September 2018

Local Chapter Leads,

Last fall, we introduced **Innovating Our Impact**, a transformation of our long running NAYGN Impact initiative. The goal of the transformation was to improve the sharing of best practices and enhance innovation across our organization by transforming the innovation competition into a key part of the NAYGN Impact. **We knew that we already have chapters doing wonderful projects at the local level and we wanted to provide an easy avenue and support for local projects to be shared with the greater organization.** We want our members to work on projects they are passionate about and what better way than to place this initiative into members hands. In 2018, we choose 4 chapter submitted projects to support for the year which are currently in progress:

* SENSEI Award Program (Duke Energy Chapter)
* 3D Fuel Bundle (Framatome-Richland Chapter)
* Outreach Toolkits (GE-Hitachi Chapter)
* Chapter Health Benchmark (TVA Chapters)

Watching these projects begin to come to fruition has been exciting and we’d like to offer this opportunity again for 2019.

***Does your chapter host an amazing activity that the rest of the organization could benefit from?***

***Do you have a new great idea for our organization?***

***Do you want to innovate one of our current projects, committees, etc.?***

If your answer to any of the above questions is “YES!” then this is the opportunity for you!

**Chapters can propose thought-out chapter run projects to the Core by November 16, 2018 for implementation in the following year.** The proposals will be voted on and if approved (and needed) these projects will be included in our organization’s 2019 budget.

If this opportunity sounds exciting to you and your chapter members, check out the next page for some additional information. Questions? Please contact impact@naygn.org

Sincerely,

The NAYGN Core

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**What should we consider when proposing a project?**

* Small enough that they can be completed by 12/31/19
* Project ownership lies with the chapter(s) that submit the idea (you’ll run your own committee)
* Project must align with one of the organization’s pillars, vision, or mission
* The project shall have an impact beyond the individual chapter’s community and/or company (i.e. must benefit the greater continental NAYGN organization and/or the greater public)

**What should we include in our chapter’s proposal?**

* Project Summary
* Budget
* Timeline
* Scope of work
* Benefit to NAYGN
* NAYGN Core responsibilities (if requesting any assistance from NAYGN)
* Summary of Research
* Project Lead Contact Information

**Can we work with other chapters to submit a proposal?**

Yes! Just make sure the responsibilities of the chapters are clearly defined in your proposal.

**How long should the proposal be?**

There is no expected length. It should be long enough to include the necessary elements of a proposal and provide the confidence that the project will be successful. Previous submittals ranged from a large paragraph to multiple pages and graphics.

**How many projects will be chosen?**

The number of projects chosen will depend on the funding needs of the proposals received and the fundraising capabilities of our amazing sponsorship committee.

**I have a project idea and its free. Can I still propose it?**

Yes! This initiative can be used to as a platform to help the sharing of best practices. If you have an awesome free idea (maybe public outreach content? or an awesome professional development workshop you created? etc.) but you want the support to share it with the rest of the continental organization, please submit a proposal.

**Is this program a requirement?**

No! Your chapter is not required to submit.

**When will we know if our project was chosen?**

Chapters will be informed of the decision on their project no later than December 31st. These new projects will be mentioned on the first LCL call of 2019.

**We are a small chapter. Can we still submit a proposal?**

Yes! This process allows for all chapters, regardless of their size, to have the means and support to impact our greater organization. You’ll just want to make sure that the project is within the capabilities of your chapter/committee to complete by the end of 2018. If the task seems too large, we encourage you to reach out to another local chapter to form a larger committee.

**We don’t have any ideas for a proposal but we still want to get involved. Can we help?**

Yes! Many of these projects will need some assistance from the NAYGN organization to roll out or to take them to the next level. For example, the recent creation of a children’s book required additional support to help with distribution, communications, and conversion to an E-book. Email impact@naygn.org for more information about how to get involved.

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