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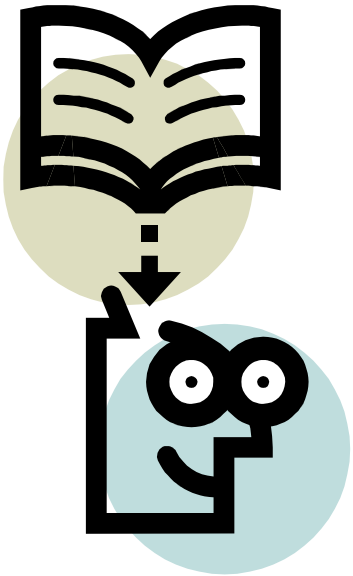
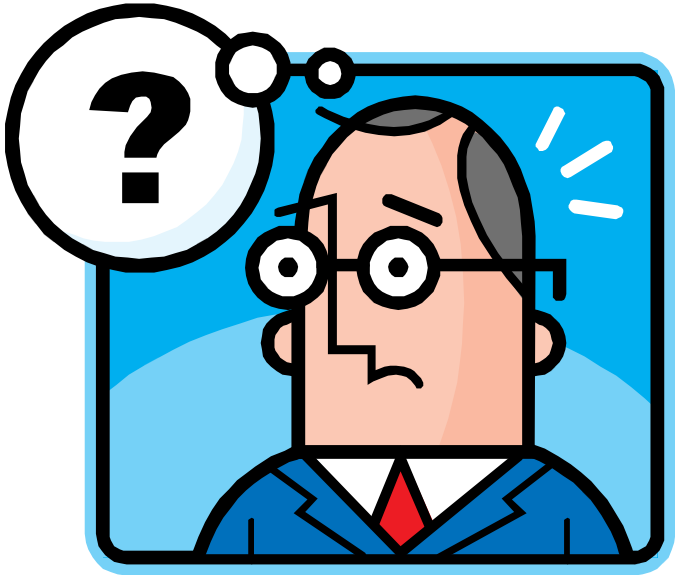




KBDM

Knowledge

Based

Decision

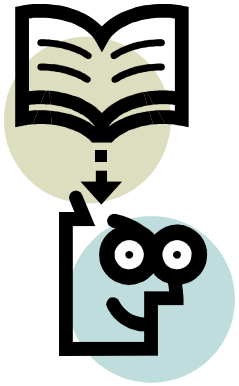
Making

. . .for an Informed Group Conscience

Knowledge Based Decision Making for an Informed Group Conscience

- Open communication

- Dialogue before deliberation
- All decision-makers have access to all information



- Culture of trust—presume good will!

KBDM Steps

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  a. Thought force answers Six Questions, gets answers to "what we wish we knew."
  b. Prepare framing—presentation of information appropriate to the audience—provide ahead of time to all participants
- Thought force presents framing to all participants
- Open discussion begins—no time limit! Thought force provides any additional information requested.
- Review and discuss possible solutions.
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Action: Thought force gathers information, and the Assembly waits!

Do Not: Make motions, propose solutions to the problem

KBDM Steps

- Thought force presents framing to all participants

Action: Thought force presents the information, and the Assembly asks questions.

Do Not: Make motions, propose solutions to the problem

KBDM Steps

- Open discussion begins—no time limit! Thought force provides any additional information requested.

Action: Everyone participates in open discussion. Ask questions, offer your thoughts.

Do Not: Make motions, propose solutions to the problem

KBDM Steps

- Review and discuss possible solutions.

Action: Everyone reviews the solutions. Ask questions, offer comments, suggest additional solutions.

Do Not: Make motions

KBDM Steps

- Once all participants are ready for decision, motion is made, seconded, and voted on

Action: Make motion!

Thought Force

A small group formed to gather information on a particular issue, and present it for discussion.

Think!

The thought force will:

- Gather historical and other background information
- Answer the 6 KBDM questions on the issue
- Prepare and present a “framing” presentation

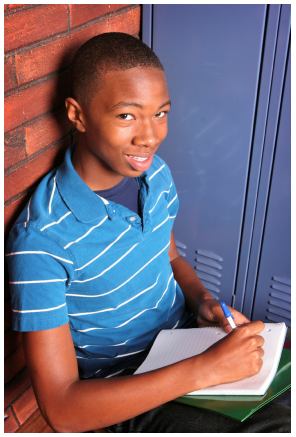
The thought force will NOT:

- Make any decisions
- Present a motion
- Do any work to implement processes or procedures

The Bookends

Framing

A short prepared introduction to the discussion done by a member familiar with the material



Summarizing

What did you hear? Ask members to summarize what they heard at the end of the discussion

Six Questions Applied to Purchasing an LCD Projector

- What do we know about our members' needs, wants, and preferences that relates to this issue?
- What do we know about our resources that relates to this issue?
- What do we know about our "culture" or "environment" that relates to this issue?
- What are the implications of our choices? (pros and cons)
- What do we not know about this issue that we wish we knew?
- How do Al-Anon's legacies apply to this issue?

Six Questions . . .
Purchase an LCD Projector?

What do we know about our member's needs, wants, and preferences that relates to this issue?

- Members want reports to be interesting
- Many people are visual learners and take in information more easily if there is a visual

Six Questions . . .
Purchase an LCD Projector?

What do we know about our resources that relates to this issue?

- The Area does have some money in a project line that could be used for this purchase
- The Area does NOT own a laptop, so a personal laptop would need to be used

Six Questions . . .
Purchase an LCD Projector?

What do we know about our "culture" or "environment" that relates to this issue?

- We don't have a common office or storage place to keep equipment—a trusted servant would need to be responsible
- We are becoming more technological as a fellowship

Six Questions . . .
Purchase an LCD Projector?

What are the implications of our choices? (pros and cons)

Pros

- Save rental fees
- 7th Tradition—not relying on borrowed equipment

Cons

- One member would store the LCD projector, hard to share
- Venue change—would sometimes be hard to project the image

Six Questions . . .
Purchase an LCD Projector?

What do we not know about this issue that we wish we knew?

- How much would an LCD projector cost?
- How long do they last?
- Are most laptops compatible with most LCD projectors?

Cost Information

Purchase

A good LCD projector could be purchased for anywhere between $500-$1,000.00

Rental

Rental of an LCD projector costs between $70-$150 per day. It may be possible to rent for half a day for $35-$50, but with travel time and weekend events we would most often be using the projector for a full day. At Folderol, we spent $100/day for the projector, for a total of $200.

Anticipated Use

Considering just the use we know of today, which does not include use by Districts or Coordinators:

In 2010, the LCD projector would be used by the Delegate 5 times (3 Delegate's reports, AWSC, and Assembly) for a rental total of at least $350 in 2010.

In 2011, the LCD projector would be used by the Delegate at least 5 times, possibly 7 times for a rental total of $490.

In just two years, the Area could spend up to $840 on rental for an LCD projector.

Other Information Needed . . .

Will an LCD projector work with any computer?

Yes. As long as the LCD projector is equipped to connect with a computer, it will connect with any computer.

How long do LCD projectors typically last?

About 3-5 years, depending on the quality, with typical use. Since we would probably be using an LCD projector less than typical office use, it could last longer.

Six Questions . . .
Purchase an LCD Projector?

How do the Legacies apply?

- **Tradition 7:** owning an LCD projector, not borrowing, would be self-supporting
- **Concept 4:** would allow fuller participation by providing a visual reference, and would make it easier to take Area information “on the road”
- **Tradition 6:** as long as owning an LCD projector did not divert us from our primary spiritual aim, we would be living by this tradition

Our Options

Option 1: Borrow LCD Projector

Pros: no cost

Cons: goes against 7th tradition

Option 2: Purchase LCD Projector

Pros: cost effective, we would be honoring 7th tradition

Cons: challenge to care for equipment in rotating service structure, not sure if it will be used next panel

Option 3: Rent LCD Projector

Pros: no need to store equipment, honors 7th tradition

Cons: most expensive option