“What I wish I would have known when I first joined the Board!”

Find Volunteers! You do not need to do all of the work yourself, but you do need to proactive in finding help! Otherwise, you will quickly feel overwhelmed.

ALWAYS ask for help in advance of PANIC mode...

Everyone’s “giving 100%” looks different. People work, prioritize, and communicate in different ways. Just because someone does something differently than you would, doesn’t mean they’re doing it less effectively. And just because some people don’t communicate every step they take, doesn’t mean they aren’t putting in the work. Patience and support is key, grasshoppers.

Understand your position by talking with the person who was just there and by using the Presidential Trio as a resource for you. Ask them what your expectations are and how they want you to perform your duties. Communication is key!

I wish that I would have known that it would have taken me a good six months to understand what I was doing! Definitely take advantage of being able to be on the Board in your current role for two years. The first year is a learning curve, the second year you get to become more strategic and make the role your own!

I wish I would have known what a great bond I would be forming with my other board members. I figured it would be a lot of hard work that would pay off with some great business connections. While that was true, the connections went further than that and I consider all of the board members true friends at this point as well. From monthly events to the board retreats, it’s a pleasure to see everybody and catch up.

We all have our moments when we are busy or overwhelmed with work or personal life. Reaching out and communicating that to the rest of the Board is imperative to keep everyone in the loop and feeling that you are operating as a team, especially if you are unable to work on things during a particular time.

I wish I that I knew there were going to be times that MPI takes over and can be overwhelming if you do not learn early on how to harness your team and delegate as much as possible. We are a group of “do it yourselves” that do not always ask or know how to ask for help, DON'T be afraid to ask questions, ask for help, or ask for support... If you do not ask you will never know what you could have gotten out of the situation if only had someone by your side.

Being on the board gave me a drive to do the best I could because I was surrounded by people that wanted better for themselves and the chapter. Be prepared to challenge yourself in ways you can learn and grow, not just as an individual, but as a team.

How being a board member would strengthen my leadership skills. It has put me in situations that I would not have experienced otherwise during my career and afforded me different skillsets to make me a better team player and employee.