



## **Business Networking Group (BNG) Rules**

- 1) Every BNG member must also be a general or associate member in good standing within the SDEBA. A member in good standing is defined as: a) membership dues paid, b) business networking group dues paid, and c) maintain accurate and current contact information with the organization.
- 2) Arrive to meetings on time. Arriving more than (15) minutes late is considered an absence.
- 3) A SDEBA member may participate in only one BNG and may represent only one specific business category.
- 4) A BNG Facilitator may lead a BNG so long as the facilitator has the support of the majority of the group. It is recommended that each BNG has a vote of confidence at the end of each quarter. If multiple group members are interested in assuming the role of Facilitator, then the group shall conduct a vote by secret ballot. The member who receives the highest number of votes will assume the role of Facilitator. In the event of a tie, a group member shall contact the BNG Board Chair for further advisement.
- 5) Each BNG member is required to pass a total of (5) tips per quarter, bring (5) guests per quarter, or a combination of the two.
- 6) A BNG member cannot be absent for more than (3) meetings per quarter.
- 7) A leave of absence (LOA) may be granted to a member of a BNG once within each calendar year. This will hold their seat for one quarter. If the member does not return as an active member of their BNG the quarter immediately following their LOA, the group may decide to replace that member with an alternative industry professional.
- 8) All printed materials and/or social media content must have prior approval by the SDEBA CEO and/or Board of Directors. The SDEBA must be acknowledged in the promotion of all BNG events outside of regular meetings.
- 9) BNG members must exhibit professional language/demeanor during BNG meetings and when conducting business.
- 10) All other unique situations will be brought to the SDEBA Board of Directors for discussion and resolution.