

Innovative Recruitment:
Practical Strategies to Grow
Membership

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Intros + Welcome



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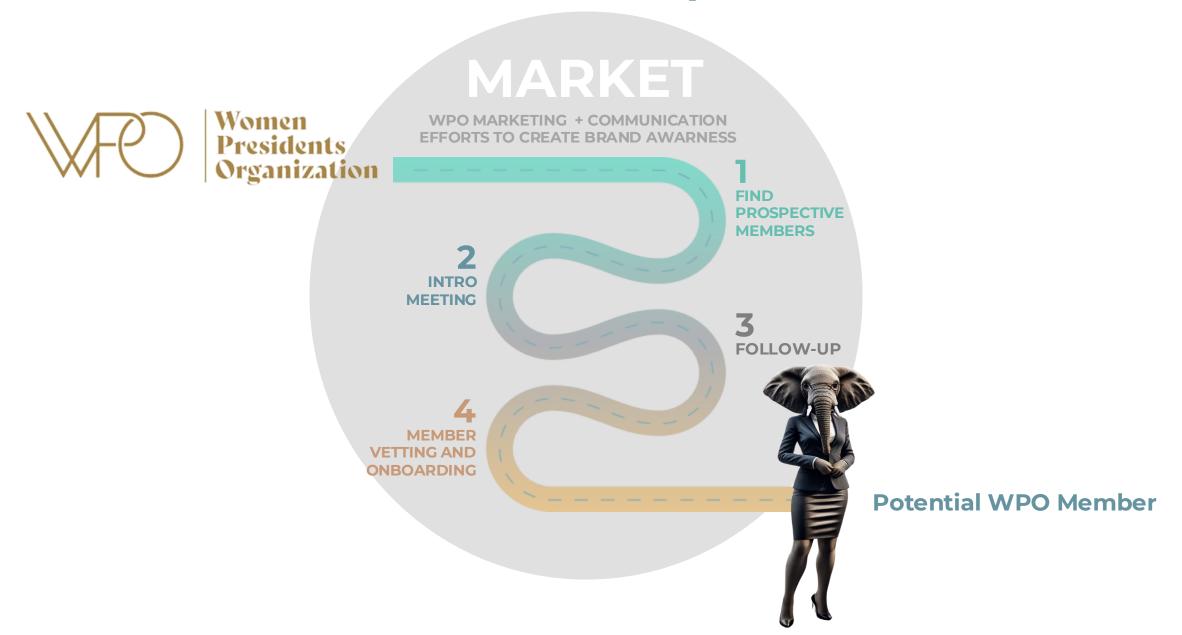
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Why are we called Elefante?





The recruitment process





FIND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

What has been your most effective or unique **referral source** for finding new members?







COLD OUTREACH

WARM INTROS

- Current member referrals
- Partnerships with sponsors and local organizations
- Your personal and professional networks



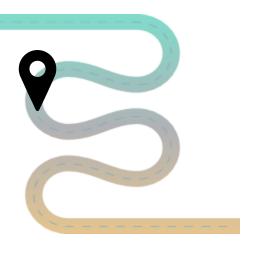


FIND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

The relationship investment portfolio







2 INTRO MEETING

What is the most unexpected question you have received from a potential member during an intro conversation?





Group Activity #1-The Intro Meeting

Each participant will select one the following roles in the breakout room and follow the steps listed below:

- Chapter Chair (CC)
- Potential Member (PM)
- Moderator (M)

Chapter Chair (CC):

- 1. Your goal is to engage the PM during this initial meeting and secure a follow-up meeting or move to the next step in the recruitment process.
- 2. Pretend this is the first time you are meeting the PM.
- 3. You have 8 minutes to achieve this goal.

Potential Member (PM):

- 1. Act as the most challenging PM you have ever encountered, but one who eventually joined the organization.
- 2. Be prepared to offer objections, ask tough questions, and provide limited information to simulate a realistic and challenging scenario.

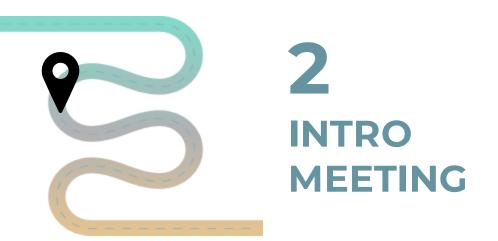
Moderator (M):

- 1. Observe the interaction and take notes on the CC's techniques, including effective strategies, communication skills, and overall approach.
- 2. After the roleplay, provide feedback on the best practices observed during the interaction.

Time Management in Breakout Room:

- Assign roles: 2 minutes
- Roleplay: 8 minutes
- Feedback and discussion: 5 minutes





Let's discuss your experience.



2 INTRO MEETING

- Intro Emails
- Interview Tools

Subject: WPO Connection

Hello [Recipient's first name],

My name is [Your first name], and I am the Chapter Chair for the [Your city/region] Chapter of the Women Presidents' Organization (WPO).

[Explain the connection]

- I was provided your name by [Contact name] who mentioned you are interested in learning more about WPO.
- It was great to meet you at [Reference the event] and learning about [Include something you learned about them].
- Thank you for reaching out to me over [Social media platform] and providing your email address.

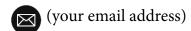
I would love to connect and discuss how WPO can benefit you and your business further. Are you available for a brief phone call or in-person meeting in the upcoming weeks? Please provide me with a few times that will work well for you.

I look forward to the possibility of welcoming you to our WPO community.

Best regards,

Your Pretty Name

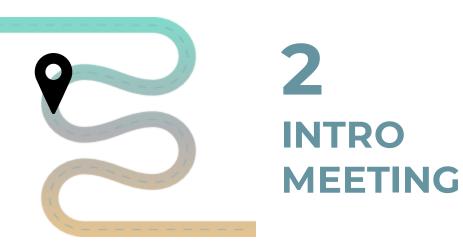
Chapter Chair- Your city











The Recruitment Conversation Template



Group Activity #2 – The Intro Meeting

Instructions: Using the interview tool, please go through the same scenario again.

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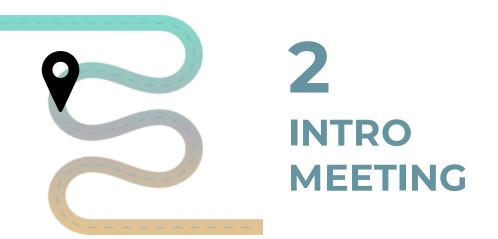
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Time Management:

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3 FOLLOW-UP

On average how many times do you **connect** with a potential member before they join WPO?

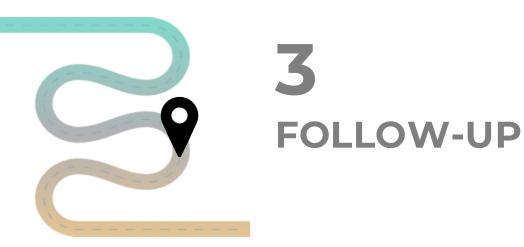






3 FOLLOW-UP

- Touch Points
- Follow-Up Emails
- Recruitment Tracker (CRM / Candidate Intel)



What is a Touch Point?



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Subject: WPO Follow-up

Hello [Recipient's first name],

I hope you are doing well.

I wanted to follow up on our recent meeting and thank you for taking the time to connect with me. It was a pleasure discussing your business and exploring how the Women Presidents' Organization (WPO) can support your growth and success.

As we discussed, WPO offers a unique platform for women business leaders to share insights, gain valuable knowledge, and build a supportive network. I believe your experience and perspective would be a valuable addition to our chapter.

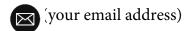
Please let me know if you have any further questions or if there's any additional information I can provide.

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Best regards,

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Chapter Chair- Your city









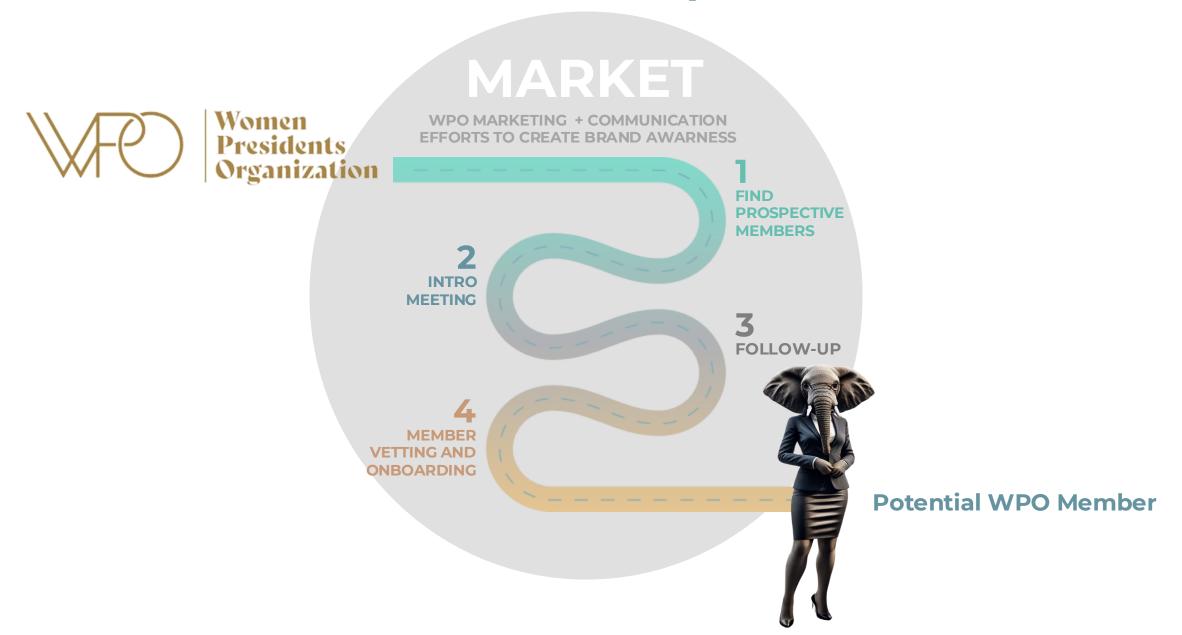


3 FOLLOW-UP

The WPO Recruitment Tracker Template



The recruitment process



Additional Learning

What additional areas of learning would be helpful to enhance your recruitment efforts?

- Cold Outreach Tools
- 2. Mastering Networking
- 3. Building Market Partnerships
- 4. Deeper Dive on Intro Meetings + Follow-Ups
- 5. Vetting + Onboarding of New Members



Thank You

