Strengthening NAJIT Together: Highlights from the Committee Chairs Town Hall

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In September 2026, NAJIT brought together its committee chairs and leadership for a Town Hall focused on strengthening collaboration, improving communication, and supporting the volunteers who make the association's work possible.

Led by NAJIT Chair Eliane Sfeir-Markus and Vice Chair Mayra Cardona, the gathering provided an opportunity to discuss organizational priorities, clarify roles, and identify ways to strengthen connections between committees, management, and the Board of Directors.

Key Takeaways from the Town Hall

- **Stronger Communication and Collaboration:** Clearer communication channels, timely support, and greater transparency were identified as priorities. The planned implementation of Monday.com aims to improve project coordination, track progress, and reduce reliance on scattered emails and attachments.
- **Investing in Our Volunteers:** NAJIT's leadership outlined five pillars for a more rewarding volunteer experience: connection, professional growth, leadership opportunities, recognition, and belonging. Optional development sessions are planned throughout the year, with the first, expected in November or December, focusing on work-life balance and burnout prevention.
- **Recognizing Contributions:** Volunteer spotlights, recognition initiatives, and stories shared through NAJIT communications will help celebrate not only accomplishments but also the individuals whose time, expertise, and dedication sustain the association.
- **Developing Future Leaders:** Mentorship, opportunities to take on new responsibilities, and collaboration with experienced colleagues will help prepare committee members for future leadership roles within NAJIT.

Looking Ahead

The Town Hall concluded with an invitation for committee chairs to share their experiences, challenges, ideas, and the support they need to lead successfully. These conversations will help guide continued efforts toward a more connected, collaborative, and volunteer-centered association.

> **“Our volunteers do not simply contribute to NAJIT's success; they are the reason for it.”**

To every volunteer who generously shares their time, expertise, enthusiasm, and passion: thank you for helping shape NAJIT's future!