

## Minutes Meeting 1 EBN and EBC Merger Exploratory Committee

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Hey fam!

Thank you for attending the meeting this afternoon and engaging with each other in such a respectful and meaningful way! Y'all were a VIBE, and I mean that in the best possible way!



Below are my meeting notes that I've grouped together by section.

These are by no means an exhaustive list, nor are any of them set in stone. I also grouped recurring themes and similar thoughts/questions as indentations.

### **Problem Statement:**

1. What is the overall problem(s) this body is trying to solve?
2. There is a lack of trusted servants + Unity + representing East Bay Central & North's group conscience at Region

### **General Thoughts & Questions to Consider:**

1. Will we use Consensus decision-making or Roberts Rule of Order?

2. What are the pros and cons of merging both Areas?
  3. What are the Benefits of the two areas joining
  4. How will this benefit ebn?
5. How would we fill the service positions if there is overlap in filled positions between EBC and EBN?
6. Since EBC is used to being an online meeting, would we be looking at doing a hybrid area meeting?
  7. And also the preference for in person, vs zoom, vs hybrid. I am sure some will have a strong preference
8. Would we be keeping the EBC 3rd Saturday or the EBN 4th Sunday meeting time?
9. What has ebc done to try to get people interested and involved in service?
10. Would merging increase the time needed for Area Service Committee?
11. How much outreach is needed for this issue? How much outreach is enough?
12. Will the schedules be difficult to copy if we include all the meetings for the combined areas?
13. What will taking it back to the groups look like?
  14. How can we standardize the way we take it back to groups?
  15. Should this be given to GSRs to take back to their groups?
  16. We should have a list of all the ongoing meeting and find out who & if they have GSR and get the name and phone # we could reach out to them to have them join this meeting
  17. Also we the meeting might have some questions that will also want to bring to the table
18. How long will Area run?
  19. I'd say one argument against would be the length of the area meeting. I know that EBN takes up the entire 2 hours with just the meetings that they currently have
20. Are we working to be a bi-area? Or continue to be tri-area?
21. Would meeting time be used for groups to engage in this discussion or should it be done in business meetings
22. If we join what area name would we use
23. How will the outreach coordinator cover the larger area of merged
24. What is the election process for each Area? (EBC = November, EBN = February)
25. We could always take a preliminary vote at the areas to see where the current group opinion lay
26. We are so small and sharing services would be easy, also so many of us go to meetings in both areas

#### **Establishing the Structure of this Body:**

1. Agreement to rotate Facilitator/Chair of this subcommittee.
2. What positions will we need to function or achieve our purpose?
3. What is the purpose of this subcommittee? What should this (or can this) body do and not do?
4. Is this meeting open to anybody that wants to join or just show up?
5. What is our "Go" versus "No-Go" criteria?

### **Decisions to Consider for Next Meeting:**

1. Establish how this goes back and is communicated to/through the groups and corresponding timelines for:
  2. When is the vote for simply "yay or nay" on whether this subcommittee proceeds pursuing this merger?
  3. If yay, when is our launch date to go live with "Version 1" of this merger?
4. How will we share this information moving forward? Do we want to continue with email? Are we interested/opposed to a Shared Google Drive in which we keep ongoing documentation such as meeting notes and the decisions we've made?

### **Next Meeting:**

- Sunday, 2/4/2024
- Meeting ID: 836 4662 5116
- Passcode: 444Hope

Please reach out with any thoughts, questions, or concerns to LeRoy or me. We'll be sure they get documented and incorporated into the next meeting.

Finally, please utilize "Reply All" sparingly, and only when you need the entire group to receive your message!

Thank you for letting me be of service,

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