

# Building a Successful Membership Program





# Membership: A Paradigm Shift

- Flywheel Model
- Inbound vs. Outbound Marketing
- Prospecting/Lead Generation
- Referral & Testimonial Development from Members/Chapters
- Organized & Focused Campaigns
- Turnkey Tools and Resources Make it Easy to Help
- Clearly Stated/Demonstrated ROI...with NUMBERS
- Development of Member Personas and Messaging





### **Prospecting & Lead Generation**

- Member-to-Prospect Referrals
- Social Media Marketing/Amplification
- Lookalike Audiences
- Ad Retargeting
- Drive to Blog Subscriptions/Content
- Trade Shows/Geofencing
- Future Leaders Program

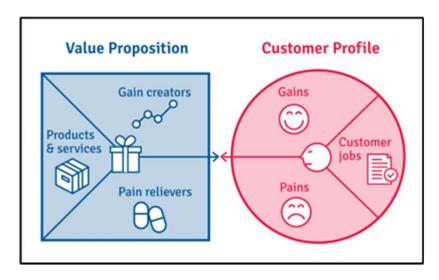






### Value Proposition

- Clearly, Simply, and more Effectively Explain NAIFA's Value Proposition
- Develop and Distribute Easy-to-Use Tools
- Creating "Dollar Chart" Graphic to Show Where Your Dues Dollar is Spent
- Developing Materials to Show the ROI/ Value of NAIFA Membership
- Distinguish Between Features and Benefits of Membership



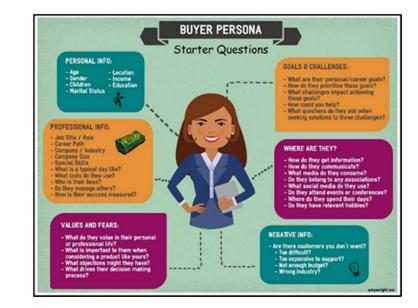






### **Member Personas**

- Generalized categories of members with similar interests, needs, and preference sets
- Enables us to better target our messaging and communication to emphasize the elements of our value proposition of greatest interest to them
- Member personas continue to evolve over time to reflect additional understanding of these groups and their wants/needs





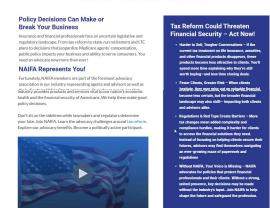


## Membership Campaigns

- Three Major Membership Campaigns:
  - > Advocate will focus on the historic wins and upcoming battles that NAIFA faces to protect the financial services industry and our clients from governmental overreach and excessive taxation.
  - ➤ Will start ASAP and run through Congressional Conference
  - Four Goals: Join NAIFA, FSA Academy, Attend ConCon, and Subscribe to AIA Blog.



The Power of You. The Power of Us!



#### ADVOCATE

DIFFERENTIATE





## Membership Campaigns

- ➤ Differentiate will focus on how NAIFA members are distinguished from the field of nearly 1.5 million financial service professionals in the United States, making them more successful and putting more money in their pockets.
- ➤ Will start following Congressional Conference and run through the end of August.
- ➤ Four Goals: Join NAIFA, Life Happens Pro, Group Insurance Benefits, and Subscribe to AT Blog.







# Membership Campaigns

- ➤ **Educate** will highlight the educational features and benefits that we have to offer prospective members, including certifications and other elements that make NAIFA members the best and brightest.
- ➤ Will start in September and run through the end of the year.
- ➤ Four Goals: Join NAIFA, LUTCF, Catalyst Program, and Register for Free CE Webinar.

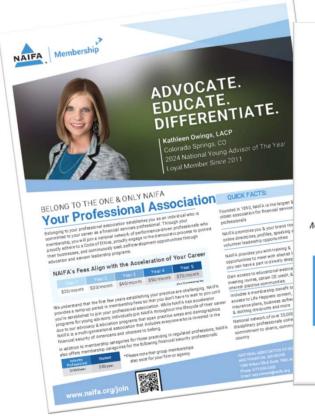






### **Individual Sales**

- Prospect Conversion Drip Campaigns
- Agency Presentations
- Expanding Influencer
   Network, engaging the
   full spectrum of financial
   services.





### NAIFA IS THE ONLY FINANCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION:

- · Founded over 135 years ago.
- · Advocating for Main Street USA consumers
- Representing the industry in all 50 states, Washington, DC, Guam, and Puerto Rico.
- Representing the entirety insurance and financial services industry through its merger with Life Happens and the Society of Financial Service Professionals.

\* \* \* \* Financial Service Professionals \* \* \* \*

Nonthly or annual fees are based on the number of years licensed as a financial service professional.

Choose monthly or annual plan during sign-up process.

\$20/month
Licensed For
One Year

\$30/month
Licensed For
Two Years

\$40/month Licensed For Three Years

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\$70/month\*

Licensed For
Five Years+

\*plus \$2 processing fee per month

Join Now





### **Group Sales**

- Defined parameters for group membership deals to ensure consistent pricing principles that prioritizes revenue along with member count.
- Implementing contract management process to assess and update contracts as necessary and to build in a process for regular pricing increases.
- Building a pipeline for lead acquisition and sales process.
- Obtain referrals from members.







# Welcome and Orientation

- Rapid deployment of welcome email and notification to expanded Brand Ambassador Team (BAT) and Chapter(s) to reach out and engage.
- New members kits sent out via direct mail.
- Invitation and automated registration for Member Orientation, as well as an on-demand option.











# Learning the Value of Government Relations Advocacy, Grassroots, and IFAPAC



Welcome to NAIFA Advocacy Video











- Refreshed format, anchored by Chris Gandy with rotation of member and staff cohosts.
- Organized production schedule with speaker tracking and staff management.
- Developing promotion campaign to attract prospects for lead generation.

# Becoming a Successful Financial Advisor With Chris Gandy

TOPICS: PODCAST ADVISOR TODAY

Chris Gandy is the Founder of Midwest Legacy Group LLC, a boutique concierge insurance group for executives, professional athletes, physicians, business owners, and entrepreneurs. It focuses on the client's interests in wealth accumulation, wealth preservation, retirement strategies, insurance, asset protection, and investments.

Chris played professionally for the Chicago Bulls, the San Antonio Spurs, and in L'Hermaine, France, after playing for the Fighting Illini at the University of Illinois. After the NBA, Chris worked as a Representative for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, the APEX Consulting Group LLC, and was the Senior Vice President of Sales at MassMutual Chicago.









## YAT Young Advisor Team

### **YAT Advisor Academy**

- 4-week program for deigned to aid new entrants to the industry in succeeding in the business.
- Engagement of candidates with a mentor as part of the NAIFA Mentor Loop program.
- Track retention in the industry and sell the benefits to managers, etc.







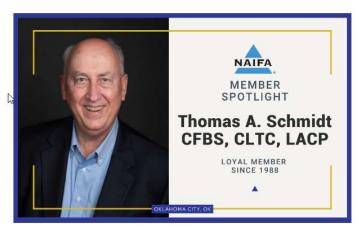




# Behavioral Recognition and Community

- Triangle Team Simplifying and raising the bar on criteria.
- **Member Spotlight** Member recognition and promotion program for engaged and supportive members.
- Overachieve In Life Showcasing the unique nature, interests, and personalities of our members in a fun way.
- **Recruiter Recognition** Member recognition for recruiting members each month, quarterly, and annually.









# Community Awareness and Development

- NAIFA FUTURE LEADERS
- Outreach to students in high schools, colleges, and universities to provide financial literacy education.
- Promote industry opportunities and awareness to cultivate future practitioners and members.
- Enhance and increase distribution through members to their communities.
- Explore opportunities to create content in cooperation with Life Happens that we can engage members to deliver in their communities to promote financial literacy and attract youth into the industry.

# Is a Career in Financial Services in Your Future?

FORMER NBA PLAYER TURNED FINANCIAL ADVISOR, CHRIS GANDY, INVITES YOU TO JOIN HIM ON WHAT CAN BE AN EXCITING AND REWARDING CAREER.





## **NAIFA Quality Award**

The NAIFA Quality Award recognizes the best of the best in our industry. It celebrates outstanding advisors and agents who provide quality care, adhere to ethical standards, and is not solely based on annual production numbers.

Expanded promotion effort and simplified application process to generate greater participation and non-dues revenue.

### MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

In order to apply for the award an advisor must be a current NAIFA member by the closing of the application period. If your company provides NAIFA with a list of potential qualifiers, NAIFA will confirm the membership requirement. There is an application fee of \$50 per application for NAIFA members and \$75 for non-members. NAIFA will coordinate with any company wishing to cover the application cost for your representatives.



Stay Tuned! The 2025 NQA Online Application Cycle Will Open Soon.

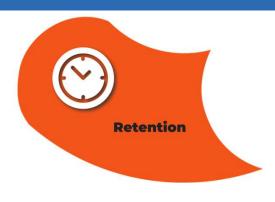










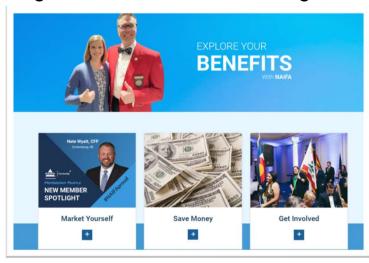


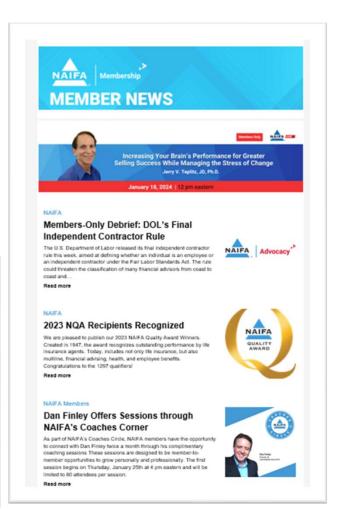
# Member News and Benefits

 Member News – Weekly email communication on current news, issues, and content offering in one, convenient message,

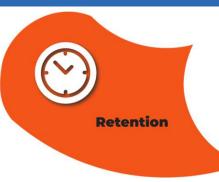
along with featured benefits.

Benefits Website –
 One-stop location for
 members to access
 the benefits of
 membership. Need
 to find a way to make
 it exclusive.



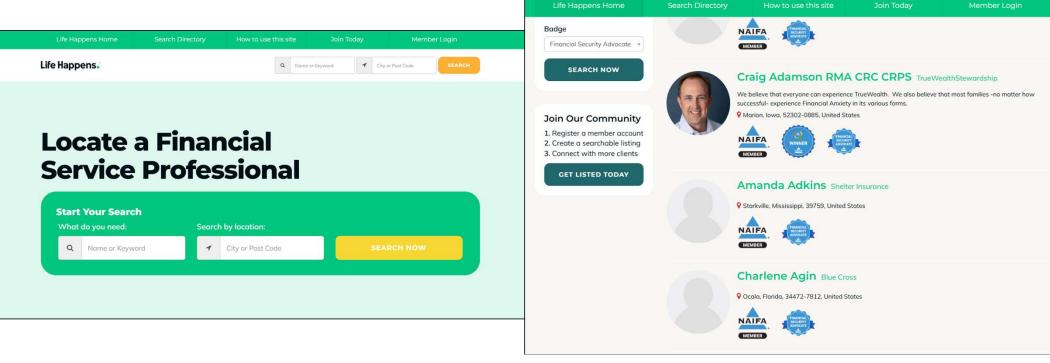






### Enhanced "Locate a Financial Service Professional"

- Leverages the power and reach of the Life Happens brand.
- Unifies all member search functions under a central repository.
- Eliminates cumbersome and unutilized community functionality.







- A comprehensive renewal process that includes direct mail, voicemails, emails, and when necessary, text messaging.
- Close coordination and cooperation with Chapters and Chapter Membership Chairs on retention.
- Dedicated digital call lists for each Chapter in GoogleDocs, maintained by HQ.





#### Kathleen Owings Named 2024 YAT Leader of the Year



NAIFA is thrilled to announce that Kathleen Owings has been named the 2024 Young Advisor Team Leader of the Year. This award celebrates outstanding leadership, dedication, and impact within the financial advisory industry, recognizing individuals who exemplify the highest standards of excellence.

Kathleen Owings, a 2000 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, began her career as an active-duty officer in the Army Corps of Engineers, earning the Bronze Star for mentorious service in a combat zone. She served at Fort Hood, TX, Fort Carson, CO, and overseas on multiple tours of duty.

Kathleen began her career in the financial services industry in 2007 and is one of the owners of Westbill Financial Group in Colorado Springs, CO. She truly believes that being a financial advisor is her calling, not just a job. Kathleen is also the author of <a href="Put-Your Money to Work: A Woman's Guide to Financial Confidence.">Put-Your Money to Work: A Woman's Guide to Financial Confidence.</a> empowering women to take control of their financial futures.

Kathleen has also served in many leadership roles with NAIFA including past president of NAIFA-Colorado. She is a graduate of NAIFA's LILI program. Additionally, Kathleen actively participates in her local Pikes Peak community, serving on the Pikes Peak Library District Board and supporting other charitable causes.

Kathleen is the daughter of Robert Quinlan, LUTCF, MBA, a loyal NAIFA member since 1991, who resides in New York. Robert and Kathleen's mother, Alice, will be at the 2024 National Leadership Conference, on September 21, 2024, in Phoenix, AZ to applaud their daughter for achieving this national recognition from NAIFA.

#### NAIFA Hall of Fame Inductees

by Tom Cothron, LUTCF, FSS NAIFA President

the NAIFA Board of Trustees has uthorized the creation of the NAIFA fall of Farne to honor extraordinary IAIFA members from throughout the ssociation's history. NAIFA members and other interested parties may include the properties of ast members who have retired or who awe passed away.

l am delighted to announce our inaugural class of our Hall of Fame

- C. Robert Brown, Senior, CLU,
  LLTCE
- Norman G. Levine
- Ellen M. Putnam, CLU
- Colonel Chauncey Munroe Ranson

We will celebrate this class and this newly formed body at our upcoming Apex and National Leadership Conference which will be held September 19-21,2024 at the iconic Arzona Billimore resort

This class was selected through hard work by a volunteer committee based on selection criteria created by the same committee. We will accept nominations for future Hall of Fame classes going forward and we thank you for your leadership.

If I won't see you in Arizona, I do want to tell you how much I appreciate you





# Win-Back Campaigns and Power Hours

- Planned, prepared, and organized Win-Back campaigns with turnkey resources and coordinated messaging in collaboration with Chapters.
- Chapter-based Membership Power Hours, with scripts, content, and lists generated and tracked by HQ and supported with HQ staff, along with Chapter Leaders and volunteers.





We Belong Together. Come Back To NAIFA.

A New Congress Needs NAIFA



# 2025 Membership Committee



#### **Executive Committee Liaisons**

- Doug Massey, 2025 President
- Christopher L. Gandy, 2026 President

### **Trustee Liaisons**

- Dennis Cuccinelli, Member Acquisition
- Carina Hatfield, Member Retention

#### Committee Co-Chairs

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  - Company Sales/Ledger Deduct/Agency Presentations
  - Group Sales (100% Agency/Financial Security Champion)
  - Individual Sales/Membership Campaigns
  - Influencer Network
  - Lead Generation, Referrals, and Testimonials



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#### **Member Retention Vice Chairs**

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