close	Late September
Slate selected by Leadership Development Committee	October
Final slate announced	October
Campaign	October – Feb 28
Election	February 15-28

Benefits for You!

- Develop and strengthen leadership skills
- Provide input to SN policy issues
- Improve critical thinking skills
- Improve public speaking skills
- Improve understanding of financial management



Benefits to School District!

- Best practices in SN from around the country brought back to district
- An SN professional with more leadership skills
- District programs and accomplishments often receive national recognition



■ And Don't Forget Your Staff!

- “Stretch”, learn new skills and acquire new knowledge from you!
- Best practices and solutions brought back by you!

SNA Past President's Comments

“Developing strong relationships with excellent leaders”.

“Making a difference in the lives of school nutrition professionals”.



SNA Past President's Comments

“...getting positive feedback from members...who would tell me I had been a role model, and something I had done or said had influenced them positively...”.

Be an SNA Leader!

Join us in the leadership opportunity
of your lifetime!

Get on a SNA committee!

Run for SNA office!

