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Chapter's Corner

Building Vibrant Organizations

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In today's "chronologically challenged" (not-enough-hours-in-the-day) societies, there is substantial competition for one's already limited disposable time, particularly among people who have diverse interests. The future of disposable time and volunteerism is itself a topic of growing interest, perhaps best left for another day. For now, if a professional society or interest group is to inspire sufficient interest to be viable, the imperative for its leaders is to make the organization a priority for enough people.

FUTUREtakes, now a success story in its own right, has also faced – and successfully met – various challenges. Based on our experiences and our own observations of several vibrant as well as dysfunctional organizations, we have identified some tips for success that have served us well. In anticipation that you may also find them useful, we have posted these tips at www.futuretakes.org/VibrantOrganizations.htm. We invite you not only to implement them (if you are not already doing so) but also to add to the list.

Chapter leaders – if you are starting a new chapter or reviving an existing one, representatives of FUTUREtakes will be available to meet with you individually at World Future 2008 to discuss these tips for success and related matters in greater depth and in the context of your own chapter's needs. If you are interested, contact Verónica Trovamala, Chapters' Corner Editor (chapterscorner@futuretakes.org) or Jay Herson, Managing Editor (managingeditor@futuretakes.org) so that we can schedule someone to meet with you.