

# EXPECTED MEMBER BEHAVIOR



# Needed, but Sensible, Participation Rules OVERVIEW

- We are here, at a General Meeting, in a Work
  Group, or in collaboration with other NUs, to deal
  with issues and solutions to them the currency of
  democracy.
- 2. We are **not here to propagate** ideology.
- 3. We need both to **respect others**, regardless of their opinions, and to **expect** others to do the same.



# **OUR FOCUS**



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- 1. We identify the issues that our membership, and people in our neighborhood, consider most important as indicated by votes on the monthly web-site submissions.
- 2. We bring our attention and effort to deal with these issues by our in depth investigation and thoughtful consideration.



# WE PUT IDEOLOGY IN THE BACKGROUND



#### WE SUBDUE IDEOLOGY

- 1. We all have ideological notions and biases.
- 2. We cannot, and do not, totally reject the notions and presumptions that constitute ideology but we don't let those notions and biases direct our searches for the facts, and formation of our solutions. We keep our minds open to the realities that our study and discussions reveal.
- 3. We work to find real solutions to real problems.



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- 1. Regardless of their views, we respect other persons.
- 2. The views of others, regardless of how we personally feel about those views, are part of our 'input' to our issues and solutions.
- 3. We hear out advocacy for all potential factors and potential solutions but we accept and choose what the majority of us consider facts and workable solutions.



# WE RESPECT OURSELVES



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- 1. We do not allow ourselves to be intimidated by the views or insistence of others.
- 2. If we have pertinent facts, or sensible solutions, to a issue at hand we have the right, and in fact the obligation, to speak up and present them.
- 3. We do not tolerate bullying, grandstanding, and other behavior damaging to the work at hand. The group at hand needs to call down and deal with such offensive behavior.



## THE RIGHT of MINORITIES



#### WHEN A MINORITY'S OPINION IS OUTVOTED

- 1. It can be **painful and frustrating** for a minority within a NU to have its choices denied by a majority.
- 2. Minorities within a NU should have **the option** of attaching their view of the issue to whatever ID or PD document is issued for polling purposes.
- 3. This permits the **recipients** of the documents to better ponder the majority composed document. It will often be that the recipients as a whole may find they are more in agreement with the minority view than what was issued by the originating majority.



# tNN CORE CONCEPTS



#### **END of PRESENTATION**