## Let's Talk About You

## **MBX** Education

Member-to-member meetings are essential to the effective operation of our networking chapter. In fact, referrals rise in a direct relationship with the depth of our relationships. This education minute will help you see where the holes are in your member-to-member meetings so that you can proactively design meetings that are more than just shooting-the-breeze kinds of events.

First, with WHOM do you need to schedule your next meeting/s? Using the chart below, check the names of the MBXers you have not invited to coffee yet. Remember that everyone is responsible for scheduling these meetings.

Mike Biddison	Marvin Hanneman	Mauricio Rehbein
Peggy Biddison	Dan Hoag	Adam Saxon
Tig Bigler	Jonathan Koehn	John Schwalbach
	Bruce Logue	Jaimal Sangha
Dan Caris	Kelly Lowe	Sam Sangha
Kayla Corona	Caitlin McBride	Staci Santa
Scott Crawford	Armando Martinez	Tom Siverly
Debbie Engel	David Melin	Ashley Smith-Jenkins
Lori Ferriera	Gene Millen	Dean Sparks
Steve Gale	Anthony Morrison	Mike Steen
Dauna Goza	Denise Palsgaard	Nick Valdez
Gloria Gibson	Gary Phelps	Eileen Vidales
Armeda Guerrero	Tom Price	Larmont Williams

Second, WHAT should you talk about? Remember that MBX is a business networking organization. Member meetings are first and foremost an opportunity to talk about each other's business in a way that informs and empowers your fellow MBXers to represent you. Here are some important M&M guidelines.

- 1. Check your watch. Don't spend a whole hour talking about yourself. If you do, you have blown a golden opportunity to get to know a fellow MBXer. Additionally, you will send the rather loud message that you don't care about the other, lowering the possibility that you will get future referrals.
- 2. Use the meeting to find out more about the other MBXer. Before going to the M&M make a short list of questions you'd like to ask that would make you a better referral partner. Be intentional. Use your time well.
- 3. Don't use the M&M as a sales pitch opportunity. If you go to the M&M remembering that the meeting is not about YOU, it will be a productive and positive meeting. (Imagine what happens when two people get together, both thinking that the meeting is about the other.)