



Current Practices

and your A.A. website...

district6aa.org



UNDERSTANDING WEBSITE CURRENT PRACTICES

As our A.A. websites are public facing, we as trusted servants take on responsibility

- to reflect the group conscience of the body we represent
- to protect the anonymity of all trusted servants.



Website Guidelines

LEGACY OF SERVICE

Our Legacy of Service describes the Composition of the committee, including Qualifications.

It also includes the Scope and Procedure, which include expectations (requirements) and responsibilities for each committee officer. It may also include a listing of all tasks traditionally completed by the committee.

Ideally, the Scope and Procedure is a guide for panel transition.

BOOK OF CURRENT PRACTICES

The Book of Current Practices includes specific expressions of the District's (or Area's, etc.) group conscience.

This generally includes committee RIGHTS and RESPONSIBILITIES.

Unlike most committees, the Website's CP often includes RESTRICTIONS, or more likely, one big RESTRICTION.

“include and be limited to”

In the District 6 Current Practices Book motion #390 of January 2010 states, in part, “Content for the District 6 website shall include and be limited to:”

In the Area 15 South Florida Book of Current Practices motion #644 of January 2009 states, in part, “That the Website...scope...should become: Content shall include and be limited to:”

In both cases these statements are followed by lists of approved hyperlinks, excerpts from conference approved literature, and items specific to conducting the busing of the district/area.

Right of Decision?

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Within reason:

- + Layout and decoration
- + Manage service providers
(website & email hosts, etc.)

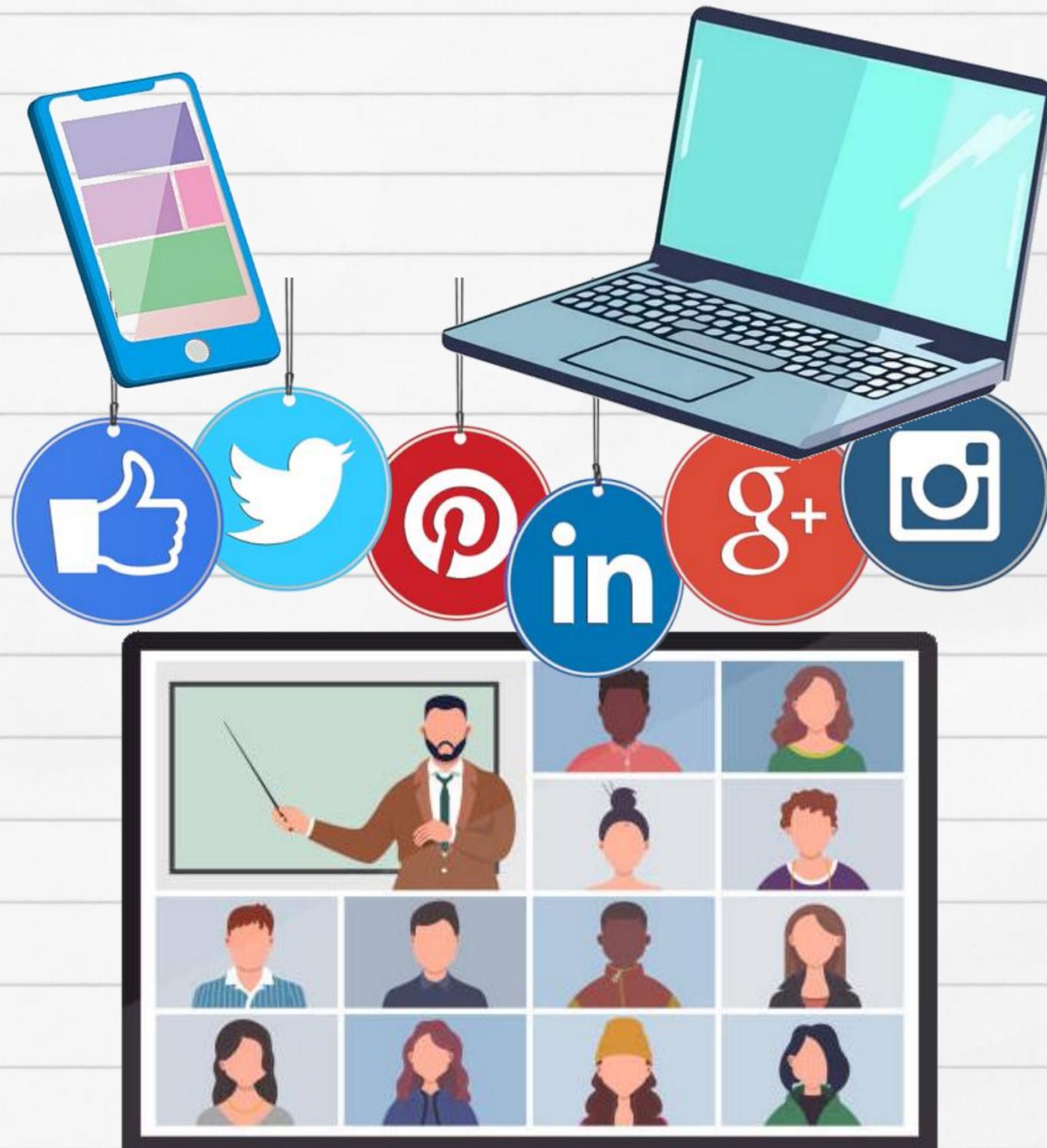
RESTRICTED

Content which does not appear on the approved list.

Within reason?:

District 6 Motion #531 of 9/2014 states “To use the Legacy of Service to update each committee web page on the district6aa.org website with the Composition, Scope, and Procedure.”

While the motion does not specify no other content on committee pages, this was the motion maker’s intent



Technology Boom

AVAILABILITY and USE of as well as COMFORT with technology has grown since our district6aa.org website current practices were initially written.

Better devices and speed have simplified use, while social and business applications have changed the way people seek information and communicate.

District 6 members' needs and willingness to adopt technology solutions have grown, started well before the pandemic.



“Approved” Additions the D6 Website

2011 & 2012

Added anonymity protected email addresses for committees

2013

Added an events and meetings calendar

2014

Added password protected business documents

2014

Added telephone numbers for Intergroups & Central Offices hotlines.

2020

Added a virtual meetings platform.

2021

Added District 6 social media and links to other AA social media.

In addition to regularly adding specific links (ex. ICYPAA) and documents (ex. Correction applications for local institutions)

Know your Current Practices

- + Be aware when an idea or request is borderline or outside your approved list.

Get comfortable saying “No”

- + Be the “gatekeeper” of site content
- or someone else will do so
- + When saying no, explain why, specifying current practice motions

Learn How To Write a Motion

- + Simple but Comprehensive.
- + Similar language to similar motions
- Don't limit proper Right of Decision

Explain how to get a “Yes”

- + Along with the explanation of why “no,” mention the SOLUTION of getting approval from the body

Learn To Write a Background

- + Use bullet points to separate topics
- + Explain why the motion is needed (including “limited to” restrictions)
- +/- Be honest about implications (avoid someone else creating controversy)

Write any motion which affects your committee

- Include a “suggested” sample motion
- + The how to section has reasons why
- Share your personal opinion or not
- + Have your amendment ready if a different version is presented.



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THANK YOU!
VERY MUCH!

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