## **Sample Business Meeting Welcome**

Welcome to the <u>Businessmtg@asp-afg.org</u> mailing list! Hello Business Meeting ASPer!

Welcome to A Serenity Place Business Meeting!

This note is to help acquaint you with our business meeting at A Serenity Place. Please read this note carefully as there is a lot of useful information about the ASP Business Meeting in it; also save a copy of this note for future reference.

The Business Meeting is where business issues are discussed and group consciences are taken at the A Serenity Place online Al-Anon meeting.

- 1. Any member of ASP may attend the Business Meeting. 2. Once the meeting starts subscription to the current months Business Meeting will close and only those subscribed will be able to participate in the discussions and vote on the topics at hand. 3. The Business Meeting meets typically starts the 1st of every other month. This gives each member, including your trusted servants time off to tend to the rest of their lives. 4. The Business Meeting is led by the Chairperson (primarily the ASP Secretary or the ASP List Administrator is the Secretary is unavailable). 5. The agenda of the Business Meeting comes from items submitted by ASP members to the Steering Committee. Members must attend the Business Meeting for their agenda item to be discussed. 6. The Business Meeting discusses one and only one topic at a time. It is the duty of the Chair to keep the meeting participants focused on the topic at hand.
- 7. The Business Meeting is using the KBDM process on a trial basis. If this process doesn't appear to be working properly, the Chair may switch the Business Meeting to the traditional style based loosely on Robert's Rules of Order.
- i. KBDM: Motions are developed by consensus after thorough discussion. If there is no consensus, then no motion is to be made.
- ii. Parliamentary Procedure: Motions are made from the floor and seconded with discussion following. 8. Voting: The Chair announces that a vote is to be taken. Announcement to include:
  - i. A full quote of the motion,
  - ii. The motion is posted on the voting poll,
  - iii. Instructions on the voting process,
  - iv. Deadline and majority required to pass,
  - v. Chairperson announces the results of the vote and asks the

Web Master to post the motion and the vote on the ASP website. 9.

Major or controversial issues. Issues which would result in a major change to ASP or are controversial in nature will have a delayed discussion and voting procedure.

- i. Month 1: Announcement of topic followed by truncated discussion to illuminate issues.
- ii. Month 3: Full discussion of topic. Discussion may be extended to following month(s) as needed.
  - iii. Month 5+: Voting on motion.

Examples of Things regarding the A Serenity Place Business Meeting. PLEASE READ!

a. Do not send Business Meeting shares to multiple recipients. The server will reject any message that is also sent to any other address in addition to the ASP address. In addition to being rejected, this creates

a mess on the server that needs to be cleaned up by the List Administrator. The best way to send a share to the business meeting is to create a listing in your email address book for Business Meeting and send all shares to Business Meeting. b. Cross talk is acceptable in the Business Meeting. Unlike in the recovery meeting where we share our personal ES&H without comment or reference to another member's share, it is OK to reference another member's post in the Business Meeting. c. Do not send attachments of any kind. d. Do not send test messages. If there is a problem receiving the Business Meeting shares please contact the Chair. e. As much as we try to make ASP resemble a face-to-face meeting, ASP is not a face-to-face meeting. As a result, there are situations where we do things differently than may be done in face-to-face meetings. g. Try to remember that our goal is to practice Al-Anon principles in all of our affairs.

Everyone has a right to their opinions, however opinions are not Al-Anon principles, and Al-Anon principles need to take precedence over individual opinions.

If you have any questions about A Serenity Place Business Meeting, technical or otherwise, please send me a note and I will do my best to answer them.

Love and SERENITY, Steve

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