## **ASCA Traditions**

All ASCA meetings are guided self-help groups. An ASCA co-facilitator is both 1) an active participant and 2) serving in a time-limited role of *reminding* participants of the guidelines, ground rules, and format. Remember: "We all bear responsibility for keeping the meeting helpful and safe."

In that spirit, all meeting participants commit to...

- 1. following the ASCA meeting format and guidelines;
- 2. maintaining confidentiality;
- 3. respecting and empathizing with each other;
- 4. maintaining and honoring each other's personal boundaries;
- adopting a non-directive approach with each other in matters of recovery—avoid giving direct advice or imposing their own beliefs, instead encouraging self-reflection and empowerment;
- resolving conflicts with each other and with the group—not letting conflicts escalate;
- 7. creating a sense of belonging and unity among members out of a shared commitment to mutual support;
- 8. reminding ourselves of the ASCA meeting guidelines that keep all of us safe.

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