

# Benefits of VAN Membership

## BROWN BAG DISCUSSIONS



VAN members gather semi-monthly to talk about important issues affecting their programs. Bring a sack lunch and walk away with new contacts and fresh ideas. Members choose the topics and host meetings at locations around the region. Recent subjects include:

- ❖ *Working with Service Learning Students.*
- ❖ *Low Budget Recognition Ideas*
- ❖ *Non-traditional Recruiting*
- ❖ *Turning Your Current Volunteer Opportunities into Internships*
- ❖ *Technology: Web Woes, Web Wows!*

These discussion groups are available free of charge to current members. Prospective members are welcome to attend one Brown Bag for free. Details are on the VAN web site, [www.doviakc.org](http://www.doviakc.org).

## INTERNET RESOURCES



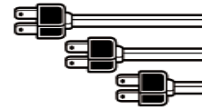
Members have access to an on-line collection of shared articles, links and other inspiring program ideas for the volunteer manager. Members can post and read about local opportunities for professional development and search the membership directory to find contact information for other VAN members with similar programs or challenges.

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Limited scholarships are available to members for ongoing education and professional development. Volunteer management workshops and trainings need not be sponsored by VAN to qualify.

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE



The event committee takes great pride in scheduling high quality presenters to provide information for volunteer managers of all levels of experience. This is a valuable opportunity for networking and professional training.

## HUB OF REGIONAL RESOURCES



There are many resources available to volunteer managers regionally and nationally. As an advocate for the professional volunteer manager, VAN both sponsors education and networking opportunities and serves as a clearinghouse for others. Members have access to varied trainings, books, certification programs and more. VAN also collaborates with other local and regional community support organizations to complement and enhance their efforts. VAN is also plugged into larger regional and national professional networks.

# Expand your VAN Experience

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VAN is a non-profit organization that is governed by a Board of Directors. This body has general charge of the affairs, property and assets of the organization.

Stepping up to a Board director position is a great way to share or enhance your professional skills, add leadership and governance experience to your resume, and contribute to the growth of our profession.

## COMMITTEES

At the heart of VAN are its committees. Committee work is the place where ideas are carried into action that support the mission of VAN. Members are encouraged to become involved in the organization by serving on one of the following committees:

- ❖ **Program** – sets up the quarterly training/networking sessions.
- ❖ **Communications** – uses technology to help members connect and share resources more effectively
- ❖ **Membership** – works to expand our current membership through new contacts with the volunteer management community.
- ❖ **Annual Event** – works on the planning and facilitation of the annual conference.

## Membership Options

VAN membership is available to individuals and organizations. There are three ways for you to become an active VAN member:

### ❖ Individual membership

\$25 / year

Your membership stays with you wherever you work.

### ❖ Positional membership

\$25 / year

Membership stays with whomever is in the volunteer manager position within the organization.

### ❖ Organizational membership

\$105 / year

Membership stays with the organization and may be transferred between persons as needed when someone leaves the organization. Up to 5 members of your organization may be activated under this membership type.

Your membership is valid for 12 months from the date you join.

## Join Us!

To join, download a membership form from [www.doviakc.org](http://www.doviakc.org) and mail it to the address on the front of the brochure with your payment.



## VAN Mission

***“In the spirit of celebrating and promoting volunteerism, the purpose of VAN is to provide support, professional training, and networking opportunities for those interested in volunteer management.”***

To support this mission, VAN provides services and information to its members regarding new issues and trends in volunteerism. This enables them to keep abreast of developments in the field, to facilitate networking and professional support, and to empower them to have an impact on VAN itself.

**Learn  
from the  
experts...**



**...and make new contacts!**



## Volunteer Administrators Network

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