





# Building Your Board of Advisors: Effective Career Mentoring

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"If I hadn't had mentors, I wouldn't be here today. I'm a product of great mentoring, great coaching... Coaches or mentors are very important. They could be anyone..."

Indra Nooya
Chair and CEO of Pepsi Co.

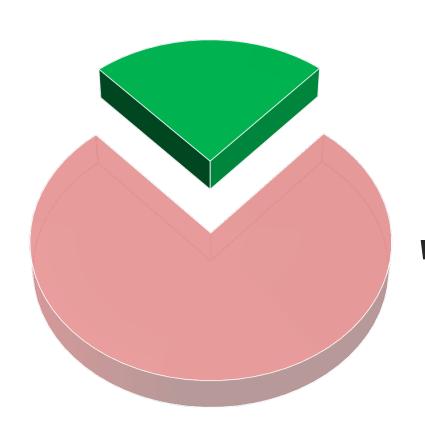


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"Only 23% have taken advantage of networking and attending conferences and/or workshops for professional development..."

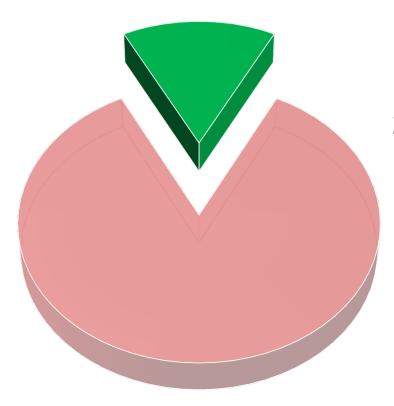
AFP Young Professionals Survey (Spring 2017)

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# "85% did not seek advice from seasoned professionals at their organization..."

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### **AUDIENCE SURVEY SAYS...**









### **Individual Mentoring**

- An individual with 5 or more years of experience is paired with a peer with similar experience
- An individual with a few years of experience is paired with a seasoned mentor

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### **Individual Mentoring**

- Formal Mentoring
  - Clear goal(s)
  - Multiple sessions
  - Set timeline
- Informal Mentoring
  - Set agenda
  - One to three meetings
  - Coffee, Lunch







### **Individual Mentoring**

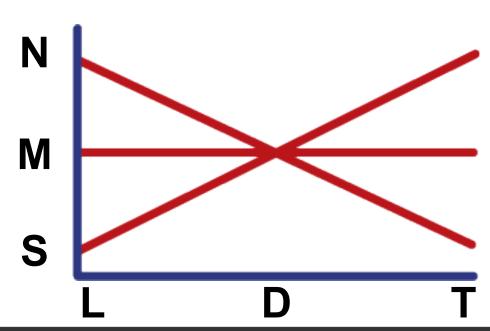
- Take a personal inventory and identify areas for improvement
  - Fundraising knowledge
  - Strengths and weaknesses
  - Personality or style





### **Mentee Perspective**

- Where can you grow?
- Know your role
  - Learner
  - Doing
  - Teaching







### **Mentor Perspective**

- Where can you grow?
- Know your role
  - Coach
  - Facilitator
  - Advisor
  - Advisor/Sounding Board
  - Learner





## **Chapter Mentoring Programs**

- Starting up
- Growth
- Maintenance







## **Chapter Mentoring Programs**

- Mentoring should focus on increasing professional and practical fundraising knowledge
- Mentoring of development colleagues is a shared professional responsibility







### The Start-up

- Resources to get started
- Creating structure
- Matching process
- Measurement







### **NW Ohio Chapter Mentor Program**

- Resources to get started
  - Committee chairs appointed
  - Planning committee created
  - Chapter membership survey completed





### **NW Ohio Chapter Mentor Program**

- Creating structure
- Matching process
- Monitoring and Evaluation







### **AFP Charlotte Mentoring - Maintain**

- Provide value and new opportunities for membership
- Engage seasoned professionals beyond chapter meetings







### **AFP Charlotte Mentoring - Growth**

- Drive membership and enhancing its value
- Resources to keep growing









### **Building Your Inner Circle**

- Create your Personal Board
  - Identify Your Passion
  - Create Your Professional Mission and Vision
  - Articulate Your Career Goals

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### **Mission Statement Example**

"To remain at the cutting edge for the intersection of professional fundraising theory and practice."





### **Vision Statement Example**

"To be recognized as a leader in advising and coaching individuals (within my organization and beyond) toward a culture of philanthropy."







### **Build Your Inner Circle**

- Identify Mentors According to Your Growth Area(s)
  - Sector Experts
  - Technical Experts
  - Aspirational Advisors
  - Personal Advisors/Confidants







# Today's Slides & Resources

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