



Suggested New Meeting Procedure

To AMEND: Meeting Applications

<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED:</u>
<p>We have yet to establish any requirements to start a meeting on the OA Foot Steps zoom platform. To date, anyone who wants to start a meeting, brings their idea to meetings@oafootsteps.com, and if appropriate, they work with the meetings committee to get their meeting up and running.</p> <p>The Leadership training program and the Meetings coordinator[s] have often paired up new leaders with existing, experienced, leaders, as “Leader Buddies”, which has proven to be a helpful tool to start up a new meeting, when it is available, but it is not always possible to coordinate this for a new leader.</p>	<p>any NEW meeting application should be submitted by at least two people, who are willing to shoulder the responsibility together.</p> <p>They may share the role among themselves in whatever way they wish, but with the understanding that if one of them drops out that they should be looking for a second person to fill that position to continue.</p>

SUBMITTED BY: Alix – Webteam Chair & Jodi – Meetings Coordinator

INTENT: To help establish a better foundation for meetings being held on the OA Foot Steps Zoom platform, as an added measure of support.

IMPLEMENTATION: the Announcement page might be updated to reflect this, the Meetings Coordinator would deal directly with new leaders and encourage them to buddy up with someone to get their meeting started up.

COST: Nil

PRIMARY PURPOSE: Recent events have left many of our meetings leaderless, and this is an attempt to ensure that there is more stability in place from the start, to enable the meeting to thrive.

RATIONALE: On page 6, in the OA Handbook, in the section called How do new groups get started?, it says: "*New meetings are started by two or more individuals seeking recovery who know the vital importance to their own recovery of carrying the message to others.*" - As far as I know, this is the ONLY criteria suggested by OA for starting a new meeting.