

AFG Area 9 – Florida North Procedures

Discussion Procedures at AWSC Meetings

We always come from a place of “presumed good will.”

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 into 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/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 or not 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 at this time, just a question. Members with opinion 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 insure that they be heard.) This is obviously observed at all Area Meetings.

No applause on opinion/applause for accomplishments!

This is a fragrance-free meeting! Cell phones need to be muted or turned off!

***“It takes one person to start something but many more to keep it going,”
– Many Voices, One Journey, Pg. 262***

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