

DOVIA Mississippi  
Compiled Comments from Strategic Planning Meeting (all items with 2+ "votes")  
10/20/2016 @ Brown's Fine Art

**QUESTION:** *What priorities does the membership want to pursue in 2017? Pick 3-5 items from the 2013 Strategic Planning brainstormed list.*

**6 VOTES**

- Tour everybody's facilities (field trips to membership organizations)

**3 VOTES**

- Engage more corporations / businesses in volunteering – invite them to DOVIA
- Training/discussion RE: licensing requirements for volunteers – swap volunteer agreements and confidentiality statements (document sharing)

**2 VOTES**

- Follow up on members who don't show up to meetings
- Grow volunteer group contact list with organizations
- Make a booklet or info sheet on each member's organization for the group
- Plan a joint volunteer appreciation day for all our volunteers to interact
- Training – "How to be a Volunteer Coordinator"
- Training – "Grantwriting"
- Training – Advanced volunteer management
- Training – Professional Development for Newbies
- Training intensives – Grant Writing Made Easy, Board Development, Getting your CVA
- Training – Fundraising 101, 201, 301
- Training/discussion re: licensing requirements for volunteers
- Collaborate with MS Center for Nonprofits
- Annual "DOVIA Award" – present to winner @ GIVE ceremony
- Increase membership rolls by 10%
- Increase renewals (get back members from prior years)
- More photo documentation on our progress! Instagram?
- Good website designers
- How to recruit board members & qualifications to look for in board members
- 9/11 day of service afternoon after volunteer fair
- FREE ideas for volunteer appreciation
- Entertainment ideas (music, etc) for events
- Work as a group on a direct service project – many orgs have "Volunteer Saturdays" or similar
- Streamline training offerings
- Recognize more agencies/volunteers on the website
- Get a list of everyone's Twitter and Facebook to create a list

## HANDWRITTEN COMMENTS

- Go to UMMC and see their massive volunteer program
- Members-only section of website (password-protected) to list resources, vendor list for discounts, etc.
- Pre-write and schedule reminders for email blasts about all national days of service
- Resource manual “cheat sheet”
- Have some meetings in the afternoon or evenings for those who can’t make morning meetings
- Do something fun every year (nature walk, playtime @ Children’s Museum...)
- Make a DOVIA shirt (we have this!)
- DOVIA video
- Whole day retreat for DOVIA topics
- Monthly question for discussion

## SUGGESTIONS FOR 2017 FIELD TRIPS

- Red Cross
- Nissan plant and volunteer program (granting program)
- Any library
- Madison Square Center for the Arts (Madison, MS Cultural Center)
- New CPC Fondren Clinic
- BlueCross BlueShield of Mississippi
- Trustmark Bank
- Good Samaritan Center – they use incarcerated labor as free volunteers
- Gateway Rescue Mission – good volunteer program and engage clients as volunteers
- MS Museum of Art
- Magnolia Speech School

## TOPICS FOR 2017 MEETINGS

- Do a session with high school, university, community college, and retirement communities to make them aware of us (so they know where they can volunteer)
- Volunteer Recruitment Fair
- MDAH wants to host the National Service Info Session in July 2017