

Words of Wisdom
From Past Membership Committee Members

Jean Anderson, 4th District

1. Talk to everyone you meet to see if they're eligible and have application forms with you at all times.
2. Take their phone numbers so you can follow-up and get to know them better from each call-invite to a meeting, answer questions they may have, tell them of special events coming up, offer to pick up their membership application and turn it in.
3. Always thank them for their membership, get them active in the unit so they feel needed

Nadine Gadow, 2nd District

1. "Talk to people"
2. Visit with non-members when they attend a Post/Unit function – ask them to join
3. Get members involved

Betty Stone, 12th District

1. Keep in touch with every member to promote renewals
2. Visit with the District Presidents, Be available to visit troubled units with the District President
3. Thank the people for their hard work and give lots of praise
4. Encourage membership chairpersons to train others to do the job

Joan Chwala, 10th District

1. Do a membership drive (where you and leadership team up) to visit different areas of the state. It was very good as a way to reach out to those that don't go to conferences and conventions-A fun type of educational afternoon or morning.
2. Do be firm with the units that they can not turn in their charters on a whim. They must follow the steps set forth by the state and allow us help. Stress that they must contact ALL members, not just the active ones.
3. Don't let negative people tromp on your new ideas
4. Do bring back some of the ideas from past membership chairmen that could work if they only utilize them, such as, new member folders (and for all members if they don't have one), calling trees, sending sympathy cards to any veteran's family,

Thanks for caring to ask and validate that the things we did were successful even if we didn't get to 100%.

Nellie DeBaker, 9th District

1. Distribute correct membership materials
2. Encourage two-way communication to plan and resolve issues
3. Understand the age-old problem that the local level does not see or put the same importance onto concerns that are of a significant nature for the growth of the ALA. If gas wasn't so expensive, a lot of this could get a start to work on it.
4. Membership Chairman,
 - Let your committee members move forward as they feel the best for them
 - Let them make some decisions
 - Communicate regularly with your committee members
 - Let them 'shine' too. If they 'shine, you shine'

Vi Feldman, 2nd District

1. Phone calling to members with encouragement