



Effective Committee Member Checklist

Do you...

- know the purpose of the committee?
- know the goals of the committee?
- know the committee composition?
- know the committee's procedures and ground rules?
- know the decision making process of the committee?
- know when the committee meets & have the calendar of meetings for the term or academic year?
- honor confidentiality within the committee and of your constituents, as appropriate?

Are you organized? Do you have all of the following?

- Have a binder or folder – dedicated to the work of this committee?
- Meeting agendas, notices and other materials sent to you with dates and in chronological order?
- Your notes from previous meetings
- Copies of notes that you've sent to your constituency after every committee meeting
- Reference materials

Closing the Loop

- Do you have all the e-mails and phone numbers of everyone in your constituency?
- Have you created a voice mail list of everyone in the group you represent?
- Have you created an e-mail list of everyone in your constituency?
- Have you blocked off time after every committee meeting that is dedicated to getting the committee notes BACK out to your group?

- Do you have a method to connect with your constituency so you can poll members if needed? (via phone or e-mail?)

As a committee member you have committed to...

- Attend every meeting
- Arrive on time or early
- Stay until the end of the meeting
- Listen with respect to all speakers
- Question positions, not people
- Represent your constituency
- Make clear if you are speaking for yourself or for a minority
- Ask Questions, & be concise & on-topic in your comments
- Not be silent if you disagree – voice your concerns
- Pay attention to group dynamics & how they work on a committee as well as what you add both personally and professionally to the group dynamic.

Role of a committee chair...

- Mentor new people
- Create and distribute a binder or folder with all pertinent material
- Set the agenda and keep track of where items are in the process re: information, discussion or action items
- Create a safe environment so all feel comfortable in voicing their concerns
- Know the basic tenets of running an effective meeting (timelines, agendas, facilitation)