

# Southern Rules of Engagement

1) **Come to the Table**

*The world is run by people who show up*

2) **Leave Organizational 2x4 at the door**

*Polarized opinion generates more heat than light*

3) **Pick Solutions, Not Fights**

*Search for most expansive Common Ground that is least intrusive*

4) **Attack Ideas, Not Individuals**

*Differences of opinion can lead to enlightened decision-making*

5) **Have Fun**

“We shall never achieve harmony with land, any more than we shall achieve justice or liberty for people. In these higher aspirations the important thing is not to achieve, but to strive.”

~ Aldo Leopold  
*The Round River*