



Better Angels Central Texas

Strengthening our democracy – together.

Alliance Meeting 10:15 – 11:45am 4 April 2020

“We are all in this TOGETHER”

ZOOM CALL – Link is [HERE](https://zoom.us/j/3415714303) or (<https://zoom.us/j/3415714303>)

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of Ceremonies (MOC)

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1. **(15 min) Welcome /Agenda (Google Drive [PDE](#))**
 - a. Better Angels Central Texas Mission and Ground Rules
 - b. Announcements (Tom Mast and MOC Town Hall project)
 - c. Name Change Update
2. **(24 min) Intros and a Better Angels Mini-Experience - BREAKOUT ROOMS**
 - a. **Desired Outcome:** Participant Empathy about COVID-19 Situation
 1. “What are 1-2 challenges you are facing with the COVID situation?”
 2. “What are 1-2 strategies you have found useful in coping with the COVID situation?”
 - b. **Process**
 1. 2 min of reflection
 2. 14 min - Participant PAIRS into breakout rooms 3 min share EACH
 1. Introduce yourself (where you live, color leaning, why you came ~1 min)
 2. Answer two questions in any order that works for you
 3. 8 min - Group sharing of willing participants
3. **(1 min) Stretch Break**
4. **(40 min) COVID and depolarizing our Future - BREAKOUT ROOMS**
 - a. **Desired Outcome:** Participant brainstorming on two questions:
 1. Q1 – “What actions could the Alliance do TODAY, as Reds and Blues TOGETHER, to help others in the current situation?”
 2. Q2 - "Setting aside who deserves blame or credit for how the current pandemic is being handled, how would you want our nation and our government to come together across party lines to deal with potential future pandemics?"

Again, without litigating the current pandemic. Examples:
1) "I would want the President to do...consult with...." (instead of, "Unlike our current President, I would want a future present to do...consult with..."), or
2) "I would want the media to focus on the facts and not the politics of the crisis," instead of "I would want the left-wing media not to take advantage of the crisis to attack a Republican President.")
 - b. **Process**
 1. 3 min of reflection – questions of clarification – participants are assigned Q1 or Q2
 2. 15 min - Participant FOURSOMES into breakout rooms
 1. Discuss assigned question and agree ONE action/lesson you want to share
 2. Agree spokesperson to present
 3. 15 min - Spokesperson for EACH breakout room shares lesson/action
5. **(10 min) Wrap up and Announcements**
 - a. Coming events
 - b. How do you feel about our meeting today—what we accomplished and how we worked together? (~15 seconds each – passing is NOT ok) – what two words sums it up for you?

Better Angels of Central Texas - Roster

Workshop Co-organizers

Red (10): Steve Saltwick, Mark Houston, Dan O'Brien, Gail Johnson (SA), Chris Keeter, Ann Murrow(LV), Mike Edmonds, Myrna King, Michelle Hunter, Jennifer Richmond

Blue (9): Mike Seay, Chuck Linton, Meredith Lecocke(SA), Don Bender, Kim Gentry(LV), Lori Sommers, Matt Wood, Pat Nester, Kat Schaeffer, Linda Cain

Purple (1): Sarah Ferguson

Moderators

Certified (9): Nancy Dixon, Myrna King, Norman Kaderlan, Connie Shortes, Don Bender, Steve Saltwick, John Theiss, Karl Schmalz, Danna Cole
Pending/In process: Bruce Kravitz

Debate Co-chairs

Red: Karl Schmalz
Blue: Matt Wood

Coffee and Conversation Co-chairs

Bonnie Martin, Amber Compton

BA/CSA Town Hall Project

Red – Tom Mast
Blue – open - seeking

Outreach Speakers

Red: Steve Saltwick, Amber Compton, Myrna King, Karl Schmalz
Blue: Mike Seay, Matt Wood, Norman Kaderlan, Nancy Dixon

Subscribers	769
Members (National Dues Paid)	185
Alliance (Dues+Project Lead)	29
Attended Workshop	258



We are working with Common Sense America
on a Pilot TOWN HALL
To be attended by a
Members of Congress

Need a BLUE CO-CHAIR
Contact
[Tom Mast](#)

Internal notes for Mike, Karl, Steve and Norman

Slides

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/cdt6ge8kti9j0fm/4Apr20%20Alliance%20Meeting%20V1.5.pptx?dl=0>

BEFORE FORMAL START

- **Mike as host. Steve, Karl, Norman as co-hosts**
- **(anyone who will share their screen clears mail etc from desktop – STEVE)**
- **(Steve remembers to keep language clean...)**
- **Mike ensures host and co-hosts can share screen (not anyone else)**
- **Check audio and video levels**
- **Steve has BA trailer up in separate video window**
- **All hosts and co-hosts have TIMERS visible**

Slides

1 Mike and Steve

2-3 Steve

4-6 Karl

7-13 Steve – foreshadow that Mike may put Q1 or Q2 before your name....

14 NORMAN – during the group share – Mike begins allocating attendees to Q1 and Q2 (prefix to names)

15 Steve

16-21 Steve

22 NORMAN

23 Mike

24-25 Steve

26 Mike and Steve