<u>Agent Sharing</u> – Local Unit Director Workshops Spring 2014

Strategies to lead the board to increased effectiveness

- Board Leadership topics each month - agents take turns
- Encourage participation at partnership meetings
- Board Leadership notebook provided
- Given web page direction
- Agendas distributed ahead of time
- Committees within the board to work on specific tasks
- KSU connection in programming and policies reinforced by Area Director
- Board reports, including out of district travel
- Leading in-depth discussions around issues before they become hot button issues
- Be careful who you recruit for board members
- Ask for their help with programs and activities
- Try to give them the information to be successful
- Appointed a budget committee
- History module at annual meeting
- Encourage board members to attend the Board Leadership training, cover a different topic each month
- Invite PDCs to Board Leadership Module training
- Involve in Board and program activities
- Get other professionals on your board
- Materials prepared in advance
- Clear cut time frames for board meetings
- Visit with chair before meeting to get them in on the ground floor
- Phone calls to remind members about meetings
- Use of the consent agenda
- Empower board members, encourage them to take part in meetings, keep them informed
- Ask board member's thoughts directly
- Maintain open conversation with board members at all times
- Review with the board what I have learned at trainings as to how it pertains to them as board members
- Hold board orientation every year or two
- We promote an Extension Executive Board milking contest team at the fair each year