



LEAD! 26

National Council of Chapters (NCC) Meeting

LEAD! Webinar Series

June 23, 2026

Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Speaker
2:00 – 2:05	Welcome & Introductions	Dana Rodgers <i>AGA Chapter Services Manager</i>
2:05 – 2:15	Opening Remarks	Sarah Cunningham, CGFM <i>AGA National President-Elect</i>
2:15 – 2:20	Program Year Initiatives	Jon Stehle <i>AGA Director Partnerships</i>
2:20 – 2:30	NCC Role Overview	Dana Rodgers <i>AGA Chapter Services Manager</i>
2:30 – 2:45	Breakout Rooms with Area Directors	Facilitated by NGB Area Directors
2:45 – 2:55	Share Back	AGA National and Chapter Leaders
2:55 – 3:00	Closing Remarks	Dana Rodgers <i>AGA's Chapter Services Manager</i>

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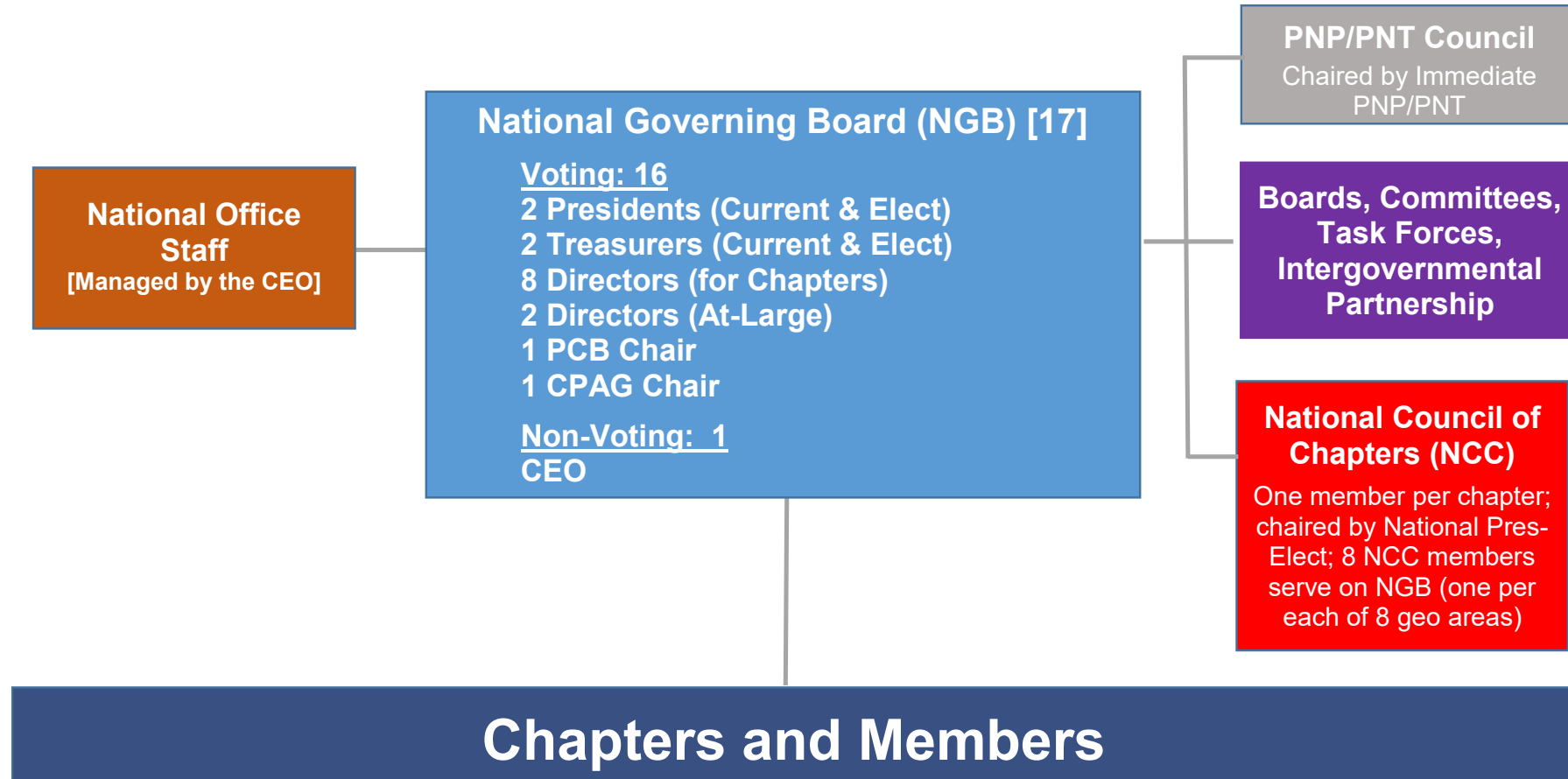
12:00–1:00 p.m. ET

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Today's focus: understand the role of National Council of Chapters (NCC) Representatives, build connections, and prepare for the year ahead.



Governance Structure



Purpose of NCC Reps

- Ensure every chapter has a voice in national conversations.
- Create a direct connection between chapters and the National Governing Board (NGB).
- Strengthen collaboration and idea-sharing across chapters.
- Help chapters succeed through shared insight and support.

Role Responsibilities

Represent

Bring chapter perspectives forward

Connect

Share ideas and strengthen relationships

Engage

Encourage participation in AGA opportunities

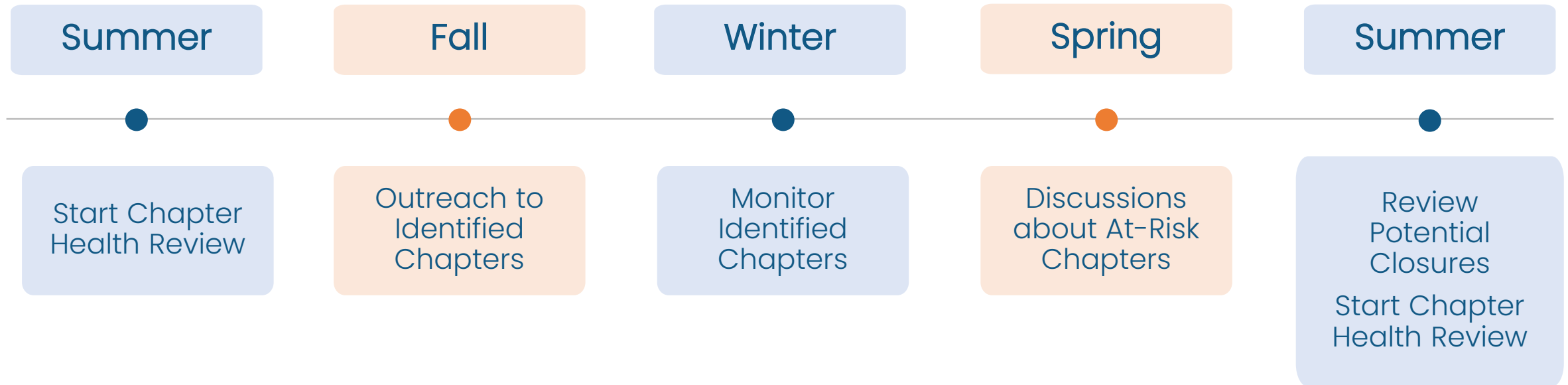
Support

Help chapters grow and succeed

Promote Two-Way Communication

NCC Representative	Two-Way Communication	NGB Directors (for Chapters)
Communicate chapter challenges, issues, and concerns.	Exchange insights to guide national strategy and support local chapters.	Schedule regular communication with NCC Representatives in your area and serve as a resource.

Chapter Health Timeline



What Makes a Chapter Healthy?

Leadership

Strong leaders and succession planning

Engagement

Meaningful participation and chapter value

Membership

Growth and connections across member groups

Operations

Consistent communication and chapter sustainability

Starting a Chapter

To help establish a strong foundation for long-term success, members may petition the NGB for a charter to form a new chapter once the following requirements have been met:

- At least 20 committed members
- A core leadership team (minimum of 5 individuals committed to leadership roles)
- A review of local employers and whether they can sustain membership
- Employer support

Closing a Chapter

The National Governing Board shall have the right to revoke the charter of any Chapter under the following conditions:

- (a) If **active membership** in the Chapter **falls below ten**.
- (b) If Chapter **activities do not conform to the objectives** of the Association, as set forth by these Bylaws.
- (c) If **Chapter Bylaws** are not consistent with AGA National's Bylaws.
- (d) If the Chapter becomes inactive.
- (e) If three-quarters ($3/4$) of the Chapter's members request such action

What Happens to Members?

- Members of a closing chapter remain AGA members.
- Members will get moved to “At Large”, their nearest active chapter, or to another chapter of their choosing.
- AGA National as well as our chapters, offer a variety of virtual options that allow for these members to maximize their benefits as AGA members.

What Happens to Chapter Funds?

- The active chapter officers will need to close any accounts they have.
- Funds should be transferred to AGA National.
- AGA will hold onto the funds for the Chapter in case there is a revitalization.

Save the Dates

NCC Meetings

1:00–3:00 PM ET | Virtual

- August 5, 2026
- November 4, 2026
- February 3, 2027

Treasurers' Town Halls

2:00–3:00 PM ET | Virtual

- August 20, 2026
- November 19, 2026
- February 25, 2027
- May 20, 2027

What's Next?

LEAD 2026 Know Before You Attend

Tuesday, July 7 | 2-3 PM ET

New Zoom link