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In the next year, I hope North Carolina Council and BBYO as a whole become a completely open and collaborative environment. I want the environment at every program, event, and convention to be a place where everyone wants to be. In order for the chapters to continue to grow and thrive, each person, especially each board member, must learn to work well with others in their chapter and on their board. Working with different positions on board will also help grow everyone's appreciation for what each person does. I believe the first step to growing the chapter and region, and the number one goal of the region is to grow communication and collaboration. This will start out between chapters, but I want it to be able to grow between chapters in the councils and then further throughout the entire region. As I said before, working with different members on board will first allow the chapter to run more smoothly. This will also create more overlap between the board positions and a more smoothly run board overall. Overlap helps to grow a chapter because every member will be able to help the others, getting tasks done quicker, better, and more efficiently. Next the communication and collaboration should grow within the cities or cities close to one another. In each city, the brother and sister chapters should work together to plan at least one event or program together every month to month and a half. If there is more than one girl and boy chapter, all of them can work together. BBYO chapters will be able to work with other cities that are nearby to help facilitate similar experiences. When chapters work together, more people tend to want to come and it is far easier to get tasks done when more people are working on it. Having a bigger event such as one with more than one chapter, can help to excite the members of the chapter and make them want to participate. Next, I want to pair each chapter up with other chapters in the region. The partnership can change every couple of months. Pairing chapters up within the council and region will help to develop both of them, for every chapter has different struggles and different successes. One chapter will be able to help the other in areas that are not strong for that chapter and vice versa. This is the direction Eastern Region and North Carolina Council should go in because this improved communication and collaboration will help to grow the chapter and make it a more inclusive environment overall. If all people and chapters are able to help others and work with others, the appreciation will grow along with everyone's love for BBYO and being at events in general. With these steps in communication, all aspects of the region will be able to run better and I believe all people and chapters will benefit from these small changes that will hopefully be implemented over the next year.