

SELECTED RESPONSES EAS SURVEY 2013

I had a idea a week ago, but I'm old and it's gone. Maybe it will come back, who knows? Anon.

MEETING FORMAT

Craft talks are insightful and maybe include some additional speakers, outside of ESA, that could enlighten us on issues impacting all of our businesses. (i.e. Jack Kingston, The Mayor, etc...)

I think it's important to learn from active members of how they are promoting, marketing, managing, etc their business so that we all can become stronger in our businesses. Maybe that is a topic that can be added to the craft talks. I would like to see the leads eliminated when there is a craft talk scheduled. I think it's important that the craft talk time be extended so that we can get the most of what our members have to offer.

More, briefer mini-craft talks from more members more frequently. Occasional outside speaker such as Dr. Mike Toma - Director of AASU Economic Forecasting project.

Avoid politicians as speakers; Only members give talks (for example, Scott Dempsey OK, Bill Cathcart not ok); Eliminate the crude sexual references

Instead of always having sit down breakfast, leave it loose. No leads. Let everyone mingle and socialize like they do prior to beginning leads right now. Presently, after leads are over, most people seem to be in a rush to get to work, we don't have ample time to find that person that you wanted to talk with.

It seems the EAS is a well oiled machine and functions well under the current format. That said, if the meetings started more promptly at 7:45, then the members could get on to work sooner, which I think would help given the number of people who leave early. Also, leads are definitely important, but people should not be beaten up over not having one, as some people are simply going to come across more leads in certain businesses.

Allow more time for intra table chatter.

When new table assignments are made formalize a 10 minute time for each table to introduce themselves to their new table mates & tell about their business. Just time for each to give his "elevator talk" and only within the table.

I think we should have a meeting once or twice a month without assigned seating.

The importance of a weekly lead needs to be in the forefront.

Non-Member Guest speakers

We should have one meeting per quarter with no leads but an economic report from different segments of community.

Well run organization with sales and information benefits with all members. Great way to exercise your contacts to get business taken care of.

CLASSIFICATIONS

Handyman Roofer

Liquor sales Office Supplies

Veterinarian Beverage distributor No women.

Liquor, Boats, Fast food, tire company, and others with strong center of influence owners.

Potential business classifications to consider due to impact on local business opportunities: manufacturer(s); hospital system; hotelier; military; public and private universities

Flooring Hair Replacement Hormone Optimization/Replacement

conflict or not We could use another or more Automotive Services members. Re; As we do Real Estate

There are so many port related companies, do we have the classifications correct there

It really depends on what the boards decides is more important, the number of members which I believe is capped at 85 or allowing more members for new classifications. I for one think we could add additional classifications. (Hospital administrator, Public school official (especially with ESPLOST looming) just to name a few.

I think at some point classifications need to be reviewed and possibly clarified. It seems we have some overlap in categories that maybe need to be addressed for the future. I also feel there is some "territory protectionism" in place which may be preventing possible new club members from joining. I don't think we can have it both ways, one or the other... Love the club though...It has been great for my business....

There should not be automatic slots for companies when someone leaves. In cases it may be good to have the #2 or #3 person in a company, but when the CEO has to come to explain a company issue in place of the exec member, the exec member is not an effective member.

OFFSITE LOCATIONS

I don't attend offsites. They are often too far away from my office and/or home (thus making it a hassle to get there, or rendering it impossible for me to get to work on time). I'd prefer that we just stick with SGC.

The idea of having an occasional breakfast at a member's place of business is a good one. However some businesses do not lend themselves to meetings. The opportunity to see something different does stimulate conversation and interest among those in the group.

Mitsubishi, Oceanographic Institute, SCAD, & ?

Hunter, New County Jail, SCAD

Chamber of Commerce

georgia ports scad

Outside breakfasts should be limited to tours/events similar to Gulfstream, SCAD, etc. In my opinion we should aspire to have two to three of these outside events per year.

Ga. Power, Colonial Oil, Sugar refinery, Chamber of Commerce, Sand Gnat, Grayson Stadium

Daniel Defense and any other interesting businesses

Current and past leadership has been great. Really enjoyed the new addition of the Corn Hole Tournament! Will be a solid addition for future years

Need more after work events with members only at a members location . EA should pay for snacks and light beverage and member would provide informal site. The cornhole event is a step in a good direction.

Have one members only get together a year

OTHER COMMENTS

Continue to emphasize attendance and hold the line with members who miss consecutive meetings and/or more than 15 in a calendar year.

We should consider having employment/informational postings on EAS web site for members only with strict criteria. Leadership and BOD of EAS are doing an exemplary job!

It's a slippery slope with attendance, but we have to figure out how to retain the likes of Trip who have a difficult time making the required number of meetings, but bring a wealth of relevant information. May require a by-law change?

The membership needs to be integrated with an African American male member. The board and membership should make this happen this year. This is important and could have a negative impact on the club if this does not occur. Augusta National has admitted African Americans and women, it is time we move forward. I hope the board will move this forward

We have a pretty impressive group of business men...How could we be more charitable as a group? perhaps adding a little more money to the dues and use additional fines for absences? Just curious what the by law is on allowing women as members? thank you for reaching out.

Now tell me again why we don't have any WOMEN members. Think about it - the Presidents of Vaden and Byrd are women, they pay the bills, but they aren't members? Those Ladies would both be dynamic guest speakers, at the very least!

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