

Tips For Successful Volunteer Leadership

1. Have fun and enjoy the benefits: Peer recognition, leadership and management experience, contacts and networking, career benefits, etc.
2. Focus on achieving the best outcome for the Society. Don't make it personal. Committee work should not be a zero sum game or a contact sport.
3. Keep your ear to the ground. Ask everyone how we can better serve them (not just the usual suspects – or even just members!).
4. Think BIG! Help us make ACerS a better organization through continuous improvement.
5. Know what's happening. Read the Bulletin, ceramics.org, In Focus, etc.
6. Insist on orderly meetings, a clearly defined purpose, and timely information. Even informal meetings should have an agenda and follow the basic rules of parliamentary procedure.
7. Put more oars in the water. Recruit currently uninvolved members to volunteer for special assignments. Recruit younger and diverse members to leadership positions.
8. Tell staff when something is wrong or when you are unhappy. We really want to fix it.
9. Engage! Speak at meetings, share your opinions, volunteer for special assignments, make a difference.
10. Be clear about your group's mission and how it contributes to the overall goals of the Society.