



International Business Meeting (IBM) AGENDA

June 1, 2024

8 AM PST /11 AM EST

Zoom: 2764161378 ID: LAA12STEP

Attendees: Tisha, Lindsey, Andrew, Gwendolyn, Kendra, Linda, Nicole, Orlando, & Pooja

I. Opening Prayer

- a. “We Version” of the Serenity Prayer

II. Call to Order – IBM Chairperson

- a. Tisha called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. (PST). She expressed being grateful to serve in this capacity and deems it an honor. Tisha thanked everyone for entrusting her with the chairperson role.

III. Approval of IBM Minutes – Pamela

- a. Pamela screen-shared the IBM meeting minutes from May 4th for final review and approval. On or about May 18th, a draft of the minutes was posted on the WAGs for fellowship-wide review. Linda moved to approve the minutes and Andrew seconded. The May IBM meeting minutes were unanimously approved with no objections.

IV. Treasurer’s Report – Kendra

- a. Seventh Tradition donations received during May totaled \$90.00. The monthly Zoom expense and Stripe processing fees amounted to \$29.07. Because the monthly balance exceeds \$2,000, banking fees for this account are waived. As shown on page two, beginning and ending account balances for May are \$2,447.27 and \$2,508.20, respectively.
- b. Providing an overview of donations, Kendra indicated that individual donations during May ranged from \$2.00 to \$25.00. The average donation was \$10. In terms of trends, donations have been steady since February, when Kendra took over as Treasurer. Kendra noted a downward trend over the past couple of months. Aggregate 7th Tradition donations have been sufficient to cover the fellowship’s monthly

expenses. Gwendolyn moved to approve the May treasury report, seconded by Pooja. None opposed and the motion carried.

Month	Transaction	Sum of Amount
May 2024		
	Opening Balance	\$2,447.27
	Stripe Donations	\$90
	Stripe Processing Fees	-\$5.34
	Zoom Subscription	-\$23.73
May 2024 Total		\$60.93
BANK BALANCE		\$2,508.20
Pending Stripe Payout to Bank		-
LAA 7th Tradition balance as of May 31st, 2024. All funds are listed in USD.		

V. Committee Reports

- a. Website – (Tisha) It has been suggested that the LAA website be improved or revamped to make it more user-friendly. Tisha recommended the formation of a committee to explore this option, which should include the potential cost of revamping the website as well as any increase costs to maintain it. Linda reminded Tisha to change the heading on the website from “non-approved literature” to “other helpful resources.” Tisha assured everyone she would do so.
- b. LAA Literature – (Tisha) A literature committee meeting was held recently and proved productive. Discussions centered around updating and improving the opening literature to provide more clarity and to make it more inclusive. Once the committee has completed this task, any findings, revisions, and recommendations will be presented at an IBM. Presently, the literature committee is collecting personal recovery stories. Tisha indicated that some stories were submitted, but the committee is soliciting additional stories. If anyone is interested in submitting their personal recovery story, please email literature@loveaddictsanonymous.org. Gwendolyn reminded hosts to promote this initiative at meetings by posting the flyer and making an announcement. Finally, the committee welcomes any suggestions for improving the existing literature or developing new literature.
- c. Identity – (Kendra) Although Kendra does not chair the identity committee, she conducted some research on the LAA identity issue in connection with her role as treasurer. In terms of establishing a bank account, Kendra determined that the designation of “unincorporated non-profit association” was the most appropriate designation to adopt for banking purposes. Gwendolyn advised that the fellowship may encounter future legal barriers unless a formal legal entity has been

established for LAA.

- d. Safety – While Pooja does not chair the safety committee, she is aware that no violations were reported within the past month. Pooja opined that the safety committee should not be the arbiter of disputes for the entire fellowship, adding that the safety committee was formed to establish safety guidelines to support the fellowship in addressing safety concerns and complaints. More specifically, Pooja stated: “They [disputes] should be handled at corresponding levels—personal issues, personally, participant/host issues at meetings/intergroup level, WAG issues with the WAG admins, etc.”

Tisha asked Pooja to clarify her position on the safety committee’s function. Pooja proposed that the role of the safety committee should be more clearly defined and that the committee realign with its original purpose, which, according to Pooja, was to prepare a guidelines document. Tisha suggested reviewing the minutes that reflect the group conscience decision to form a safety committee months ago. Pooja proposed making the safety committee’s function a new business item for the IBM agenda. Tisha opened the floor for any safety-related questions. Gwendolyn moved that the safety guidelines document be posted on the LAA website, and Linda seconded. None opposed, and Gwendolyn’s motion was adopted. In addition to the safety committee’s role and function, Linda asked that the grievance and appeal process be revisited.

VI. International Fellowship Reports:

- a. ODAAT – (Andrew) At the last ODAAT meeting, a question arose as to why both business meetings are held on the same day (i.e., first Saturday) as opposed to being held on separate days. Pamela has given three months’ notice that she will no longer serve as secretary after July. She stated that recruiting for a replacement has been challenging due to the time commitment of having to take notes and prepare minutes for both business meetings. This discussion segued into a review of all available and upcoming service positions.
- b. South Africa – (Pooja) The Tuesday South Africa meeting will likely close due to low participation. Once a final decision is made, Pooja will make an announcement on the WAGs before the next IBM. If the meeting closes, the bank account will be closed as well. For more than a year, there has been no chair for the South Africa intergroup.
- c. Russia – no report
- d. Christian – (Linda) The two Christian meetings are ongoing and well attended. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings. Linda will post a flyer for the LAA for Christians meetings in the WAGs.
- e. Sunday Step Study – Linda advised that the step meeting is ongoing and well attended.

VII. Old Business

- a. New IBM Secretary – Effective July 31, 2024, Pamela will no longer serve as secretary for the IBM and ODAAT business meetings. She is in the process of recruiting a successor. If anyone is interested in serving in this position, please contact Pamela for more information.

- b. Change of language for Promise #9
 - i. Original language: *I can leave anyone who is abusing me, either verbally or physically.* At the May IBM, a group conscience vote passed to revise Promise 9 as follows: *I can leave anyone who is abusing me in any way.* The LAA literature committee met last month to discuss revising the language of Promise 9 to make it more inclusive. Based on the committee’s recommendation, Andrew moved that Promise 9 be revised as follows: *I can leave anyone who is abusing me.* Lindsey seconded Andrew’s motion. None opposed; thus, the motion carried. Tisha will update the opening readings to reflect this change and disseminate accordingly.

VIII. Meeting Adjournment – IBM Chairperson

IX. 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.*