Mastering Association Corporate Sponsorships – Bonus Content

Association Corporate Sponsorship Program Self-Assessment

Answer YES or NO to the following questions about your sponsorship program:

- 1. Has it been more than two years since your sponsorship program was evaluated?
- 2. Are your association's board and staff reluctant to actively support your sponsorship program?
- 3. Does your sponsorship program use traditional tiered levels like Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze?
- 4. Does your association require companies to review a wide range of à la carte benefits and choices to sponsor your association?
- 5. Are many of your sponsor benefits focused on logo placements, visibility, recognition, and banner ads?
- 6. Is your "sales pitch" to prospective sponsors primarily about how your association needs their support and how your members will appreciate it?
- 7. Do you distribute a sponsorship prospectus to many companies?
- 8. Does your association have several staff and/or external agencies selling sponsorships, ads, exhibits, memberships, etc. to the same companies?
- 9. Do some of your association's board and staff members say the primary reason for having sponsors is to generate revenue?
- 10. Are your discussions with sponsors mainly about tactics rather than each company's business and marketing objectives?

SCORING: If you answered YES to any of these questions, your association is missing opportunities to increase revenue and member value from your sponsor-ship program.

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