Redefining Leadership

As we progress through the 21st century, a crucial thing that will guide us to an inclusive society is leadership, but what are the fundamental elements that make up a good leader? Are leaders ethical, focused on the return on investment, is there transparent communication, do they mentor and promote their teams? What new practices are leading the way for non-profit, government and businesses that keep them on the cutting edge? How do they optimize scarce resources and create opportunities? Do they change systems, organizations, procedures, policies, people’s lives, themselves?

Leadership in the 21st Century requires the ability to manage dynamic fiscal and political climates; to respond to constituents in face-to-face and virtual environments; to engage with and commit to a diverse workforce. There have been many recent issues with new forms of leadership, particularly with generational gaps and no new prominent figures arising at the forefront of organizational leadership. It has become more and more difficult for young leaders to be inspired, and there has been difficulty in the transition of “passing the torch.”

What new forms of leadership do we see arising in the future? How can we inspire leadership to a new
generation and carry them to a new level of power and commitment that is beneficial to our future.

The topic area committee is interested in the following proposals:

- New paradigms of leadership that we envision for the future;
- Promising practices that will create leaders that will guide us into the next generation;
- Integrating groups of people who have been marginalized into leadership, such as women, ethnic minorities and persons with disabilities;
- Branching out into new forms of leadership that include matching social good with business models and leading through technology;
- Ways to educate leaders about collaboration, one of the rising trends in leadership;
- International perspectives on how to inspire global leadership;
- Skills and roles necessary to succeed ~ becoming agents of change;
- New models and exemplary practices that may lead to systems change;
- Ethical leadership ~ accountability, transparency, fairness and more – promising practices;
- Leaders as mentors – models of success.
If you have a proposal that may not fit in to the above targets, we will welcome them as part of our discussion. We welcome proposals in any presentation format.

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