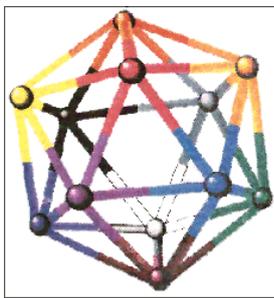


## E-Syn 2030 Glossary

E-syn 2030 involves a re-tooling of syntegeation. The icosahedron is the architecture on which *Beyond Dispute* protocol is based. Stafford was inspired by Buckminster Fuller's maxim: '*All systems are polyhedral*' This Glossary gives a thumbnail sketch of terms you will hear in this event.

An **icosahedron** has 12 nodes (which become topics) 30 edges (struts) and 20 faces.

When each topic meets, members are also in the 5 other topics in the 'hubcap' And there are 5 commentators from the opposite hubcap. Thus in each topic team, members of 10 other nodes are present. The polar opposite node meets at the same time; the only topic not in the room.



**OPENING QUESTION ( OQ)** is chosen by the host(s) of the syntegeation.

It denotes a complex situation that needs resolving, requiring a challenging system shift from current operations to an emerging future challenge.

During the event, the OQ is a Focus point to select the 12 topic choices (nodes) & is a common reference point for all the Outcome Resolve conversations. It is the orientation point for choosing the 12 topics.(nodes), and assessing relevance of conversation, and outcome production. The OQ should not imply what the right way to answer it is.

**Infoaset.** a gathering of 2-3 dozen participants who have experience, influence, motivation to contribute to answering the OQ. The optimum number is 24-36 participants. The best infosets are 'high variety' -a mix of qualities that are 'requisite' to the complexity behind the O.Q.(e.g. professional, inter-generational,

**Problem Jostle** is the Opening Phase of syntegeation. It is a process of reducing the variety of individual Statements of Importance (e.g. 120 suggestions) reduced via **clustering** of ideas that belong together to the Infoaset's agreeing on the 12 starting points to answer the OQ.

Also known as: . Importance Filter.

**Statement of Importance** is an assertion that deserves consideration in answering the OQ. It should not be a Motherhood Statement: It needs to have a contradictory argument implied in its formulation.

e.g. Everyone deserves a viable future. vs. 'Allocate Transformation Resources fairly.'

**12 Statements of Importance:** These are the dozen starting points that, together the community chooses as the most potent configuration for resolving the OQ

**Requisite Variety** : '*Only variety can absorb variety*' (Ashby's Law.) To regulate, manage, the complexity of a situation, the management model must be able to match the complexity,

(number of states) in that system. The interaction potential of 12 topics generates an unpredictable 'route' to an answer that 'matches' the challenge of the OQ.

**Lottery:** When the 12 topics are selected by attendees. See separate document.

**Champion:** In nominating a 'Statement of Importance' to be selected as one of the 12 topics, the proposer of that topic is called 'champion'. Once the topics have been chosen, the champion has done his/her job. The topic is no longer 'their' topic.

**Reverberation:** The views held by members gradually change as ideas 'bounce' around the synte-gration. E.g. An idea is taken from one topic team, comes into contact with other ideas, and vibrates unpredictably through the mindsets of participants.

Asynchronous Preference Algorithm : [Jon Angela](#).

MIRO: A whiteboard platform to replicate face to face experience of using flip charts and post it notes. <https://www.miro.com>

**Strut:** Each person takes a position that connects two-topics. They also act as critics in two other topic. Each strut is unique.

**Outcome resolve:** The goal of the Outcome Resolve is, in 3 iterations, to create Final Statements of Importance, These statements are then presented in community plenary. At the end of each iteration topic team members create a summary of ideas, insights, challenges, etc. in their meeting. These are posted publically for all to see.

**Critic:** In each topic meeting, there are 5 critics who listen, and give feedback to the members of the team. Each critic comes from a different group.