

LAA *Love Addicts Anonymous*

Meeting Type: Ordinary International Business Meeting (IBM)

Location: [Zoom Link](#)

Date: May 4, 2024

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

Attendees: Lindsey, Andrew, Bridgett, Karen L., Linda S., Merci, Nicole, Orlanda, Pooja, Sebastian A., & Pamela

IBM Service Positions:

Interim Chair: Lindsey

Secretary: Pamela

Timekeeper: None

- I. Opening Verse – Serenity Prayer**
- II. Approval of IBM Minutes –**
 - i. Pamela screen-shared the meeting minutes from April 6th for final review and approval. On or about April 18th, a draft of the minutes was posted on the WAGs for fellowship-wide review. Lindsey motioned to approve the minutes and Pamela seconded. The April IBM meeting minutes were unanimously approved with no objections.
- III. Committee Reports**
 - i. **IBM Chair** (Lindsey) – Lindsey will serve as the interim IBM chair until Tisha assumes the role in June.
 - ii. **Website** (Tisha) – No report.
 - iii. **Treasurer** (Kendra) – Seventh Tradition donations received during April totaled \$86.11. Expenses for April totaled \$28.49, which included Zoom and Stripe processing fees. Because the monthly balance exceeds \$2,000, no banking fees were incurred during April. Beginning and ending account balances for April are shown below:

Month	Transaction	Sum of Amount
April 2024		
	Opening Balance	\$2,389.65
	Stripe Donations	\$86.11
	Stripe Processing Fees	-\$4.76
	Zoom Subscription	-\$23.73
April 2024 Total		
BANK BALANCE		\$2,423.30
Pending Stripe Payout to Bank		\$23.97
LAA 7th Tradition balance as of April 30th, 2024. All funds are listed in USD.		

- iv. **LAA Literature Committee** (Tisha) – In Tisha’s absence, Linda reported that the literature committee is actively seeking members’ personal recovery stories. If you would like to share your story to be posted in a future basic text, please submit it to the LAA literature committee. Stories should not exceed 2,000 words. E-flyers have been posted on the WAGs.
- v. **Identity** (Kendra) – No report.
- vi. **International Fellowships** [ODAAT, South Africa, Russia, LAA for Christian meetings, Sunday Step Study] – Per Linda, both LAA for Christians meetings are ongoing and well attended. Member service has increased at these meetings. Linda also reported that the Sunday Step meeting is ongoing and appears to be doing well. Pooja hosts a South Africa meeting on Tuesdays, which is well attended. She is seeking a cohost for this meeting. At present, the South Africa fellowship still needs a WAG administrator. Activity on the South Africa WAG has been minimal.
- vii. **ODAAT ad hoc Literature Committee** (Pamela) – A table of contents (TOC) was drafted for the ODAAT host training manual. A final draft of the TOC will be shared with the wider fellowship via the WAGs. Hosts with at least six months of experience will be invited to take part in writing sections of the host training manual.
- viii. **ODAAT Business** (Andrew) – A couple of agenda items were discussed at last month’s business meeting including (1) whether all 12 traditions should be read at ODAAT meetings and (2) the repositioning of the anonymity/confidentiality clause from the end of the meeting script to the beginning of the sharing guidelines portion of the script.
- ix. **Safety Committee** (Pooja) – No safety violations to report.

IV. Discussions & Motions

- i. **LAA Literature Edit: Promise 9** – LAA Promise 9 states: “*I can leave anyone who is abusing me, either verbally or physically.*” Given the various forms of abuse they can occur in intimate partnerships, Pooja raised the issue of rewording Promise 9 to include any and all forms of intimate partner abuse. After much discussion, Pamela moved to edit Promise 9 as follows: “*I can leave anyone who is abusing me in any form.*” Lindsey seconded. Andrew amended Pamela’s motion as follows: “*I can leave anyone who is abusing me in any way.*” Pooja seconded. With no objections, the motion passed. Thus, Promise 9 was edited as follows: “*I can leave anyone who is abusing me in any way.*” Because at least half the meeting was spent wordsmithing Promise 9, Pamela proposed that future suggestions to edit any portion of the LAA literature should be elevated and hashed out at the committee level. Andrew suggested an email address be created to receive suggestions from the wider fellowship regarding any literature changes (e.g., literature@loveaddictsanonymous.org). Lindsey tabled Andrew’s suggestion until the next IBM.

- 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.