

1. **Find best practice local groups that have been successful.**
 - a. Look at asset based community development model – people doing things for each other because they have a common bond “Building An Organization From The Inside Out”
 - b. Post up their processes
 - c. Ensure you look at the cross section of stakeholders (HS, 2Yr, Univ. etc.)
 - d. Recognize that some groups are very independent and are not interested in national membership.
 - e. Recognize that it is the people that keep you coming back, but the first time you’re there it is for the intellectual capital.
 - f. Local constitutions that define membership would have to amended potentially.
 - g. Use of award(s) as incentives for members
2. Eliminate section dues, or lowest level of membership is free. See tiers below.
3. Nuts and Bolts
 - a. Local treasurer would have to track those local minimal membership level members.
 - b. Individual members would have to go on line to join national
 - c. Option to allow savings on National membership if you’re a member of your section. This requires tracking, communication up/down the line.
 - d. When you join the national, the local sections should be informed that a person has joined.

National database for CEU, but possibility to generate these locally (webform?)

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| Individual “Carrots” | Section “Carrots” |
| | How do you get these? Membership %, officers members? |
| Lowest: Join a local section or pod | Web hosting |
| 1. Soft copy abstracts | Returning Fees to local area |
| 2. Teaching tips periodically | List Service |
| 3. Association with National unless you opt out | Guaranteed Speaker |
| 4. Reduced Fees for Joining National | Access to Workshops |
| 5. Announcer Type info | Swag/Booty |
| 6. CEUs for reduced fee | CEUs generated by the section |
| 7. Local list serve/website | Up to 5 officers section level get to be members free (use of their 5 section level memberships), Note: Pod level? |
| 8. Mentoring/Networking | Reward for “vibrant” chapter – Section/Pod Award |
| Mid Tier: Join local and National at some mid-tier level | Apply for national grant (\$5000 award type level) for national speaker, workshop |
| 1. Soft copy journals | Endowment support, legal financial services |
| 2. Automatically get section membership (fees flow back to section) | |
| 3. CEUs for even lower fee | |
| 4. Teaching Tips Archives | |
| Highest Level: Join National | |
| 1. Discounts from associated organizations (negotiated by AAPT?), could these be improved at some tier level? | |
| 2. Right to submit abstracts | |
| 3. Member fee discounts for conferences | |
| 4. Hard copy journals/Access to Archives | |
| 5. Reduced conference fees for sister organizations (AAAS, AAS, APS, etc.) | |
| 6. CEUs for free | |

Discussion Stuff

Dues – tax implications? Can you deduct dues from a professional society?

Looking at something at the national level to do this (allow some of dues to be considered a charitable contribution. across the board.)

In the past there was fierce debate about having some of your national dues go down to the section. It was opposed in the past and defeated.

Tiered structure -

- Access to web page at some level

- Lowest level, no access to archives, ability to submit papers

If you join section, you are considered to have joined at a low level of the national.

What is the lowest level people would be willing to pay, to be included in national?

Models out there

- \$5/year

- Conference fees (once year) are used to surplus accounts

- Income from State science fair (CO), essentially no fee

National database, fees given to National, sent back to local based on dues paid.