



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

One of the best features about our organization is the training that our local, district, and state organizations provide which are catered to our current professions. These trainings are valuable in that you can immediately put them to use in your daily work environment. The trainings can vary from technology to customer service skills and all areas in between.

For attending the trainings, you can accrue Professional Standard Program (PSP) certificate points. Once you have earned enough workshop, furthering education, and community involvement points you can earn your PSP certification.

The Professional Standards Program (PSP) Committee is responsible for scheduling trainings and getting approval from the state PSP chair for the workshops to distribute appropriate credit for attendees.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Another great attribute our organization offers is community involvement. Annually ABAEOP hosts a food drive, a Christmas Cheer drive and a provides a scholarship to a local high school senior.

The annual food drive is held prior to Thanksgiving break and all of the food is donated to the local food bank. At the beginning of December we have a Christmas Cheer drive for a local school in need. We usually work with the school social worker to pinpoint specific needs such as hygienic, socks, coats, gloves and hats. We invite the school principal and school social worker to our Christmas dinner where we present them with the items from the drive.

The scholarship we provide goes to one ABSS high school senior. Our annual amount is \$300, but if our fundraising for the year goes really well the ABAEOP Board may elect to present the winner with a larger amount. The Scholarship Committee is responsible for distributing the applications to the high schools, setting up the judging panel and awarding the certificate to the student at the high school awards ceremony. ABAEOP Treasurer mails the check for the scholarship to the school the student will be attending. The Ways & Means Committee is responsible for scheduling the fundraisers for the scholarship fund.

## NETWORKING

Networking is a great advantage of joining an organization like ABAEOP. Not only will you meet new people, you will also gain incite to ways they may do things. It is always beneficial to have someone to call if you have a project you are working on that you need some help with. After all, we are all busy and looking for ways to make our work time more efficient. What better place to meet someone that can help you during these stressful times than in an organization where there are people who have been in your shoes, are currently in your shoes, or possibly will be in your shoes? This is one of the reasons ABAEOP encourages communication among members and committee member participation within the organization.



## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

To get involved, sign up to be a member today! This will give you access to our calendar so you don't miss any of our events throughout the year.

The signup process is very easy. You can contact any Membership Committee member or board member to pay your dues. They can also sign you up for any committees you would like to be part of. You will also be added to our group email list to receive important reminders and information from the organization.

Membership dues are currently \$6. This is for the entire year and goes to support the general fund for our activities during the year.



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## What's in it for me?