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ASKING MATTERS
Webinar 3

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Introduction

Deb Turner, moderator



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Recap

Goals of the Three Fall Webinars

- **Resource:** Asking Matters and Asking Styles
- **Training:** Learn to ask
- **Action:** Close four gifts this year

Recap

Last Webinar

- Setting Up the Meeting
- Asking for the Gift

Stories from the Field

- Roger LaMay, WXPB, Philadelphia
- Matt Martin, KALW, San Francisco

Webinar 3

TODAY'S AGENDA

1. Follow Through
2. Continued Cultivation
3. Involving Volunteers
4. Maximizing Board Giving

FOLLOWING THROUGH



IMMEDIATE FOLLOW-UP FOR GIFTS IN PROGRESS

1. Call or e-mail donor after meeting
2. Set up next step
3. Inform/involve appropriate staff and volunteers

IMMEDIATE FOLLOW-UP FOR CONFIRMED GIFTS

1. Call or e-mail donor after meeting
2. Send written confirmation
3. Plan next cultivation step
4. Involve/Inform appropriate staff and volunteers

CONTINUED CULTIVATION



What's the **BIGGEST** and **MOST COMMON** mistake?

Not communicating until the next solicitation.

CONTINUED CULTIVATION

1. Invite to activities
2. Ask for advice
3. Send information
4. Personalize
5. Involve others

A Few Ways to Communicate Between Solicitations

- Personal e-mail update
- Invitation to visit the station
- Send a greeting card (holiday/birthday/anniversary...)
- Send press clipping about them
- Send press clipping about the station
- E-mail a link to something that might interest them
- Pose a question about something you are wrestling with
- Send a job posting
- E-mail good news or bad news or just news
- Invite them for breakfast/lunch/dinner with a visiting celebrity
- Ask them to host a small event
- Ask them to help with on-air fundraising
- Invite them to show the station to their children

INVOLVING VOLUNTEERS



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REASONS
TO INVOLVE
VOLUNTEERS

1. Enable more/stronger touches
2. Build your relationships with them
3. Strengthen their commitment to the station

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WAYS
TO INVOLVE
VOLUNTEERS

1. Reviewing Lists
2. Identifying Prospects
3. Asking
4. Following Through
5. Building Relationships

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ASKING MATTERS'
TRAINING EXERCISES
FOR VOLUNTEERS

1. Scheduling the Meeting
2. Making the Case
3. Asking Styles
4. Solicitation
5. Hi-Low: Sight Raising

www.askingmatters.com/style/knowledge-base

MAXIMIZING BOARD GIVING



Asking Matters' Philosophy on Board Giving

1. No minimum giving levels
2. Give AND get
3. 100% giving – no exceptions
4. Solicit each board member personally every year

Setting Goals for Board Giving

- Raise sights
- Dollar goals **and** participation goals
- Percentage increases
- Increase number of board gifts in top category
- Challenges

How Much Should Board Members Give?

Personally Significant Gifts

- Make people think hard before committing.
- Are among the largest commitments they make.

No Minimum Giving Level

- Becomes ceiling instead of floor.
- Limits board membership.

Board Led Solicitations

- Board/Development chairs make personally significant gifts
- Board/Development chairs meet with every board member
Discuss commitment to organization, annual gift and roles
- Leadership Groups

Staff Roles in Board Solicitation

- Support board leaders
- Partner with board members
- Solicit board members if necessary

Reasons to Solicit Board Members in Person

- Conversations with your most important ambassadors.
- Assess board members' relationships to the organization.
- Strengthen relationships through mutual understanding.
- Chart a course for involvement in the year to come.

Additional Board Resources

- Contacts and connections
- Material, space and expertise
- Matching dollars
- Advice, ideas, encouragement, support

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Timing of the Board Campaign

Imagine how helpful it would be to go into the new fiscal year knowing what many of your most philanthropic individual donors plan to give?

- Ask early in the giving season
- Establish end-date for board campaign
- Celebrate

HOMEWORK: Close 4 Gifts

- Close gifts by December 15
- Confirm gifts in writing immediately
- Let Deb know your progress, lessons and success!

Participate in a COACHING/CONFERENCE CALL

- Led by Brian Saber
- E-mail your questions in advance
- Discuss them with Brian and Andrea
- Date will be either November 15 or November 22

What is your give/get policy?

- We require give AND get
- We require give OR get
- We have a minimum give/get