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Subject: **Opportunities to discuss "What's next for the field?"**

In an effort to invite participation by all interested parties, I want to highlight some opportunities for dialogue about supporting the profession of volunteer administration. These events are being organized by the Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network.

Conference Calls

Two nationally organized conference calls to allow people to share their perspectives are scheduled for:

**Tuesday, March 28, 12 - 1:30 p.m. (EST) and
Wednesday, April 19, 3 - 4:30 p.m. (EST).**

→ Register to participate in one of the calls by sending an email to acopeland@pointsoflight.org. A confirmation and call-in number will be sent upon receipt of your email.

Meeting at the National Conference

In addition, a public meeting will take place on **Saturday, June 17, 2006**, in conjunction with the National Conference on Volunteering and Service in **Seattle**. More information about this meeting will be posted on www.volunteeringandservice.org. (The meeting is open to all, whether attending the conference or not.)

These conversations are intended to address the following:

- 1) What do you need as a professional volunteer administrator from a national association or organization? What essential services do you need for your personal or professional success (may include new services not provided by AVA)?
- 2) What will be required of a national organization (new or existing) to meet members' needs and increase membership, provide leadership and advocacy, and advance the field of volunteering and volunteer administration?
- 3) What infrastructure should be in place to ensure that members have a voice? How can members best lead, contribute to, and connect with a national agenda for the profession of volunteer administration?
- 4) How can Volunteer Centers best support and enhance the work of volunteer administrators?
- 5) What training, certification or other professional opportunities could be supported nationally, but also delivered locally?

For further details, please email acopeland@pointsoflight.org. We look forward to what we hope will be fruitful discussions of these topics.

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