

LAA *Love Addicts Anonymous*

Meeting Type: Ordinary International Business Meeting (IBM)

Location: [Zoom Link](#)

Date: February 3, 2024

Start time: 8:00 a.m. PST (60 mins.)

Attendees: Katya, Vincent, Kendra, Andrew, Brenda, Dave, Gwendolyn, Karen, Linda, Pooja, Shaina, Tisha, Vijay, & Pamela

IBM Service Positions:

Chair: Katya

Secretary: Pamela M.

Timekeeper: None

- I. Opening Verse – Serenity Prayer (variation)**
- II. Approval of December IBM Minutes**
 - i. Pamela screen-shared the meeting minutes from January 6th for final review and approval. A draft of the minutes was posted on the WAGs on January 20, 2024. Katya motioned to approve the minutes and Linda seconded. The January IBM minutes were unanimously approved and adopted with no objections.
- III. Committee Reports**
 - i. **IBM Chair (Katya)** – The IBM chair position is currently available, as Katya has served in this role for approximately 2 years. Katya stated she endorses rotation in service positions and welcomes members to volunteer or nominate a member to the chair position. Pamela asked if there was any reason why Katya could not step out of the role and leave the position vacant. In Pamela’s view, if the IBM chair role is filled, it is unlikely that anyone will volunteer or nominate. Pamela opined that when a service member stays in a position too long, it becomes easy to mistake codependency for altruism. Katya indicated she would add Pamela’s question as an agenda item for group discussion. On another note, Katya has been responding to email inquiries to LAA for some time now. Dave from Canada has volunteered to take on this responsibility. Katya encouraged hosts to announce open service positions at our meetings.

- ii. **Website Committee** (Tisha, not present) – Katya reported that Dominic agreed to serve as webmaster, but he abruptly left LAA. Mary, the former webmaster, agreed to resume her role, at least in the interim. Another member expressed interest in the webmaster position, but Tisha is awaiting confirmation.
- iii. **Treasury Committee** (Vincent) – Vincent reported that the Seventh Tradition link remains suspended. The current account balance is ~\$ 2,100. The Zoom license expires in February. At that time, Vincent will pay the Zoom license expense monthly until a new treasurer is installed. Kendra has expressed interest in serving as the new treasurer. She posted a document in the chat entitled “The AA 7th Tradition in the Digital World.” This document provides step-by-step guidance for receiving contributions and setting up finances for 12-step programs. Kendra has researched setting up a 7th Tradition bank account but will not move forward until she is officially voted in as the new LAA treasurer. Kendra read the requirements for the treasurer position and affirmed that she indeed meets them. Katya thanked Kendra for volunteering and nominated her to serve as the new treasurer. Vincent seconded Katya’s motion. Thus, Kendra was voted in as the new LAA treasurer with no objections.
- iv. **LAA Literature Committee** (Tisha, not present) – Pamela spoke with Tisha recently and reported that Tisha plans to resurrect the LAA literature committee soon. Pamela agreed to serve on the LAA literature committee. New program literature will be added to the agenda for group discussion.
- v. **ODAAAT Ad Hoc Literature Committee** (Pamela) – Pamela clarified that the ODAAT ad hoc literature committee was tasked with reviewing and editing the meeting script and developing a host training manual.
- vi. **Identity Committee** – Kendra agreed to chair the identity committee.
- vii. **International Fellowship Reports** [ODAAAT, South Africa, Russia, Christian, Sunday Step Study, Women-Only, In-Person meetings] – Linda reported that the only meetings she is currently involved in currently are the LAA for Christians meetings. Both meetings are ongoing and doing well. Linda is unaware of who hosts the step study meeting, as she no longer attends. Pooja reported on the South Africa meeting she hosts weekly. Seven to ten members regularly attend the South Africa meeting, and it is going well. The other South Africa meeting dissolved. Members have discussed starting a couple of in-person LAA meetings in India, but no concrete plans have been established. Discussions culminated in a consensus on the scope of love addiction in India.
- viii. **ODAAAT Business** – Andrew has been traveling lately but looks forward to getting back up to speed on ODAAT business and the ad hoc literature committee.
- ix. **Safety Committee** (Pooja) – The safety committee recently incorporated a host bill of rights and an appeal process to the safety guidelines.

IV. Discussions & Motions

- i. **LAA Treasury** – Gwendolyn suggested it is in LAA’s best interest, financially, to maintain an annual Zoom license, versus paying monthly. Kendra agreed and plans to budget accordingly. She also intends to open a bank account and is exploring the option of creating a virtual mailbox at a cost of \$10 per month. Gwendolyn maintained that LAA needs to resolve its identity issue to facilitate the conduct of business. Andrew suggested that LAA apply for status as a limited liability corporation (LLC). In Wyoming and Nevada, as well as in other states, there is no taxation. Based on Andrew’s experience, applying for an LLC is as simple as visiting a secretary of state website. It is a short and simple process. Wyoming shields the registered agent’s personal contact information so that it does not show up in public records. Setting up a 501(c)(3) has too many requirements. Vincent stated an EIN is required to open a bank account in the U.S., which involves submitting an IRS form. Kendra will continue researching this issue. Shaina’s experience of starting an LLC in California is that a managing member’s contact information is required on the forms, in addition to the registered agent’s info. Andrew moved that Kendra, as treasurer, be empowered to set up an LLC for LAA. In so doing, Kendra will conduct the necessary research and solicit support/guidance from LAA members and others with expertise in legal and accounting matters. Pamela seconded Andrew’s motion. The motion was adopted with no objections.
- ii. **LAA Identity Committee** – Kendra agreed to chair the identity committee, and Pooja volunteered to serve on the committee.
- iii. **LAA Safety Committee** – Pooja screen-shared and provided an overview of the safety committee guidelines draft. Among other items, a meeting host bill of rights and an appeal process for banned members were added to the draft. Pooja will post a final draft to the WAGs for the wider fellowship to review and offer feedback as soon as possible.

- V. **Closing Prayer** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 A.M. PST with the LAA Closing Prayer:

LAA Closing Prayer

*We pray for inner strength and wisdom
to do together
what we cannot do alone.*

Thank you for the courage to change.

*Show us how to open our eyes
to your unconditional love for us,
and teach us how to love ourselves and others
in a healthy way.*

*May we find hope for a brighter tomorrow
and pass that on to others in need.*

Thank you for a better way to live.