

# New Year's Resolution: Become an Influential Leader



*"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." –John Quincy Adams*

JOAG offers a wide range of leadership opportunities throughout our eight Committees and new Readiness & Deployment Workgroup.

Be proactive, check out our website <https://dcp.psc.gov/osg/joag/> and reach out to the Committee/Workgroup Co-Chairs that most interests you to get involved.

## Think for Yourself

Don't let the latest trend or public opinion drive you. Lead by example, and have personal accountability to do research and have knowledge and confidence to inspire others. If you can't lead by example why should your team follow?

## Be Graciously Disruptive

Don't be afraid to ask "what if" or "why not?" Great leaders strive to solve big problems and find innovative new ways to do things. Keep yourself engaged and inspired, and learn something new each day. Your best is needed to support the PHS mission.

## Inspire Conversation

Great leaders know they don't have all the answers. Instead, commit yourself to asking the right questions and listening to the answers. Inspire officers to explore new ideas and think differently about their impact on public health.

## Leverage Networks

Make lasting connections with others. To maximize potential, invest time and resources into another officer's development by mentoring. Great leaders help others grow and better themselves. Who knows, you might even learn a thing or two.

## Be Proactive

Do not wait for new ideas, technology, or opportunities. Learning is critical to success. Participate as an early adopter and anticipate what is coming. Share your predictions with your networks to motivate team members so you can prepare, act, and exceed expectations.

## Focus on What Really Matters

Stay away from negativity, politics, and obstacles that serve as distractions. Recognize success often. Be grateful for both the big and little things officers do daily to contribute to the team's success.

## Welcome Disagreement

Be humble enough to realize you don't know everything. When you are innovating, creating, and learning new things, you are bound to make mistakes. Embrace the opportunity to see other vantage points and listen with an open mind.

## Respond; Do Not React

Recognize and accept constructive criticism. Avoid overreacting by not responding based on emotions. Instead, take time to process the information and respond appropriately.

## Believe

Always expect the best and believe in your ability to achieve goals. Your faith and trust in your team should radiate in your every work and action. If you believe, so will others.

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