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**Questions for Panel Discussants:**

 For you, what does it mean to be a leader? What does “good” leading look like?

Who has inspired you as a leader? What is it about that person that you value?

What leadership efforts are you most proud of and why?

Describe a struggle you have had as a leader, and what did you learn from that struggle?

What is one mistake you witness leaders making more frequently than others?

What advice would you give someone going into an association leadership position for the first time?

As a leader, what are you afraid of?

What is your “top 5” list of advice you have for people wanting to be leaders in counseling associations?

What are you doing to ensure you continue to grow and develop as a leader?

How do you motivate your association volunteers?

How do you keep your association volunteers on-track and working towards organizational objectives?

What are a few resources you would recommend to someone looking to gain insight into becoming a better leader?