

**Student Section Best Practices:** unique, novel, or unusual activities documented in the Glasstone submissions and recommended to other student sections

- Section Management:
  - *Leadership structure:* Leadership structures typically either involve a single Executive board that runs all of the society activities or a smaller core board with committees formed to accomplish tasks and plan events. Either structure can be successful; the main factor in the success of chapters this year was strong communication, both within the leadership and to the members.
  - *Exec. Meetings:* Several chapters held weekly leadership meetings. While this is a large commitment on the part of those students, the payoff was that these chapters were especially active and organized. Some form of regular (weekly or bi-weekly) communication for the Executive board and committee chairs is recommended, whether it is face-to-face or online.
  - *Campus Organization Rep.:* It is always important to have a representative from the student chapter attending the campus' Engineering Council/Sanctioned Campus Society meetings. Funding can often be obtained from these organizations, and it keeps your society in good standing with the university.
  - *SSC:* Keep your chapter in good standing with the SSC (it's easy)!
  - *Membership Participation:* Track students' participation in ANS events to earn "Active Membership" status (a distinguished title).
  
- Events and Activities:
  - *Alumni Interaction:* Work with your department to invite alumni back to campus and hold an annual networking event with the ANS student section.
  - *Mom's weekend:* Invite your mom's to tour the department and learn about all things nuclear. This is a great demographic to reach out to!
  - *Social Media:* Use Youtube/Facebook/websites etc. to reach members in convenient ways and to provide sound info and references to the public.
  - *Member recognition:* Recognize a member of the society who has made a major contribution in the past month. It's a nice way to keep enthusiasm up.
  - *Student presentations:* Invite a student to present on their research at an ANS meeting. This is a great way to develop presentation skills in front of peers.
  - *ANS Conference participation:* Always one of the best ways to get involved with ANS, sending students to national and student conferences to listen to and present original research.
  - *Study groups for freshmen and sophomores:* Offering a place to study and get tutoring is one way to integrate younger students into the department (and the ANS chapter) earlier in their college career.
  - *Essay contest:* Challenge high school students to submit essays on a given nuclear topic and give monetary awards.

**Department Best Practices:** unique, novel, or unusual mechanisms of support offered by departments and recommended to other supporting departments.

- *Public Outreach and Communication:* In the wake of the events of Fukushima, many ANS student sections organized public forums on campus to inform their community of the latest reliable information. Department support was vital to the success of these forums, with professors volunteering to speak and answer questions. This cooperation was a highlight for how students can organize and advertise public outreach activities, and departments can provide resources for communicating information that the public can rely on.
- *Facility upgrades:* TAMU students took the initiative to renovate their study lounge. The assistance of the department was helpful in working with contractors and securing resources. All departments can evaluate their lounge/study areas to ensure they meet students' needs.