

# TORCH AWARDS MEETING-OCTOBER SCRIPT

Link to Meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/NMBPATorchDec>

<b><u>Focus</u></b>	<b><u>Officer</u></b>	<b><u>Wording</u></b>
PreSession	N/A	***Music Playing***
Intro	Alexa	Welcome to our third Torch Awards informational meeting! The State Officers chose the Torch Awards program as our Member Officer Challenge and we want to be able to help our amazing NMBPA members through the process of getting their Torch awards submitted! We will also post a recording of this meeting and the powerpoint on our website at <a href="http://www.nmctso.com/bpa/awardopportunities">www.nmctso.com/bpa/awardopportunities</a> .
Officers	Alexa	Let's get the meeting started by introducing a few of your 2024-2025 State Executive Officers.  Yuki Ye, Vice President of Communications Mason Region, Vice President of Membership  And myself, Alexa Chavez, State President  We also have our State Officer Coordinator, Leslie Ferris, with us tonight!
Torch Intro	Yuki	The BPA Torch Awards program is designed to promote professionalism and leadership in both career development and personal growth.  It's a great way to get recognized at the local, regional, state, and national level! And, many of the activities it has listed for you to do, you are already doing!

Categories	Jenna	<p>There are seven categories in the Torch Awards program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Leadership</li><li>Service</li><li>Cooperation</li><li>Knowledge</li><li>Friendship</li><li>Love, Hope, &amp; Faith</li><li>Citizenship</li></ul>
Tracking Sheet	Mason	<p>We shared this at the last meeting, but wanted to share it again! To help you keep track of your Torch Awards points and resume entries, we have created a spreadsheet that you can download to keep a running list of your activities to make it easier to fill out your resume in the end.</p> <p>Follow the tinyurl or scan the QR Code on the screen to download the Tracking spreadsheet for you to use until you are ready to enter everything into your online resume at <a href="https://register.bpa.org/members">https://register.bpa.org/members</a></p>

Torch Handbook Download	Jenna	<p>This month, we want to focus on the last four categories of the Torch Awards program and highlight some ways you can easily get points in each category!</p> <p>If you haven't already, make sure you download the Torch Awards Handbook for this year, so you can look at each of the categories with us during the meeting. You can download the handbook from the BPA Member Gateway at <a href="http://members.bpa.org">members.bpa.org</a>.</p> <p>Or you can follow the tinyurl on the screen to download a copy to use! Let's give you about a minute or so to download the handbook.</p>
Knowledge Intro	Alexa	<p>Let's get started with Knowledge!</p> <p>The qualities of intelligence and ability of all members of Business Professionals of America as they work with dignity in their profession are represented by knowledge. Let us strive to recognize our capabilities and develop ourselves as fully as possible so that we may share in a better tomorrow.</p> <p>In the knowledge category, there are almost 50 different ways to earn points! These points can be earned by showing your understanding and knowledge of BPA.</p>
Knowledge Easy	Yuki	<p>The easiest way to get knowledge points is a requirement before even starting your Torch Awards Ceremony. Before you can start your Torch Awards resume at <a href="http://register.bpa.org/members">register.bpa.org/members</a>, you are required to watch the Torch Introduction Video. This should be entered in Knowledge under 442. For the description,</p>

		enter “I watched the Torch Awards introduction video on *insert date*.”
Easy ways to get Knowledge	Mason	<p>Here are some other easy ways to earn knowledge points:</p> <p>401: Demonstrate or explain the parts of the BPA emblem and their meaning to your BPA advisor or chapter</p> <p>402: Recite the BPA pledge by memory on a one-to-one basis to your BPA advisor or chapter</p> <p>403: Make a short presentation on the BPA colors to your BPA advisor or chapter</p> <p>408: Participate in a BPA-approved competitive event, individual or team, at the regional level</p> <p>409: Place in a BPA-approved competitive event, individual or team, at the regional level</p>
Knowledge 2	Alexa	<p>410: Participate in a BPA-approved competitive event, individual or team, at the state level</p> <p>423: Take a State BPA Merit Scholar Test</p> <p>424: Earn a State BPA Merit Scholar Award</p> <p>445: Take the BPA Knowledge Test located at: <a href="http://members.bpa.org/learn">members.bpa.org/learn</a></p> <p>446: Pass the BPA Knowledge Test with a score of 90% or greater</p>
Friendship Intro	Jenna	<p>Friendship</p> <p>The glow of friendship brightens our world and the world of those we touch. We are grateful for friends in Business Professionals of America</p>

		<p>who have helped us become true friends.</p> <p>There are 32 activities in the friendship category that you can earn points in. All of these focus on members connecting with each other!</p>
Friendship 1	Mason	<p>Some common activities you can participate are the following:</p> <p>502: Attend an official BPA chapter meeting  503: Attend an official BPA chapter social activity  504: Attend a BPA Regional Leadership Conference  505: Attend a BPA State Leadership Conference  520: Attend a BPA Fall Leadership Conference</p>
Make connections	Alexa	<p>Let's leave this meeting with some Friendship points!</p> <p>In the chat, share your Instagram handle with everyone to create a NMBPA Instagram Friendship list.</p> <p>On your resume, you can enter this in as:</p> <p>Friendship 550: Miscellaneous: Participate in any BPA friendship activity not specified in the above codes</p> <p>On your resume, enter the following:  "Participated in the New Mexico BPA Instagram Friendship list during an online training presented by the New Mexico State Executive Officers on 12/7/2024."</p>

<p>Love, Hope, Faith Intro</p>	<p>Yuki</p>	<p>Love, Hope, Faith</p> <p>Love is reverence, family affection, community fellowship, peace of mind, and goodwill among nations. The giving of love will fulfill the needs of others as it will give us a feeling of satisfaction</p> <p>Hope, shining through the centuries, dispels darkness, and through honest efforts, hope comes for a better life.</p> <p>Action, inspired through faith, creates progress. Our firm faith inspires our efforts to attain the ideals of BPA in our personal and business lives.</p> <p>This category has almost 30 activities that you can complete to earn points. Most of these are very easy to complete!</p>
<p>LHF 1</p>	<p>Jenna</p>	<p>Here are some simple activities to earn points...many of which you may already have done or are planning to do this year!</p> <p>608: Participate in a community service project (does not need to be BPA related)</p> <p>612: Attend a religious function of any faith</p> <p>613: Visit a nursing home or assisted living home and interact with the residents</p> <p>615: Participate in an activity that honors local teachers within your district</p> <p>617: Attend an art show, a recital, a school play, or a community playhouse production</p>

		<p>620: Attend a professional play or musical, music concert or recital, dinner theater, ballet or other dance performance, poetry reading, etc.</p> <p>623: Participate in an art show, a recital, a school play, or a community playhouse production</p> <p>624: Write a “thank you” note to an advisor, mentor, sponsor, or friend for their support during your BPA journey.</p>
Citizenship Intro	Alexa	<p>Citizenship, which was formerly known as Patriotism.</p> <p>This ideal implies proud, honest people interested in the welfare of others. Through Business Professionals of America, we recognize our obligation to our communities, and accept the responsibility of dependable citizenship.</p> <p>Citizenship has over 40 activities that you can complete to earn points. Most of these are very easy to complete!</p>
Citizenship 1	Yuki	<p>Here are some simple activities to earn points.</p> <p>701: Lead the Pledge of Allegiance (or equivalent) of your country at a BPA chapter function</p> <p>704: Participate in a political activity outside of BPA (this does not include activities such as homecoming)</p> <p>709: Attend a county, state, or national legislative session, hearing, or committee meeting (does not include TV programs, but you may attend virtually) Note that you can do this at our CTSO Day at the Roundhouse in January!</p>

		<p>711: Vote in a local (city-wide) government election or a mock election</p> <p>712: Vote in a state government election or a mock-election</p> <p>715: Vote in a national government election or mock-election</p> <p>718: Visit an art museum, natural history museum, African American history museum or similar facility</p> <p>724: Participate in an activity that supports military or military families</p>
Earn Points	Jenna	<p>Let's leave with some points in the Citizenship category.</p> <p>Citizenship 720 allows members to take a virtual tour of a historical building or area. On the screen, are a few QR Codes to take a virtual tour of some historical buildings/areas. We will give everyone about 3 minutes to find a location they would like to tour briefly.</p> <p>Please continue to tour the historical building or area you chose once our meeting is over.</p> <p>On your resume, enter "I virtually toured the *insert name* on 12/7/24."</p>
Next Meeting	Alexa	<p>Our plan is to have a monthly meeting discussing Torch Awards! Our next meeting will be January 7 at 7:00 pm MST. During this meeting, we will share some last minute tips to keep in mind as you finalize your resume to qualify for the Statesman and Ambassador level of Torch Awards!</p>
Questions	Yuki	<p>Does anyone have any questions about Torch Awards so far?</p>



Closing	Alexa	<p>We will post the powerpoint, torch tracking spreadsheet, leadership worksheet, and the recording of this meeting on our website at <a href="http://www.nmctso.com/bpa/awardopportunities">www.nmctso.com/bpa/awardopportunities</a> by Monday!</p> <p>Thank you once again for attending and we hope to see you at the next meeting on January 7!</p>
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