



NAPO-New England Chapter Membership Benefits

Chapter Affiliation and Monthly Meetings

- Chapter meetings are held on the second Monday of every month, except July. Meetings offer members the opportunity to:
 - ✓ Network with professional organizing colleagues and keep in touch with the organizing community.
 - ✓ Hear speakers on a variety of topics relevant to the organizing industry.
 - ✓ Receive up-to-date organizing and product information.
 - ✓ Share ideas with fellow members and guests.
 - ✓ Become involved in chapter sponsored events.
- Members Only Meetings are offered three times a year. This is a great opportunity to learn professional trade secrets! A Members Only social and recognition ceremony is held in June.
- All regular members have motion and voting privileges at chapter meetings.

NAPO-NE Opportunities

- Gain experience and skills while connecting with other members by volunteering for a NAPO-NE role. Volunteer opportunities include being a greeter, facilitator, or speaker at chapter meetings, assisting with marketing and public relations, or participating in special events.
- Present at a monthly chapter meeting, which allows you to share your experience and expertise while developing public speaking skills.
- Participate in NAPO-NE Get Organized Month and other annual events, which draw interest from the general public and the media. Opportunities include planning, volunteering, and speaking.
- Present or assist in Quantum Leap, a community-based service program that provides organizing and time management skills to participants in women-to-work programs.
- Develop leadership skills and credibility within the industry.
- Seek a position on the NAPO-NE Board of Directors.
- Join Golden Circle, a prestigious designation within NAPO. Members who have been in the organizing business for five years or more and who have been a member of NAPO for at least one year are eligible to apply. NAPO-NE Golden Circle Members meet quarterly.

Referral Directory

- All members specialties and contact information is listed on the “Locate an Organizer” page of the NAPO-NE website, making it easy for consumers to find professional organizers in their local area.
- NAPO-NE also has an “Information/Referral Hotline” which processes requests for names of Professional Organizers.

Public Relations and Marketing Opportunities

- Benefit from NAPO-NE media exposure and branding.
- Download and use the official “NAPO-New England Member” Logo for your website and marketing materials to promote your affiliation with this industry-leading organization. Link the NAPO-NE website to your website.
- Get tips from the Marketing and PR Committees to help you grow your business.

- Connect with NAPO-NE groups on popular social networking sites such as Facebook and LinkedIn.

Member Resources

- **New Organizers Workshop.** Designed for new and prospective professional organizers, veteran organizers facilitate this forum where questions on all aspects of operating an organizing business or working in the organizing industry will be answered. Check the NAPO-NE website for schedule, cost and other details. Pre-registration is required.
- **Mentoring Programs.** With the *Buddy Program*, a new member will be greeted by an "old" member who will sit with them at the meetings, introduce them to other members, and try to answer their questions. The purpose of the *Success Groups* is to provide informal networking opportunities outside of the traditional format and location of regular monthly NAPO-NE Chapter meetings for members.
- **Book Discussion Group.** This group meets for 45 minutes before every chapter meeting. Each month a book is selected and discussion on the topic is open to all whether you have read the book or not. This is a great opportunity to get to know other members while reading and discussing a variety of books on topics related to the organizing industry.

Resources Available on the Members Only Section on NAPO-NE Website:

- **NAPO-NE Group Email.** You can easily e-mail the entire NAPO-NE membership if you have a question, need assistance with a client, would like to refer a client, or if you want to share information and resources. This email list is also a primary resource for all current chapter news and updates.
- **Chapter Member Directory.** A listing of Member names, contact information and specialty codes is updated quarterly.
- **Charitable Organizations List.** A listing of charitable organizations with contact information can to help you assist clients in reducing their unnecessary items via donation.
- **Resource List.** This list of local resources recommended by NAPO-NE members includes a wide variety of local businesses who offer services complimentary to the organizing field from consignment shops and antiques dealers to professional services such as carpenters, house cleaners, interior designers, and CPAs.
- **Chapter Meeting Minutes.** Chapter meeting minutes and presenter handouts are available (with permission). This is a great resource to help members keep up with chapter news and get information about presentations when they can't attend the chapter meetings.
- **Recommended Reading List.** This list compiled by NAPO-NE Members is a great way to educate yourself about the organizing industry.
- **NAPO-NE Quarterly Newsletter.** This electronic newsletter includes articles relevant to our industry, President's message, member spotlights, associate member information, chapter event listings, volunteer opportunities, new member welcomes, and more. Members who write an article get a two line bio and a link to their website published in the newsletter.
- **NAPO-NE Media Resource.** The chapter has an extensive collection of recordings available for members to borrow. Recordings include NAPO conference workshops and other recorded presentations relevant to the organizing profession. NEW in 2009: Many organizing books are available for loan. Check the members-only section of the NAPO-NE website for details!
- **Assistant List.** Members who are available to work with or for other professional organizers as assistants or sub-contractors can put their name on the Assistant List. This is a great way to expand your experience and meet chapter members.
- **Associate Members.** Our Associate Members are available as resources to our membership and to promote our industry. Some Associate Members offer discounted rates or other incentives to NAPO-NE members.