

## **The Ah-Counter and Grammarian**

The role of Ah-Counter and Grammarian will be undertaken by one person or shared between two. The Ah-Counter and Grammarian - or alias Wordsmith - has three duties which are as follows.

To report on the use of language throughout the meeting and especially comment on the most interesting, unusual or effective uses of language

To set a 'word of the day' and report on its use. Ideally, the word should not be in everyday use but not so obscure or unpronounceable that it is difficult to use

To report on hesitations (UM's and AH's).

### **At the meeting**

When you are introduced, explain the role of Ah-Counter and Grammarian and announce the 'word of the day' giving its meaning and some examples of its use. To assist the audience, display the 'word of the day' prominently wherever it will assist the audience and speakers to remember it.

Listen carefully to all of the speakers and report back with your findings and comments, when called upon towards the end of the meeting.

Here are some useful points.

DO record several examples of effective language and use of 'the word of the day' during the meeting, but only choose and comment enthusiastically on a about 6 – 8 that you would like the audience to remember.

DO NOT exceed the time limit. An adjective or adverb often works as the word of the day (e.g. "active" "actively") as these are easier to use than verbs or nouns ("act"/ "action")

This is an important role, providing an excellent opportunity to develop good listening skills and the ability to transmit information and praise.

### **And finally....**

Straight after the meeting, please find out who the grammarian will be at the following meeting and talk to them about performing the role.