NESA Chicago Executive Committee Guidelines

What is NESA Chicago?

NESA Chicago is a group of men in the Chicagoland area that achieved the rank of Eagle Scout as youth who now seek to reconnect with as many fellow local Eagle Scouts as possible to promote camaraderie and networking among their members while also supporting Scouts and Scouting through NESA sponsored events and mentoring opportunities.

Expectations of NESA Chicago Chairman

The NESA Chicago chairman must be an adult Eagle Scout who is a prominent figure in the community. The chairman, in consultation with the NESA Chicago staff advisor, appoints other executive committee members. He should maintain a working knowledge of both NESA Chicago and Chicago Area Council and exemplify a personal commitment to the goals and objectives of both. He presides over all NESA Chicago executive committee meetings or will appoint someone to do so in his absence.

Expectations of a NESA Chicago Vice-Chairman

A NESA Chicago's vice-chairman provides leadership and direction to one of NESA Chicago's standing committees and its members. A vice-chairman also oversees recruitment of volunteers for his committee in order to fulfill his committee's responsibilities.

Expectations of NESA Chicago Executive Committee Members

Executive committee members are adult Eagle Scouts who are selected based upon their willingness and ability to provide leadership, talent, time and expertise to NESA Chicago and the Chicago Area Council (CAC). Due to limited staff and financial resources, NESA Chicago relies heavily on executive committee members to "roll up their sleeves" through active committee involvement. Additionally, executive committee members will be asked to:

- Actively participate in executive committee meetings either in person or by phone.
- Attend at least 4 NESA Chicago events annually.
- Serve as appointed on a board standing committee.
- Help with special projects, as needed.
- Assist in the evaluation of programs, offer ideas and initiate activities.
- Support other executive committee members and staff in the performance of their duties.

NESA Chicago Standing Committees

Membership Committee
Social Committee
Recognition Committee

Communications Committee

Mentoring Committee

Desired Personal Traits and Characteristics

Leader Team-player Collaborative

Connected Engaged-actively involved Committed to BSA mission

Enthusiastic Sense of humor Fair

Personal integrity Willing worker Good judgment

Offers help/expertise Articulate Lives by Scout Oath and Law

Term Length

All NESA Chicago executive committee positions are for a one-year term that may be renewed.

Committee Size

The NESA Chicago executive committee will be limited to 20 members which includes the chairman and vice-chairmen but does not include the staff advisor.

NESA Chicago Standing Committee Responsibilities

may include but are not limited to the following:

Membership Committee

- Assist in the search for adult Eagle Scouts who may or may not be currently involved in Scouting and are not members of NESA Chicago.
- Engage local district volunteers to help promote and recruit Eagle Scouts into NESA Chicago.
- Explore and develop projects that increase NESA Chicago's presence and visibility (i.e. events for Eagle Scouts in specific business professional, religious, academic, and military communities that can be used as networking events and a way to find more Eagle Scouts).
- Place ads asking Eagle Scouts to join in local newspapers and magazines, weekly or monthly local professional bulletins such as those published by a bar association, and corporate in-house publications.
- Participate in NESA Chicago activities and promote NESA Chicago membership through the NESA Chicago interest survey.
- Work in conjunction with and support other NESA Chicago committees to increase membership.
- Develop and coordinate a "Welcome to NESA Chicago" program that introduces NESA Chicago to new Eagle Scouts from the Chicago Area Council.

Communications Committee

- Interface with other NESA Chicago committees to identify upcoming events and determine advertising & promotional needs.
- Develop overall plan to promote activities considering target audience and budget.
- Manage communication on NESA Chicago social networking sites (Facebook and LinkedIn).
- Coordinate and execute e-newsletter to be sent to NESA Chicago email list on a regular basis.
- Manage NESA Chicago website content.

Social Committee

- Conduct gatherings of Eagles, such as breakfasts, dinners, or after-hours events for all Eagle Scouts.
- Conduct various community service projects to showcase Scouting and Eagle Scouting.
- Plan additional opportunities for Eagle Scouts to get together socially (i.e. softball game, camping weekend, wine making presentation, etc.)

Mentoring Committee

- Recommend adult Eagle Scouts be involved in such projects as advancement clinics, merit badge clinics, the merit badge counseling program, and district representation on Eagle boards of review.
- Recommend and recruit adult Eagle Scouts to staff merit badge clinics (i.e. Law Merit Badge, Medicine Merit Badge, etc.).
- Encourage Eagle Scouts to apply for NESA scholarships.
- Support council activities that results in the mentoring of current Scouts and Eagle Scouts.

Recognition Committee

- Conduct an annual Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner for young men who have received the Eagle Scout rank during the past year.
- Review annual applications for the Adams Eagle Scout Project of the Year Award, select the council winner, and submit an application for the winner to the national NESA office for consideration for the regional and national awards.
- Identify and nominate adult Eagle Scouts for the NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award by completing and submitting the application.
- Identify and nominate adult Eagle Scouts for the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award by completing and submitting the application.
- Represent NESA Chicago at Eagle Scout Court of Honors.