

COLLABORATION BETWEEN HONOR SOCIETIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

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Differences were noted between discipline-specific honor societies and non-discipline-specific honor societies. The former may tend to collaborate with organizations where some natural disciplinary affinity exists. The latter involve broader membership.

The size of a school and its locations, e.g., urban, rural, plays a role. Urban environments may provide more opportunities for service activities in the community.

Purposes of collaboration? Service, research

Opportunities and outcomes depend greatly on the level of engagement of organizations' officers from year to year.

Some incentives for collaboration were cited by one discussant as working well. He was referring to a monetary incentive from the national office.

Other incentives for collaborative engagement mentioned were honoring a Chapter Advisor of the Year; recognizing highly engaged, collaborative chapters during national convention; publishing stories about successful collaborations in honor society's newsletter or other publication.

It was suggested that executive directors could emphasize collaboration in whatever letters, e-mails messages, etc., are sent to chapter advisors.