



AMERICORPS ALUMS CHAPTER COMMITTEES

The most effective AmeriCorps Alums Chapters make use of their human resources by matching members up with the roles that fit their interests and skills. A simple way to accomplish this is by creating committees for each goal that the chapter has set. Each committee should have a well-defined set of tasks to accomplish, and a chairperson to convene the group. Here are some of the most common committees that have evolved in chapters:

Chapter Membership/Networking Committee

Responsible for promoting AmeriCorps Alums membership through a wide variety of creative methods, including e-mail, internet, posters, flyers, information tables, presentations, etc. In some chapters, this committee also organizes social events that attract new members.

Service Committee

These committee members coordinate and promote service opportunities, either by designing alumni-specific service projects or partnering with AmeriCorps programs and community organizations. These opportunities are promoted via the www.AmeriCorpsAlums.org community calendar and other methods.

Professional Development Committee

Providing chapter members with free or low-cost workshops to help build their marketable skills is the primary goal of this committee. Workshop themes are matched to the needs of chapter members, and may include such diverse topics as web design, fundraising, media relations, personality preferences, resume writing, disaster response, and much more.

Advocacy Committee

Responsible for ensuring that legislators and community members are aware of the positive impact made by AmeriCorps programs and their alumni. Committee members might organize an annual “Legislative Day” at the state capitol (where alums speak to their elected representatives), prepare written materials about the local AmeriCorps data, or utilize the media to help tell the AmeriCorps story.

Fundraising Committee

Committee members write grant proposals to support the chapter’s community activities, and host fundraising events to generate operating funds for the chapter. This committee is also responsible for maintaining a positive relationship with the chapter’s fiscal agent: a 501(c)3 organization that agrees to accept funds on behalf of the chapter, and process payments for their expenditures.

AmeriCorps Recruitment Committee

Made up of alumni who want to increase public awareness of National Service opportunities, and recruit new AmeriCorps members into local programs. Activities include informational sessions at high schools and colleges, distribution of CNCS recruitment materials, etc.

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AmeriCorps Program Support Committee

Responsible for building and maintaining relationships with AmeriCorps programs in the same geographic area as the Alums chapter. Committee members organize events to support current members, such as potluck dinners and social events with local alumni.

Chapter Structure

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