

# Could it BE YOU

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**Could it be you? Yes! There could be a spot waiting for you on the 2004-2005 National Executive Council.**

Have you ever asked yourself, "What makes a successful national officer?" What kind of person has the potential or the capacity to be a successful national officer? I bet you could describe an unsuccessful national officer very easily. You might say – the person who is unable to do the job properly. The slacker is the one that doesn't have true compassion for what he or she is doing. We know how it feels to assume additional responsibilities because another person cannot perform the assigned task.

When asked to describe the characteristics of a successful national officer we think of intelligent, hard working, respectful, competent, efficient, and determined. Yes, that sounds good, right? But what exactly does that involve?

It seems quite obvious that successful national officers must know how to perform the tasks that are part of the office. They need to be knowledgeable of what they are doing. However, each of us has had the experience with a co-worker, friend, or classmate who knew what to do but was ineffective in doing it. We have seen physicians who acquired great scientific knowledge but who failed in practice. Knowledge alone is certainly no guarantee of being a successful national officer.

The successful national officer is personally involved with as many HOSA members as he/she possibly can be. The individual right for the job needs to be committed to the members. The successful national officer is a very generous person who is willing to share with the members his or her positive attitudes and beliefs – a person who is willing to share a smile, enthusiasm, and confidence with others.

National officers must be able to deal effectively with their job responsibilities. More than just having a title motivates successful national officers. They are not concerned with fame, but instead are working for something that they believe in: HOSA!

Successful national officers are flexible and receptive to doing things the way another person might want them to. In other words, they are not rigid that things have to be done their way. They are willing to approach another method. Being a national officer means being able to find true satisfaction in what you are doing – regardless of whether or not the performance is applauded by others.

Yes! It could be you. Leaders cannot prove to be capable without first trying. A national officer's spot could be yours in 2004-2005. Don't let someone less qualified fill that position. If you think you have the qualifications of a national officer then prove yourself. One cannot climb the ladder to success without taking the first step.



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