

Sample Group Business Meeting Agenda

Call to Order

- Read the Serenity Prayer
- Read the Twelve Traditions and/or the Twelve Concepts of Service
- Roll call
- Approval of latest meeting's minutes (additions or corrections are made)

Reports

- GSR's report on the business of the area service committee (ASC) and assembly
- Treasurer's report
- Subcommittees' reports

Sharing Session

- General discussion of group concerns and issues

Old Business

- Motions regarding business from previous meetings

New Business

- Motions regarding business from this meeting

Announcements

Adjournment

VISION STATEMENT

We will carry the message of hope throughout the world to those affected by the addiction of someone near to them.

We will do this by

- letting them know they are no longer alone;
- practicing the Twelve Steps of Nar-Anon;
- encouraging growth through service;
- making information available through outreach encompassing public information, hospitals, institutions, and websites; and
- changing our own attitudes.

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Nar-Anon Family Groups

Group Conscience and Business Meetings



***Nar-Anon is a twelve step program
for families and friends of addicts.***

Tradition 1

Our common welfare should come first; personal progress for the greatest number depends on unity.

Tradition 2

For our group purposes there is but one authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants – they do not govern.

Concept 6

Group conscience is the spiritual means by which we invite a loving Higher Power to influence our decisions.

All members share responsibility for the healthy functioning of the group. To ensure the unity of our groups, we use the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Service with the guidance of a Higher Power when making decisions that affect the group. The principle of the group conscience is used for decision making in all of our business meetings, whether it be at the group, area, region, or World Service Conference (WSC).

A group conscience is the collective viewpoint on matters affecting the group. Arriving at a group conscience requires informative discussion by its members using the Guides to Local and World Services and adhering to the steps, traditions, and concepts of Nar-Anon in order to reach a decision. As members of a spiritual program, we invite our Higher Power to guide us throughout this process. When we treat each member with respect and learn by listening to one another, we can achieve unity.

Each group is autonomous but still has an obligation to work within the guidelines of Nar-Anon. Through group conscience and group autonomy, our groups make decisions, such as

- how their business meetings are conducted and when they are held;
- issues to be discussed at business meetings (e.g., group, area, region, and world service matters, such as the *Conference Agenda Report (CAR)*);
- types of meetings held by the group (e.g., beginner meetings, step meetings, tradition meetings);
- establishing committees when necessary (e.g., public information, literature, group anniversary, finding a new location);
- group participation in area, region, or world events;
- holding group elections;
- scheduling regular group inventories in order to keep meetings healthy;
- donating to the area, region, and WSO.