

# Why we use Email







## **EMAIL ETIQUETTE**

COMMUNICATING
MANAGING EMAIL





#### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Communicating is:

- 55% Body Language
- 38% Tone of Voice
- 7% Content

When communicating by email you eliminate 93% of the communications process







# HIERARCHY OF COMMUNICATIONS

Meetings

Face-To-Face

Phone Call

Voicemail

**Email** 





#### **INCOMING EMAILS**

- Keep a clean In-Box
  - One Touch Rule: Take action then File or Delete
  - Have subject folders to file email
- Review email daily
- Prioritize and discard (Put in folders or Delete)
- Save with Dates







#### **ACTION TO EMAIL**

- Be prompt
- Same day response:
  - Inform sender of status
  - Consider alternatives- Phone calls, meetings, best method to convey: Thanks, Criticism, Praise, Complaint
  - Meet deadlines
  - Be consistent
  - Do exactly what you say you would do and when you said you would do it (Builds consistency)



#### **ACTION TO EMAIL**

#### **DELETE:**

- When Complete
- If a repeat
- -FYI
- Old
- Saved attachments







### **OUTGOING EMAILS**

- Descriptive Subject- Never leave blank
- Copy ONLY those that need to be copied\*
- Assume little
- Be to the point and brief- Keep it short, simple and clear
- Only one subject per email
- If you ask multiple questions you will NOT get answers to all (Guaranteed)
- Always use: "Please", "Thanks", "Regards-V/R"
- Use SPELLING check, proof read
- Use- COPY, PASTE







- Don't change any wording on forwarded or VIA mail
- Identify yourself completely every time
- TO: is an action item for that person
- CC: is an information item to those persons.
- BCC: Do Not Use.
- Don't mix Auxiliary Business with personal communications
  - \* AVOID USING: Reply All





# **Document composition**

- Use developed "Bang" lists
- Don't use color- Use:
  - Bullets, Symbols, CAPS, Bold, Asterisks, Italics
- Don't use all CAPS (CAPS mean that you are yelling)
- DO NOT Blind Copy bcc
- Keep it clean (language)
- Void assigning Priority
  - High, urgent, Confidential





### **BE CAREFUL**

- If you don't want it in print, don't send it!
- Don't send in anger
- Keep it clean Avoid humor & sarcasm.
- DO NOT send personal member data,
   CG/AUX Operations info
- DO NOT send jokes, political, creed, or race, emails







#### **REMEMBER:**

- When in Doubt, Don't Send it Out!
- Read it completely several times before sending
- 'Sleep" on it if necessary before sending
- Once the Send/Enter key is hit it never can be taken back. A confidential email does NOT exist.





#### **VIRUS**

#### VIRUS THREATS

- Junk mail could contain a Virus
- Don't send messages about Virus Threats as they may be a hoax or a threat themselves
- If possible check your outgoing for Virus







#### **SUMMARY**

#### **Use Email to:**

- Convey information
- Arrange events
- Recap or document spoken conversations
- Create a paper trail
- Send attachments
  - Send messages to groups



# "Man does not live by words alone, because sometimes he may have to eat them"

**Adlai Stevenson** 



