

AFG Area 9 – Florida North Procedures Discussion Procedures at AWSC Meetings

We always come from a place of “presumed good will, respect and courtesy.”

It is expected of all members to please not interrupt the person at the microphone. Allow the person to finish the thought, or the announcement even if you are already at the microphone. The officer or member will acknowledge you to speak when she or he is finished.

During our discussions, please come to the mike if you wish to speak, lining up in order.

The Chairperson will recognize you.

The Chairperson, or any other Area Officer, can request to have this discussion tabled and reviewed at another time.

The Chairperson does not enter the discussion. The Chairperson may answer questions about the issue but not express an opinion.

AWSC members with a voice are allowed two minutes and one time at the mike per discussion or motion. When the timer bell rings, the member may finish their sentence before relinquishing the mike. When a discussion is held over more than one session, it is up to the discretion of the Chairperson whether to allow the one-time mike rule to start over with each subsequent session.

AWSC members can come to the mike while holding their Service Manual with a question for informational purposes. No personal opinions during this time, just a question.

Members with opinion, please return to the line of waiting speakers.

If a question is asked, it is the Chairperson’s responsibility to call on the appropriate person in attendance to answer the question.

AWSC members who are designated to answer the question are not limited to the “two-minute” opinion guideline at the mike or do they give their opinion. They just answer the question. If they have an opinion again, they must return to the mike with a two-minute time frame.

In a KBDM culture, we seek information. We do not advocate!

Minority rights are protected as always by Concept 5 (The rights of appeal and petition protect minorities and ensure that they are heard.) This is obviously observed at all Area Meetings.

No applause on opinion/applause for accomplishments!

Please be courteous and turned off or mute your cell phones!

“Talk to each other, Reason things out, Keep it simple.”



**Chairperson Panel 61
AFG Area 9, Florida-North**

These procedures have been taken from various WSO and Area 9 Documents and Agreements at previous meetings.

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