

United States Department of Agriculture, University of Arkansas, and County Governments Cooperating

Meeting Checklist

1.	Publicity/Promotion/Notifying	Who Is Responsible	By When
	notices - to whom		
	letters of invitation		
	directions to meeting place		
	phone calls/emails		
	news releases		
	contact with the media		
	copies of speeches		
	copies of meeting plan		
	pictures/photographs		
	bulletin boards		
	personal contacts		
2.	Agenda and Resource Materials	Who Is Responsible	By When
	copies of agenda		
	contact people on the agenda		
	materials needed (e.g., reprints)		
	previous minutes		
	committee reports	,	
	previous agreements and time commitments		

3.	Responsibilities Before the Mee	eting	Who Is Responsible	By When
	leadership assignments			
	documentation or recording	assignments		
	resource persons			
	observers			
	"hosting" roles			
	making reports			
	trying out all equipment			
	test whether charts, posters	are readable		
	test electrical outlets			
	preview films for timing and	content		

4.	Mee	eting Space Check	Who Is Responsible	By When
		size and shape of space		
		electrical outlets		
		mike outlets		
		acoustics		
		doors		
		bathrooms (where, number can accommodate)		_
		stairs		
		elevators		
		heat/cold regulation		
		ventilation		
		parking facilities (cost, number, access)		<u> </u>
		registration area		
		location		
		transportation, access to facility		
		room setup arrangements		
		access to meeting room(s)		_
		lighting		_
		name of custodian/engineering, where to be reached		_
		telephone access for messages and calling out		_
		exhibit space		
		wall space for newsprints, etc.		
		emotional impact (color, aesthetics)		
		room-darkening possibilities		
		areas for disabled		

5.	Equipment for Meeting	Who Is Responsible	By When
	tables (number, size, shape)		
	chairs (comfort, number)		
	microphones		
	audiotape recorder		
	audiotape cassettes		
	extension cords		
	newsprint easel (chart stand)		
	projector		
	chalkboard, chalk		
	chalkboard eraser		
	typewriters		_
	waste baskets		
	bulletin boards		_
	computers		_
	projection table(s)		
	flannel board		_
	easel		_
	projector		_
	screen		_
	platform		_
	CD/DVD player		_
	CD/DVD discs		_
	gavel		_
	coffee, tea dispensers		_
	water pitchers		
	cups		
	camera		
	transparencies and appropriate pens and grease pencils		

6.	Materials and Supplies for the Meeting	Who Is Responsible	By When
	name tags/name tents		
	small tip felt pens		
	large tip felt pens		
	masking tape		
	paper clips		
	crayons		
	pins		
	scissors		
	stapler		
	glue		
	newsprint paper		
	scratch paper		
	pencils		
	copies of previous minutes		
	copies of reports		
	books		
	visual aids		
	colored paper		
	pamphlets		
	display materials		
	flowers or flower arrangements		
	decorations		
	posters		
	instruction sheets		
	résumés of resource people		
	directional signs (to meeting)		
	chalk (various colors)		
	file folders		

7. Budget*

Expenses	Estimated Cost
mailing and stamps	
telephone calls	
telephone conferences	
rental of equipment	
rental of space	
paper materials	
name tags	
newsprint	
paper	
construction paper	
writing materials	
pens	
markers	
grease pencils	
secretarial/computer time	
transportation	
meals	
bar	
coffee, tea, juice	
reproduction of materials	
folders	
tapes	
operator of multimedia equipment	
operator of sound equipment	

^{*}Some of these will not be budget expense items for some planners.

7. Budget

Expenses (cont.)	Estimated Cost
speaker fees	
consultant fees	
entertainment	
flowers	
	
Income	Estimated
registration fees	
sale of materials	
grants	
sale of meal tickets	
donations	
membership fees	
coffee and tea charges	
in-kind bartering	

8.	Just	Before the Meetng	Who Is Responsible
		seating arrangements – general session and subgroupings	
		extra chairs	
		extra tables	
		sound system check	
		equipment (easels, screens, etc.)	
		materials (paper, pens, etc.)	
		water, glasses	
		thermostat	
		opening and closing of windows	
		refreshment setup	
		registration setup	
		check that charts, boards, screens can be seen from everywhere	
		agendas available	
		other materials available for handouts	
		name tags/tents	
		table numbers	
		coffee, tea, etc.	
		evaluation forms ready	
		reproduction equipment	
		audiovisual equipment ready	

9.	At t	he Meetng		Who Is	Responsible
		meeting, greeting, seating of participants and	guests		
		documentation - recording			
		greeting of latecomers			
		evaluation activities			
		handing out materials			
		operation of equipment			
		process review, stop sessions, etc.			
		announcements			
١٥.	End	of Meeting – And After	Who Is Responsible	•	By When
		collect unused materials			
		return equipment			
		clean up			
		thank helpers			
		read and analyze evaluation/feedback			
		prepare feedback on feedback			
		mail follow-up materials			
		remind people of their follow-up commitments			
		phone email			
		write			
		lay plans for next meeting dates, if planned			
		pay bills			
		collect outstanding monies			
		follow-up phone calls			
		reports			
		thank-you notes			

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