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The spirit of BBG resides in it's members, it's religion, it's unity. This is what we as an order, region, and council strive for and are accomplishing every second we connect a Jewish teen with the core values of Judaism. North Carolina Council has the potential to continue and escalate to new heights through incredible services, membership, fundraisers, programming, communication, and sisterhood. This can be achieved through creating a cohesive council board, placing an emphasis on the chapters, and building a unified community.

Every board position overlaps, even though we tend to treat them as having defined cut offs. I would like to focus on creating a board that works with one another on projects and has a strong bond. I think that by incorporating multiple perspectives and points of view into every undertaking will help us be more well rounded and effective. This cohesion can translate into our chapter boards, which are at the core of our movement.

Chapters are the fundamental building blocks that allow us to truly experience BBG. Chapters are where you make your first BBYO friends, make your first BBYO memories, and feel the fervent energy BBG has. Without the chapter, no one would attend council, regional, or international events. To fall in love with BBYO, you must first fall in love with the chapter. I propose really working to strengthen our chapters through things like a chapter pairing system. I want to connect chapters across our region to help engage them, celebrate achievements, and work out problems. We, as BBGs, are each other's best resources so by collaborating amongst chapters, we stand to bring better programming, recruitment, environments, promotion, and overall experiences. I want to be present on at least one call from each chapter in NCC to help solve problems and celebrate achievements.

This upcoming year, I want to focus on inclusion. I think being included is a big aspect of why we join and continue to do BBYO. Inclusion exists on multiple levels: chapter, council, regional, and international. Inclusion is also present in different aspects like catering to interests for programming or adherence to Kashrut at meals. It is crucial we find our people and where we belong on every level and aspect. To do this, I want to make sure for every situation and experience, we don't just accommodate, but make it the norm. Sometimes being different can make us feel like an outcast, like if we can't participate in a certain event, but rather it really should make us a part of the whole. Instead of having "alternates," I want to make options. Our community is full of people from different walks of life, different cities, and different perspectives, so why let that go to waste? Judaism looks, feels, and is something different to everyone, so we have and we will continue to use our diversity to build something like never before.