



STEPS CHAIR SCRIPT

Hello everyone and welcome to the Newcomers International Steps Meeting on Zoom, I'm **XXX**, a recovering alcoholic and your Chair for today.

Please join me in a moment of silence to be present in our sobriety and for the still suffering alcoholics in and outside the rooms of AA.

We start our meeting with **THE SERENITY PRAYER**

(Chair reads the serenity prayer)

“God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.”

- Please welcome **(XXX)** to read the **AA preamble**.
- Please welcome **(XXX)** to read “**How it works**” from Chapter 5, page **58-60** from the Big Book of Alcoholic Anonymous.

Today's meeting format is an introduction to the 12 Steps Program of Alcoholics Anonymous for newcomers. The forward to the 1st edition of the Big book of Alcoholic Anonymous published in 1939 states that “We, of Alcoholics Anonymous, are more than one hundred men and women who have recovered from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body. To show other alcoholics precisely how we have recovered is the main purpose of this book.”



“The 12 Steps outline a path to spiritual progress through a series of actions designed to elicit what The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous refers to as a “psychic change” – a complete mental, emotional, and spiritual shift in perception, which can support a long-term recovery program.”

We will have a speaker sharing their experience of the AA Steps and Traditions, followed by sharing—first from those who have experience with the Step, then from newcomers or anyone with questions.

Chat is only open to Co-Hosts to keep the meeting safe—if you have a question, please feel free to chat to either myself or our Chat Host, (XXX).

ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION

The attendance verification email will be shared later in chat. Please send a request to the email address we provide, along with the required information, and allow us 48 hours to reply back.

NEWCOMERS DAY COUNT

Now we would like to welcome and celebrate Newcomers in their first 90 days. Please raise your hands to introduce yourselves. Tell us how many days you have and since this is an international meeting, tell us where you’re from. If you don’t know how to use the raise hand feature, wave at the screen or chat to our Co-Host.

To keep the meeting safe, we only call on people who have their face fully visible. If you have had a drink today, we ask that you postpone your sharing to the after meeting.



SPEAKER

I am delighted to introduce our speaker (**XXX**) an alcoholic from (**XXX**) who will speak for **20 minutes** and share their experience with us about **Step X or Tradition**.

Our timekeeper today is (**XXX**) who will let you know when you have **2 minutes** left.

SHARES FROM PEOPLE WITH EXPERIENCE OF STEP

Now we invite shares from people with experience of the Step. To allow everyone a chance to speak, we limit each share to **2 minutes** and our timekeeper will give you a 30 second warning.

Again, for safety, we only call on people with their face fully visible. A gentle reminder that if you've had a drink today we ask that you postpone your shares to the after meeting for your own safety.

**** Shares until (00:46)**

Now I would like to invite Newcomers and people **with questions** to please raise their hands to benefit from our speaker's experience with **Step X or Tradition**.

Before we hear from you, we have couple of **announcements** to make:



The AA 7th Tradition, Sponsorship, Service, Home Group & Attendance Verification:

The AA 7th tradition states that we are fully self-supporting through our own contributions. If you would like to contribute to help other alcoholics, please notice the AA members contribution link in Chat. All funds are used by AA General Service Organization to support alcoholics around the world achieve sobriety. Thank you in advance for your kind contributions.

Service & Home Group are excellent tools to protect your sobriety and work your program. We invite you to Join our Home Group to be in service and to support with simple tasks. Please share your details with our Chat Host or any Co-Host for support.

We also invite **our regular members** who are offering **Sponsorship** to message our **Chat Host** with the details posted in chat to add you to our sponsorship list to be of service by helping Newcomers.

Attendance Verification is provided by sending us an email with some important details that will be shared in chat towards the end of the meeting. Please allow us 48 hours to respond.

**** People with questions will share now until (00:58)**

Thank you everyone, we have reached the end of the meeting. If you did not get a chance to share, please stay after the meeting or join us again, we meet **every day** at the same time.



Finally, thanks to all of our wonderful Home Group Members who have been of service today to make this meeting safe and possible:

Security team: **XXX** Chat **XXX** , Timekeeping **XXX**, Reading: **XXX**, and our lovely HG members for greeting our guests tonight.

CLOSING

And now please welcome (**XXX**) to read the **9th step promises** from *pages 83 – 84*.

Thanks once again (**XXX**) for your invaluable experience, time and service. We would now like to invite you to take us out with any final thoughts followed by the we version of the Serenity Prayer.

AFTER MEETING

Welcome to the meeting after the meeting where we continue sharing in fellowship. First, we will start by offering breakout rooms to those who may need extra support and require more privacy.

If anyone is offering support, please raise your hand now. We have male, female and non-binary home group members ready to support you. If you need a one-to-one breakout room with one of our home group service members, please raise your hand now. Thank you for your patience while we manually allocate you.