

Mentor Presentation
BSMA National Convention
2025

Introduction

- A. Mentor Chair
- B. History of the Mentor Program – 2019 (6 years)

Goals of the Mentor Program

- A. To assist chapters with questions
- B. Guide the members to Gov Doc to answer questions
- C. Guide members to NEB and other resources to get answers
- D. To share information about fundraising, events, recruitment etc
- E. Be a cheerleader to encourage chapters to grow (mentor not monitor)

Check in Protocol

- A. Mentors check in with chapter executive board and submit report to mentor chair.
 - *To share events/fundraising ideas with them and to share their experiences with other mentors/chapters
 - *To remind of important deadlines
 - *To share information about convention
 - *To remind the chapters that they have a mentor

B. Mentor requirements

- *Been a member for 3 years
- *Served in a leadership position in chapter or department
- *Good communications skills
- *Knowledge of emailing (checking regularly) and sending simple reports
- *Knowledge of Gov Docs, Resources and who to ask (NEB/committee members)
- *Attend quarterly meetings via Zoom
- *Willing to sign confidentiality agreement
- *Interested members fill out Interest Survey

C. Fundraising Ideas (if time allows)

(Share some of the successful fundraisers that mentors learn about from chapters)

- *BSMA Grant
- *Check individual states rules when planning (raffles etc)
- *Social Media use to raise funds
- *Networking with VSOs

D. Common Questions brought to mentors

- *Why can't we donate to an individual service member or Veteran?

*Can we use the logo for?

*Election questions

*Territory questions (neighboring chapter raising funds etc)

*Choosing delegates for national convention

E. Questions from the floor