

LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO VOLUNTEERS

This group will explore a wide variety of legal problems related to volunteering, including board liability, legislation at the state level for volunteering, suits, just to name a few. The direction of the group will be determined, to a large extent, by the members.

IMPACT OF VOLUNTEER WORK USED AS JOB EXPERIENCE

This group will address the increasing interest of volunteers to use their work as job experience when applying for a job. What does this mean to a potential employer, to a volunteer administrator, to a volunteer?

TAX CREDITS AND DEDUCTIONS

This group will look at the distinctions between tax credits and tax deductions, and will look at the whole range of proposals for tax credits and deductions proposed for volunteers. Tax credits for volunteer time and child care for volunteering, tax deductions for volunteer time and the increased charitable driving rate will be reviewed.

INSURANCE FOR VOLUNTEERS

Members of this group will study the range of insurance which applies to volunteers, and what it means. Also, how to take a look at your own agency's insurance needs. Maybe your resolutions will recommend insurance levels and propose ways to study this important issue further.

INCREASING SCARCITY OF GAS

What will we do about the increasing price of gas as it relates to the ongoing function of our program? What will volunteers do in the case of a gas rationing plan? How will we operate our volunteer-dependent services in the most energy efficient way? This group will address these issues, and more.

CERTIFICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONALS

This group will explore what certification means in the development of a profession, why it is necessary, what benefits it brings, and how to promote it.

THE DURENBERGER COMMISSION ON VOLUNTEERISM

A part of the ACTION legislation during this session of Congress, the Commission would study volunteering in the U.S., explore volunteer roles and the increased volunteer citizen participation in America, and a study of governmental policies affecting volunteers. This group will explore the commission in depth, and learn its current status.

THE FISHER-CONABLE BILL

Also called the Charitable Contributions legislation, this bill would extend the charitable deduction to non-itemizers on federal tax forms. This has great impact on the voluntary sector, especially as it relates to increased contributions. This group will look at this issues in depth.