

# IdeAS to Action

Ideas to Action Spring Gathering  
Building Community  
Saturday May 3, 2008  
9:30 am - 11:30 am  
Houston, TX

## Warm-up Exercise

### Instructions

Introduce yourself to the table (i.e. your name, where you're from, your member unit and leadership position, what company you work for etc.) and provide an answer to the question below.

### Question

If you were going to do any job other than the one you're doing now what would you do?

This exercise is an example of how the Community Building Card Deck can be used as a catalyst for connection and community building in your meetings and conferences.

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SNAPSHOT	Turn passive general session beginnings into interactive moments.
DESCRIPTION	Spark interaction by turning up the lights provoking individuals to engage with each other at the beginning of general sessions. Possibilities include: displaying association trivia questions on the screen like movie theatre trivia (encourage collaboration), using electronic polling and measuring attendee's perspectives on various issues, or having cards on seats that ask people to introduce themselves to those around them and answer a specific question about themselves or the meeting.
TIPS	Having an announcer periodically invite attendees to participate will increase the likelihood of people paying attention to what is on the screen.