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Colleagues,

I am re-energized after attending two state chapter conferences in October: the Florida Association for Student Success (FASS) and my home chapter, the Alabama Student Success Organization (ALSSO). It always warms my heart to see old friends and make new ones! I also love being able to get great ideas from presenters that I can apply immediately to my work.

The local chapter leaders of these and our other NOSS chapters are dedicated in their pursuit to provide quality professional learning opportunities, serve as a

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One thing I have observed is that some members do not believe they have the experience to serve in their local chapters or NOSS. Perhaps you are one of these individuals who would like to be more involved with your chapter or with NOSS, but you doubt your abilities or feel you do not have the time.

First, we can all be leaders, even if we don't have a specific title or position that says we are one. Being a leader does not mean having a certain personality type, professional background, or list of achievements. In my opinion, if you can reply to an email, show courtesy to others, and follow through on commitments, then you are already well on your way! Be a leader where you are at.

Second, volunteering with your local chapter or with NOSS will likely take much less time than you think. All of us have "day jobs," families, hobbies, and civic commitments. Chapter leaders and NOSS leaders will, I am sure, work with you and your schedule—they certainly always have for me! Don't let worries about time hold you back if you sincerely have an interest in volunteering with your chapter or NOSS.

Consider joining us at the Leadership Summit at NOSS 2023 on March 2, 2023!

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