Committee Descriptions

Mentorship Committee

The purpose of the Mentorship Committee is to create a culture of mentoring among professionals which will enhance and strengthen the field of fundraising through rich and meaningful mentor relationships.

- Recruit “seasoned professionals” as mentors to match up with people relatively new to the profession
- Host activities that promote interaction between mentors and mentees
- Provide linkages for members looking for mentors or mentees
- Foster Advancement Northwest ethics and incorporate Advancement Northwest programs and services in mentor relationships
- Expand, retain and diversify our fundraising community through a value-based mentor program

Conference Committee

The Conference Committee coordinates and manages the strategic planning and execution of Advancement Northwest’s annual conference. Committee volunteers partner with committees across the organization and across the fundraising sector to produce a conference that engages its participants and presents a diverse slate of programs and presenters.

- Select speakers and panelists to create high-member-value experiences
- Secure a venue and other event-related logistics
- Establish ongoing, regular contact with the Advancement Northwest Sponsorship Committee and the Diversity, Equity, Access, and Inclusion Committee to ensure proper support and representation

Sponsorship Committee

The Sponsorship Committee works throughout the year to support Advancement Northwest programming year-round through corporate sponsorship. The majority of sponsorship activities occur during the months leading up to major events, such as the annual conference and National Philanthropy Day.

- Conduct outreach to existing and new sponsorship partners to support various programming throughout the year
- Establish ongoing, regular contact with the Advancement Northwest program-related committees, and the DEIA Committee to ensure support for program activities

Programs Committee

The Programs Committee creates quality, timely, and relevant programming to serve our community of fundraising and nonprofit professionals, except for conference and National Philanthropy Day programming. Committee volunteers may produce individual programs themselves, recruit others to lead or produce a program, or partner with other committees to bring an idea to execution. Programs can include a wide array of lecture, seminar, affinity group, networking, panel, and workshop formats.

- Develop program ideas to implement and carry out throughout the year
- In concert with Advancement Northwest staff, produce all aspects of programs including programming, logistics, communicating with speakers, and developing marketing materials for programs advertising and outreach
- Recruit fundraisers in the community to participate in the leading and execution of programs as appropriate
- Coordinate sponsorship benefit delivery with the Sponsorship committee to ensure sponsors receive their benefits as appropriate

National Philanthropy Day

The National Philanthropy Day event is a celebration of the fundraisers and the fundraising community. The committee plans and executes an event that includes a program and networking reception. They also oversee the National Philanthropy Day Award process.

- Develop a community event on or near National Philanthropy Day that includes a program and networking reception.
- Implement National Philanthropy Day Award program
- Coordinate sponsorship benefit delivery with Sponsorship committee to ensure sponsors receive their benefits as appropriate.

Committee on Directorship

The Committee on Directorship is responsible for Board (and to a lesser degree Committee volunteer) recruitment for Advancement Northwest. In addition to Board members at large, the Committee is responsible for recommending a President-Elect among those that have applied.

They, along with Advancement Northwest staff carry out all aspects of the application process, eventually bringing forth slates for voting to the Board and membership at the Winter Social.

- Write, edit, and approve the application form as appropriate.
- Develop advertising content to promote the opportunity broadly.
- Carry out personal outreach to encourage prospective board members to apply.
- Meet with prospective Board members 1:1 to talk about the work of the Board, gauge fit, and answer any questions or concerns.
- Put forth a slate of prospective Board members including officer positions to the Board and later membership for vote.