

# SMR Ad Hoc committee meeting

02/09/26

Members in attendance: Sue, Jim R, Suzanne, MM, Nancy, Laurie, Angel, Susan, Anonymous

## **Summary:**

Meeting called to order by the chairperson at 7:01 pm Eastern time.

The committee discusses and successfully adopts a statement regarding crosstalk rules for the after-meeting fellowship space, determining that participants should maintain a safe and respectful environment by listening without interruption and avoiding references to others' shares without permission, with this applying to both verbal sharing and chat messages.

Suzanne proposes that the same crosstalk rules from the main meeting should apply to the after-meeting to ensure seamlessness with SMR and WSO guidelines, while other members like Laurie and Jim argue that the after-meeting should feel different from a formal meeting and allow for more organic conversation and fellowship.

After discussion and using AI assistance to refine the language, the committee unanimously votes to adopt the statement: "During the after meeting, we maintain a safe, respectful space by listening without interruption and by avoiding references to others' shares without their permission; this applies to both our sharing and our chats."

The committee agrees to meet again in two weeks, with remaining topics including the use of breakout rooms and revisiting the timeshares discussion  
Please see below for more details

## **Motions:**

During the SMR Ad Hoc Committee meeting on January 12, 2026, the following motions were made and voted on:

**Motion: To adopt the statement: "During the after meeting, we maintain a safe, respectful space by listening without interruption and by avoiding references to others' shares without their permission. This applies to both our sharing and our chats."**

Made by: Laurie

Seconded by: MM

Result: Passed unanimously (all hands raised in favor)

Motion 3: Adjournment

## **Additional Procedural Motions:**

Motion to extend meeting by 15 minutes: Passed

Motion to adjourn at 8:18pm: Passed

## **More detail on Discussions:**

This section provides more details of the committee's discussions.

This summary was provided by Zoom's AI companion

### **Discussion on CrossTalk**

The committee discussed whether SMR crosstalk rules should apply to the after-meeting fellowship space, with significantly different viewpoints emerging:

#### **In Favor of Strict Crosstalk Rules:**

Suzanne advocated for applying the same crosstalk rules from the main meeting to maintain seamlessness with SMR and WSO guidelines. Suzanne shared an experience where crosstalk occurred (someone commented on shares without permission and discussed triangulation), arguing that boundaries are healthy and prevent enmeshment. Suzanne emphasized that while the after-meeting is informal, it still connects to SMR and WSO, making consistent rules important.

#### **Opposed to Strict Rules:**

Laurie strongly objected, stating the after-meeting is "the parking lot" where people want casual conversation with friends, not "another meeting." Laurie expressed not wanting to review rules before chatting and emphasized wanting to have fun and discuss life freely.

Jim argued that strict crosstalk rules don't work in the after-meeting because conversation requires referring to what others say (e.g., if discussing bullying, people need to build on shared topics). Jim suggested focusing on host training rather than rigid rules.

Sue emphasized that fellowship requires conversation, which is impossible without referring to others' shares. Sue advocated for allowing references with permission rather than prohibiting them entirely.

Susan felt safety guidelines were more important than crosstalk rules and that the after-meeting should feel different from the formal meeting.

#### **Other Concerns:**

Angel raised that crosstalk rules should also apply to chat messages, not just verbal sharing

MM and others wanted language that felt welcoming rather than restrictive

The committee ultimately compromised by allowing crosstalk with permission, maintaining a "safe and respectful space" while preserving the fellowship atmosphere