

Coordination and teamwork

It can't be repeated enough: coordination is essential. AENQ has almost 1,500 members, more than a hundred delegates and substitute delegates, six office staff members and nine members on the Executive Committee. If we don't work together, not only will the quality of services to members suffer, but we could actually find ourselves, inadvertently, working at cross purposes in certain cases.

The obvious by-product of coordination is teamwork, which is of capital importance. If everyone worked alone in his corner we would get nowhere. The challenge is too large.

There are many teams in AENQ. Obviously, the Association itself is one. Within that are the members in general assembly, the delegates and substitutes, the Sector Council, the advisors, the administration, the secretarial staff, the Executive Committee, all of these separately or together. It is not enough to expect teamwork to just happen. It has to be created and encouraged.

Is there a problem in a school that is highly technical as well as political? Don't try to solve it by yourself if you aren't comfortable with the situation. Talk to your Sector Director or the advisors. Work with others to solve the problem.

Above all, don't hesitate to ask for help. Seeking help is not a sign of weakness. On the contrary, it is a sign of humility, signifying that, for you, the most important thing is to see the problem solved, not necessarily that you be the one to solve it.