Discussion Guide for Newcomer Networking

NANOG Conferences have many parts to them, this document reviews the different parts

- **General Session**
  - Typically a presenter before the attendees together in plenary
  - Sometimes panels or other types of formats
  - 30 minute slots are most typical for individual presenters and 45-60 minutes or more for panels

- **Tutorials**
  - Longer, more in-depth presentations intended to teach or convey more information than in a 30-60 minute slot
  - Sometimes involve hands-on components of participation using software or virtualization for lab or exercise material

- **Tracks**
  - Typically run in parallel with each other with a focus on a particular topic area of interest
  - Typical examples (though not at every meeting) are Internet and Infrastructure Security, Research, Network Automation and Tools, DNS, Data Center, Peering

- **Networking Sessions**
  - **Newcomers Networking**
  - **Peering Coordination Forum**
    - 90-minute session - provides time for attendees to meet and network with others in the peering community present at NANOG.
  - **Women In Technology**
    - Discussion focused on industry issues and challenges
  - **Beer n Gear**
    - Mini “Trade Show” format, currently known as Virtual Expo
  - **Birds of a Feather**
    - session providing time for attendees to gather with peers and discuss a central topic

- **Membership**
  - Meeting Registration Discount, Ability to participate in Organizational Leadership

- **Commitment to Education**
  - Scholarship Program
  - College Immersion Program