

Membership Committee Report
November 6, 2025
Minutes

Meeting called to Order: 10:00 AM. (Informal)
Meeting Place: Starbucks, 1252 S. Country Club Dr., Mesa
Members Present: Dan Scarpone, Penny Searing, Shirley Epp
Members Absent: Kathee Rutherford, Diana Pearce

No Previous Minutes to approve

Spring Open House:

January, 16, 2026 1-3 pm
Red Mountain Mesa Community College
Mesquite Room 100

New Member Coffee: (Will determine later)

Discussion: Open House

Suggestions and Comments:

*Diana Pearce (via Dan): Need to be sure there is enough printed material for all new members. We ran out due to the great turnout of new and returning members.

*Dan: The presenter tables need to be closer to the front. They were too far in the back. Other than that the layout seemed okay.

Recommend that more facilitators/presenters try to be there. Penny and Shirley will coordinate with Suzanne Brown on this.

He liked the idea of using the “foot steps” to help new members know where to go next. Use this if possible. He also liked the use of as much signage as possible.

*Penny: Need to be sure the refreshments last until 3:00. For drinks we recommend coffee, tea, lemonade, and water for refreshments fruit and cookies. No changes. She also discussed staying within budget.

Things to address before the Spring Open House:

Discussed the two issues that happened during the fall open house – beyond our control:

1. The administrators of Pro-class decided to do a maintenance on their system at that time. (They had been informed but!!!.)

2. MCC cashiers were pulled for a meeting. We will talk with Debbie Smith to see what we can do to coordinate with MCC so that there will be cashiers available on January 16, 2026. (This may fall under another committee's jurisdiction).

Dan: Said some members had trouble paying their dues at other times. We will check on this.

As a group we would like to have other committees help greet, meet and talk about New Frontiers people that attend the Open House. Similar to the fall Open House. The positive feed back from the Fall Open House was great. Penny and Shirley will talk with other committee chairs/co-chairs to see if this could be the way we do future open houses.

Dan: Wondered if the committees could interface with each other more. We have questions regarding the possibility that this was a function of Members-at-Large. We should invite them to our committee meetings. Penny and Shirley will follow up on this.

New Member Coffee:

Shirley thought the New Member Coffee was one of the best one we have held. It was well attended with some new members, returning members and current members. We had plenty of refreshments. Thanks to Allan Zisner for his great presentation on the benefits of being a member and how to use Pro-class system plus other general information. Definitely, want to continue this in the future. Shouldn't need to change anything.

Penny and Shirley will meet with Debbie Smith to coordinate plans for the Spring Open House and the New Member Coffee and report back to the committee.

General Discussion:

Diana Pearce our Sunshine Lady: (Per Dan:) At this time Diana has all the necessary supplies. She needs to be notified when a card needs be sent to a member. Penny and Shirley will place an article in the Newsletter.

Invite someone from the Member-at-Large and maybe the Communications committee to coordinating things with our committee.

Invite Debbie Smith to all of our meetings.

Place an article in the newsletter to get more Membership members.

We discussed the possibility of getting new membership directories. We will discuss this with Debbie.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:45ish

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 10 am
McDonalds
1250 South Country Club Drive
Mesa (I60 and Country Club)