

## CONFRONTING EMERGING CHALLENGES



### **Delegate From the Press Box**

As a student leader, don't always feel pressured to labor in the trenches. Educate the members about the history of the organization and empower them to assume responsibility in dictating its future. Be a visionary: one who maneuvers between the field of action and the press box, can reflect on a direction for the organization, and mobilize others to do innovative work.

### **Discover the Emerging Challenges**

Leaders of the new millennium cannot cling to antiquated ways of confronting challenges and running an organization. To be effective one must collaborate with the organization's members and affiliates to collectively dissolve disputes and give birth to novel values and behaviors. It is these newly evolved beliefs and strategies that will effectively overcome seemingly insurmountable trials.

### **Don't Stress and Keep Your Poise**

Student leaders must maintain unwavering confidence and composure to accomplish goals when stressful tasks emerge. The leader must affirm a sense of urgency while regulating stress among the organization. He/she must affirm confidence through the tough decisions that must be made despite disagreement amongst members. This confidence will inevitably reflect on the member.

## **Embrace Diverse Perspectives Yet Eradicate Distractions**

At a point where diverse perspectives are rampant the leader must demonstrate that all input is valued while encouraging members to collaborate despite these differences. Leaders must convey that members must avoid distractions such as personal attacks and excuses that hinder organizational progress and exacerbate distress. For the organization to thrive the leader must foster an environment where members can coalesce.

## **Encourage Members to Assume Responsibility**

Members develop pride in an organization when they feel they are contributing to it. Therefore, leaders must have faith in their members to carry out solutions to challenges that are seemingly colossal. Also, the leader must instill confidence in others to take risks, assume responsibility, and to not be fearful when they make mistakes. They must know they will have your support and mentorship if they stumble.

## **Respect Opinions from the Unsuspected**

Leaders must relinquish the urge to suppress voices that give birth to fresh ideas. These members must feel as though the stage is always ripe to voice and idea or concept that is potentially the solution to an emergent challenge. Leaders must safeguard these voices, understanding that they are leaders in the making and core of organization. It is these ideas that make the organization flourish.