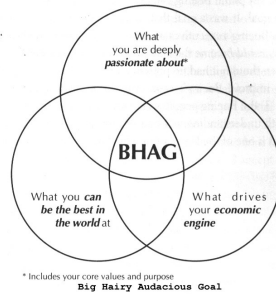
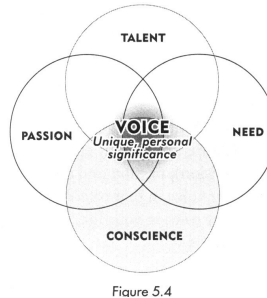


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“Taking deliberate action to influence your outcomes and achieve what you want presents a more challenging path. Those who take it are the exception. They’re the ones who succeed – the only ones,” writes Michael Kerrigan in his book [“What Choice Do I Have?”](#)

For those needing help in committing to a life purpose, Kerrigan suggest taking the time to answer these four questions:

- *Who am I?*
- *What are my expectations of me?*
- *What are my responsibilities?*
- *What are my connections?*

Last year, the Hartford Chapter’s Executive Committee committed to an exploration of our Chapter’s uniqueness and purpose within ASM International. **Who we are (G2G: What we are really good at):** We postulated that our chapter serves our members and our organization as a conduit for sharing and assimilating materials information on a local and personal level. **Our expectations (G2G: What we are deeply passionate about):** We do so by providing networking opportunities for our individual and chapter sustaining members. **Our responsibilities (G2G: What people will pay for):** These opportunities include our technical meetings, social events, student outreach programs, information in the *Marcogram* and on the Chapter’s website, and leadership growth in the organizing, planning and conducting chapter affairs and events as directed by the chapter’s Executive Committee.

Our connections (G2G: What our conscience does counsel): The Executive Committee decided upon the number of contacts initiated by members through chapter initiatives as the measure of our chapter’s success. Membership, participation in our functions, meeting attendance and inquiries to our officers are directly measurable. Less tangible are the [networking](#) contacts made between members for mutual benefit at, or by members to ASM International from, or as a result of a chapter initiative.

The Hartford Chapter is committed to helping you enhance your materials career by getting the most from your ASM membership. ***What Choice Do You Have?*** All you need to do is ask.