



The Rules... So Far.

Welcome, and thank you for visiting this local chapter of the Freedom Networking Of Maine. Our members are here to help you get networking as quickly and efficiently as possible. These are the rules (So Far) that our chapters observe. All rules have been voted by members, and to date have shown the best results. Rules can be voted on by all members of FNOM by means of an online confidential vote.

Rules

1. **One Profession Per Seat (Per Chapter)**
 - FNOM recognizes the value of getting to know one person in a trade or profession in detail versus many possibly offering similar products and services.
2. **\$30 per Quarter To Reserve Seat**
 - \$10 per month is hard to chase after. And paying per quarter shows the group your commitment. With web support, advertising, afterhours events, private group functions, and marketing materials, this is the most affordable fee available to support the FNOM formula. **Application is required for all seats, all seats filled by member vote, whether multiple candidates apply for a seat, or only one applies for a seat.**
3. **Freedomnetworkingofmaine.com advertising space limited to:**
 - Contact info, bio, and optional pictures, YouTube video, and web links.
4. **Afterhours and website open to the public**
 - Weekly meetings are for learning about each other. Web services and Afterhours help draw new members and make new connections. Anyone from any trade is invited.
5. **You Can Be A Part Of Another Networking Group If:**
 - The other networking group allows you to be a part of a single profession per seat group. Based on figures and traded business, highest referrals, contacts, and overall group satisfaction comes from having members that can balance large contact lists and detailed schedules. *If you already personally know a profession (sister, neighbor, other group member, etc), who can force you to use a FNOM group member?*
6. **You Cannot Market Memberships Or Sales Opportunities, Only Products And Services**
 - If you sell memberships or are a part of multi-level (or single level group compensation) groups, the primary selling technique must be selling inventoried items or services (such as marketing) that can be target to other businesses and employees as a direct benefit to employees. This allows businesses such as Mary Kay, Prepaid Legal and Send Out Cards, but not businesses such as Melaluca, Amway, etc. Exceptions may apply, please ask membership committee for details if questions arise.
7. **Similar Trades (Healing services, Insurances, etc) that may conflict are subject to review and vote (Via Online Confidential Vote)**
 - Although many businesses offer different products, some may have the same goal (Healing Pain, Losing Weight And Nutrition, Protecting Investments through Insurance). If goals are the same, even though products are different, new members must be voted in and agreements made on how each member can offer their product or service.
8. **One On Ones: Encouraged, but not Enforced**
 - Each member is responsible for creating any connections outside of the meeting. So far, Freedom Networking Of Maine members who schedule meetings with members and visitors report higher leads, referrals and closed business than those who do not. We only track numbers such as referrals given and closed business, but there is no requirement for how many meetings you can set up outside of meetings. Also, Freedom Networking Of Maine has no rule for what can or cannot be offered in One on Ones. Many members have friends, spouses or even side ventures that may conflict, but no networking group (including us) can control how business people promote themselves as go-to types outside our meetings.

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