

FLOWER CEREMONY

Materials needed: long-stemmed flowers in multiple colors, such as roses or carnations. You will need one for each officer as described in the script (of course you may be flexible with the colors), as well as enough to pass out at the end to everyone else.

INSTALLING OFFICER SCRIPT: Will all the *current* officers please stand? Let's given them a big round of applause!

_____ (immediate past president), please come forward. The experience you gained as President this year will be of great benefit to your association for the coming year, where you will sit on the Board as past president and always be available as needed. Please take the WHITE flower, representing all the colors of the spectrum and the entire membership.

_____ and _____, please come forward. You will serve on the Board as Directors. Please take the LAVENDER flowers. As directors, you will represent the membership at large. Your experience and knowledge from your past service will be invaluable to the Board, and you will serve as liaisons between the members and the Board.

_____, please come forward. You will serve as Secretary. Please take the YELLOW flower. You will be taking the minutes of the meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors. These minutes shall be kept in a safe place as they will become the history of the Association.

_____, please come forward. You will serve as Treasurer. Please take the BLUE (or if possible, GREEN for \$) flower. Your main duties will be to take care of the finances of the association; report to the board and membership as required by the by-laws; keep your books in balance and always be ready for an audit.

_____, please come forward. You will serve as Second Vice President. Please take the ORANGE flower. You will serve as the membership chair, and will install new members and keep and keep the roster up-to-date. You will also make arrangements for the monthly meetings, see that the announcement is printed in the bulletin, and introduce guests at meetings.

_____, please come forward. You will serve as First Vice President. Please take the PINK flower. You will assist the president at all times, acting in her capacity whenever called upon to do so. You will also serve as program chair. You shall be aware of the duties of the president and know the by-laws and standing rules, in the event you may be called upon to serve in the capacity as president.

_____, please come forward. It is my extreme pleasure to have you take the RED flower, the most vibrant color of all. By electing you to the office of president, the highest office an association can bestow, your members have recognized in you the attributes necessary to lead your association through another year of achievement and growth. They have signified their confidence in your leadership and will look to you for guidance in the coming year. You will represent them well: You will rule firmly but fairly, heeding the majority but listening to the needs of the minority.

Each flower alone is beautiful in its own light. But together, they represent all the different colors of the spectrum, signifying the beauty of what can be accomplished by the whole group together.

Please come together and hold your flowers together like a bouquet. Repeat after me:

--I accept the responsibilities
--as pertain to my office
--and will carry out the duties
--to the best of my ability.

(You may step back in line.) As installing officer I hereby declare you duly installed as officers of the _____ Association for the _____ year. May I be the first to congratulate you! As you take your seats, we would like to pass out to each of our members, as well as our esteemed guests, a flower to symbolize their contribution to our organization. Our officers could not do their jobs without the help of the entire membership. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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