



STEPS CHAIR SCRIPT

Hello everyone and welcome to the Newcomers International Steps Meeting on Zoom, I'm _____, 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, followed by **THE SET-ASIDE PRAYER**

(***Chair reads the prayer***)

“God, today help me set aside everything I think I know about You, everything I think I know about myself, everything I think I know about others, and everything I think I know about my own recovery so I may have an open mind and a new experience with all these things. Please help me see the truth.” Amen

- Please welcome _____ to read the **AA Preamble**.
- Please welcome _____ to read “**How it works**” Chapter 5, page **58-60** from the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Today's meeting format is an introduction to the 12 Steps Program of recovery 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 recommendations 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.”

If you wish to share, raise your Zoom hand using the reaction button from the bottom of your screen.

In keeping with our singleness of purpose and our third tradition, we ask all who participate to confine their discussions to their alcoholism. We appreciate avoiding cross sharing & profanity for a respectful & productive meeting. For people who are not alcoholics, you are welcomed to our meetings as **observers**.

The private chat feature of Zoom is disabled for security reasons. You may chat to our Chat Host who is _____ today, or any Co-Host if you have any questions or needs. Please avoid chatting to any Security Member since they are busy keeping the meeting safe for you. Sharing is allowed to all participants with video on & faces fully visible. If you’ve had a drink today, please postpone your sharing to the after meeting where we can offer supportive one-to-one breakout rooms and that is for your own safety.

We are here **7 days a week**, at 9:00 PM UK time, 4:00pm EDT, 1pm PDT and have a rotating theme. We open the room 15 minutes early, so join us and allow us to know you.



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 are 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 _____ an alcoholic from _____ who will speak for **20 minutes** and share their experience with us about _____.

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

SHARES FROM PEOPLE WITH EXPERIENCE

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 _____.

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 shared in chat. Please make sure you attended the full meeting. Send your request immediately after the meeting and allow us 48 hours to respond. We don't attend to any verification requests back **dated for more than 2 weeks**.

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

CLOSING

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.

A massive thank you to our speaker _____ for a great share, and to our beautiful Home Group members for their service.

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

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



Before I invite _____ to share any final thoughts & lead us out with the “we” version of the serenity prayer, please be mindful of **AA principle of anonymity:**

WHO you see here, WHAT you hear here, WHEN you leave here, Let it STAY here.

Over to you _____

AFTER MEETING

Welcome to the meeting after the meeting where we continue sharing in fellowship. If you need support or looking for a sponsor, please raise your hand now. We have male & female home group members ready to support you. Thank you for your patience while we manually allocate you.

We would like to remind you once again to confine your discussions to your alcoholism and avoid cross-sharing & profanity. Please be mindful of the sharing time.