# **Council Leader Education Series**

Growing Membership and Recapturing Lost Members

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## Your Feedback



## Current Membership Trend Among Attendees

Recruitment is the process of actively seeking out and inviting members to join your Estate Planning Council, including the entire process from inception to integration into the association.

## **General Recruitment Practices**

Charge the Board

Get in Front of Prospects

Share a Compelling "Why"

Membership Requirements

Get Hands-On

Don't Stop Marketing

## **Recruitment Practices for Younger Professionals**

Self-Assessment

Create a Warm & Welcoming Environment, Including at Events

Offer Content & Events that Meet the Needs of this Group

Mentorship Programs

**Provide Leadership Opportunities** 

Career Opportunities

Ask Existing Younger Professionals to Recruit Others

Speak their Language

Scholarships

Ask for Feedback

## **Attrition Statistics**

- 50% Lack of Engagement with the Organization
- 39% Lack of Value
- 33% Employer Won't Pay (or Stopped Paying) Dues
- 31% Left the Profession
- 29% Forgot to Renew
- 28% Unable to Justify Membership Cost with any Significant ROI

Excerpted from a September 2021 Survey by HigherLogic

Before the Lapse

Communicate, Communicate, Communicate

Correspond in Multiple Avenues

Solutions for Attrition *"I Forgot"* 

Personal "Nudge"

**Coffee Chat** 

**Be Flexible** 

Ask Questions & Welcome the Response

Offer a Discount

Make it EASY!

# Solutions for Attrition *Not the Anticipated Experience*

## WHAT WAS THE EXPECTATION OF THE MEMBER WHEN THEY JOINED?

#### Lack of Engagement

Provide Opportunities for Members to Engage with ONE ANOTHER

> Provide Opportunity to Serve in Limited to Fully-Integrated Ways

> > Personalize Communication

#### No / Limited Value

Seek Feedback

Communicate When and How Members Access Benefits in Multiple Channels

Make Benefits Easily Accessible

Meet Networking & Educational Needs and Preferences

Provide Something that is Absent Elsewhere

### No ROI

Change Thinking to Value of Investment, Not Return on Investment

Brag about the Council's Success & Fulfillment of Mission by Communicating Regularly Outside of Events & Dues

# Solutions for Attrition *Retirement*

Special Membership Category

Public Acknowledgment of Retirement

**Reduced Dues** 

Serve as Mentor

**Advisory Capacity** 

Create an Environment that Members want to be Part of AFTER Retirement

## Solutions for Attrition

Financial Considerations & Moving Out of the Profession

Most Challenging

Be Flexible for Financial Considerations when Possible

Seek Feedback

Use Council's Resources Wisely

## Don't Give Up

**Keep Communicating** 

Continue Invoicing