

ONLINE RESOURCES & PUBLICATIONS

The *Chapter Reference Manual* contains everything you wanted to know about running a local chapter of BPA as it relates to ceremonies, officers, organization, fund raisers, etc. Previously only available at the BPA Mall, this document is now available for download on the website within the Resources for Chapters section, www.bpa.org/resources/cmr.

Chapter Start-Up Kits are available online and accessible to download. It contains information chapters need in beginning a local chapter, chapter application, sample agenda, sample program of activities, membership procedures, explanation of the Workplace Skills Assessment Program, conferences, publications and a sample Chapter Constitution. Download a copy from www.bpa.org.

The Wire is the official web-based magazine of Business Professionals of America. Articles are published throughout the year by BPA staff, officers, local advisors, and local chapter members. *The Wire* can be viewed by going to www.bpa.org/wire.

The *Local Advisor's Bulletin* is electronically published bi-monthly between September and June for local advisors and is also available online at www.bpa.org.

Information on the *National Leadership Conference* is available online almost year-round with specific details continually added. The [NLC page](#) contains tentative conference schedules, hotel information, and NLC promotional video.

The *Workplace Skills Assessment Program Guidelines* are updated and available on the National website in PDF formats, with some forms available in Word, typically around the first of September. These guidelines contain specifications about each competitive event held at the national level. Visit the Compete page to access the WSAP at www.bpa.org/compete.

Business Professionals of America recommends chapters become involved in one or more of the *BPA Cares Programs* it offers as an active Business Professionals of America chapter is considered an involved chapter. Participation in this program means that members are engaging in worthwhile projects while having the opportunity to receive recognition from the national organization. It is also a way to receive positive public relations for the chapter and school in the community. Details about the numerous awards are available at www.bpa.org/awards/bpacares.

Business Professionals of America's *Torch Awards* Program frames and guides a BPA member's leadership and service to their chapter and community. Students complete activities in the seven Torch categories—Leadership; Service; Cooperation; Knowledge; Friendship; Love, Hope, Faith; and Patriotism—then log their activities in an online Torch Résumé. The Torch Awards page, www.bpa.org/awards/torch, provides the details on the four levels of recognition, using the online system, and supplemental materials aiding a student's quest for a Torch Award.

The *BPA Mall* has all the BPA items to supplement classroom instruction including certificates, leadership development and officer training guides, instructional materials, and other items to help chapters make the school year a success. In addition, the online mall offers emblematic materials, jewelry, awards, and gifts for your chapter members, advisors and community partners. Visit www.lpestore.com/bpamall/ and get your "BPA" on today.