

*Is your chapter suffering from the winter doldrums?
Here are some suggestions to raise attendance and participation at your meetings.
Take a dash of creativity; add a sprinkle of silliness and a spoonful of sugar-coated
competition. The result may be a warm Psi Ote meeting that chases those doldrums
away!*

Raising Attendance

- 1. Have FUN**
 - 2. Take care of each other**
 - 3. Try Rewards & Incentives**
 - 4. Have a Reason to be there**
 - 5. Evaluate why attendance is low**
 - 6. Try some team competition**
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- **Have Fun**

Social time, light snack or drink

1. Parties—themed Socials
2. Know your sister game
3. Roll call answers
4. Team building activities

(Call National Council for a listing of social ideas and fun things to do)

- **Take care of each other**

1. Be aware of who is not attending
2. Names on chairs and see who is missing (a visual of an incomplete team)
3. Name tags (Suggest--The absent member name tag is given to a “buddy” to check on and bring or remind of next meeting)
4. Do things together. Go out to eat in small groups of different ones. Invite

ones before or after meeting

Have at least one fund raiser that you all work together to accomplish task.
(vs. selling something)

5. There is contact with each member (or those missing) sometime the week prior to meeting.

6. Rose sticker to put on personal calendar for meetings.

7. Keep in touch. Calls, email, send agendas, newsletters. Have a phone committee.

- **Try awards and incentives**

1. Tickets given at each meeting for attendance, guests, wearing pin, high salesman, etc. Gifts—gag gifts & one nice one. Out tickets in container for drawing.
2. Know your sister game and small award for winner
3. Birthday Gift (like chewing gum etc) has to be there to get it.
4. Do you Know? Game. Give index card to each at arrival with a question such as Do you know your new initiates names?
What charter members can you name?
Name as many National Officers as you can.
Name National Projects.

Give small prizes for the winners.

- **Have a reason to be there**

1. Evaluate if there is *significant* business to be conducted each month. If not plan a short activity, brainstorming session, speaker, something valuable. Don't waste members time with routine business only.
2. Advise the members of important business coming up at this meeting. They are needed.
3. Have significant philanthropic projects that members are committed to and want to be involved in.
4. Have goals – financially, meetings, member attendance, etc. -- that members will be willing to be committed.
5. Feature a committee each month where they tell its history, time involvement, its value—each committee member says something brief.
6. No meals or programs on long business nights.
7. Make sure committees are functioning—not just the chairman.
The more involvement personally, the more commitment.

- **Evaluate meetings with the needs of today's women in mind**

1. Convenience—Meeting place, night and time, Baby-sitting available
2. Length of meeting
3. Everyone feel comfortable or respected
4. Seating arrangement—can hear & see. Seating not leading to cliques
5. Use survey to get feeling on this. Ask why they don't come
6. Don't waste time reading minutes or treasurers report—everyone get copy.
7. Time limit for committee reports
8. Dress, come as you are at home or work
9. Make it a POSITIVE meeting & practice positives for everyone

- **Have Some Team Competition**

1. 2 Teams are made--making sure there is a good mix—new & long time members –regular attendees & poor attendees
2. Points are given for Attendance, \$ raised, guests, pin worn, whatever you want.
3. Losers fix dinner for winners.