



# International Business Meeting (IBM)

## AGENDA

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**July 6, 2024**

8 AM /11 AM PST

Zoom: 2764161378 ID: LAA12STEP

**Attendees:** Tisha, Linda, Nicole, Nik, Pooja, & Pamela

**I. Opening Prayer**

- a. Serenity Prayer: “We Version”

**II. Call to Order – IBM Chairperson**

- a. Tisha called the July IBM meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. PST.

**III. Approval of IBM Minutes – Pamela**

- a. Pamela screen-shared the meeting minutes from June 1, 2024 for final review and approval. On or about June 18<sup>th</sup>, a draft of the minutes was posted on the WAGs for fellowship-wide review. After the minutes were posted, the only revision requested was a minor wording change by a member of the safety committee. Linda moved to approve the minutes and Pooja seconded. Thus, the June IBM meeting minutes were adopted unanimously.

**IV. Treasurer’s Report – (Tisha, in Kendra’s absence)**

- a. As shown below, the beginning bank balance was \$2,508.20. During the month of June, Seventh Tradition donations totaled \$131.00, and there was a pending donation of \$10.22 at month end. The monthly Zoom expense and Stripe processing fees amounted to \$29.07. Because the monthly balance exceeds \$2,000, bank fees for this account are waived. As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, the ending balance including the pending donation was \$2,609.93.

Month	Transaction	Sum of Amount
<b>June 2024</b>		
	Opening Balance	\$2,508.20
	Stripe Donations	\$131
	Stripe Processing Fees	-\$5.54
	Zoom Subscription	-\$23.73
<b>June 2024 Total</b>		\$102
<b>BANK BALANCE</b>		\$2,599.71
<b>Pending Stripe Payout to Bank</b>		\$10.22
LAA 7th Tradition balance as of June 30th, 2024. All funds are listed in USD.		

## V. Committee Reports

- a. Website – (Tisha) Under Mary’s oversight, Diana is updating the website as needed. There remains a need to revamp the existing website; however, the current WordPress template is difficult to manage. The webmasters are exploring a simpler WordPress template. At present, Mary does not have the capacity to rebuild the existing website for LAA. Tisha suggested forming a website committee to see what can be done to make the website more user-friendly and easier to navigate. On the literature webpage, the headings still need to be updated. Tisha will follow up with the webmasters.
- b. LAA Literature – (Tisha) Recently, the literature committee received a new submission of a reading written to undergird Promise 9: *I can leave anyone who is abusing me*. Tisha will post the document in the LAA Literature WAG to give committee members an opportunity to carefully review the reading ahead of the next scheduled meeting. Once the committee meets, it will thoroughly review the reading and provide feedback and recommendations at the next IBM for a group conscience discussion. Tisha reminded everyone that the literature committee is still accepting member stories. Please submit your stories and/or questions to: [literature@loveaddictsanonymous.org](mailto:literature@loveaddictsanonymous.org).
- c. Identity – The identity committee is currently inactive. Tisha advised that once new literature has been approved and adopted for fellowship use, this committee can revisit the unresolved identity issue with the aim of protecting and preserving the fellowship’s intellectual property.
- d. Safety – No report

## **VI. International Fellowship Reports:**

- a. ODAAT – Pamela’s secretarial position ends July 31, 2024 and she has been announcing the availability of this service position for the past few months. In addition, the host coordinator position has been vacant for some time. The ODAAT chair role will be available on August 1, 2024. Several host positions for both the AM and PM meetings are currently available. ODAAT is always in need of cohosts to serve at our meetings. The position descriptions and flyers have been posted on the WAGs multiple times. Tisha stated she will have the webmaster post a banner on the website to announce these key service positions.
- b. South Africa – (Pooja) Currently, there are no LAA South Africa meetings operating. Regarding the closing of accounts, there have been no new developments. Remaining funds are minimal and will eventually be transferred to the general treasury. Linda recently tried to contact the custodian of the remaining South Africa account funds but has received no response. Tisha suggested including Kendra in communications regarding the transfer of funds. Regarding the South Africa WAG known as, *For the Love of LAA*, Pooja reminded there is no administrative oversight for this group. *For the Love of LAA* is a very large and active group, and the discussions revolve around recovery from love addiction.
- c. Russia – No report
- d. Christian – (Linda) The two LAA for Christians meetings are going well. Meeting attendance ranges from 10 to 20 participants at each meeting. Linda has served as the fellowship’s unofficial meeting coordinator for some time. Due to upcoming travel plans, Linda will delegate her duties to others in the LAA for Christians fellowship. Tisha reminded everyone that the Christian meetings are open to all, regardless of religious or spiritual orientation.
- e. Sunday Step Study – No report

## **VII. Old Business**

- a. IBM Secretary – Effective August 1, 2024, Pamela will no longer serve as secretary for LAA. Pamela screen-shared the service position qualifications and commitment guidelines for the secretary position. In June, ODAAT voted to have its own secretary, which means that IBM will have its own secretary, going forward. The rationale behind splitting up the secretarial duties, Pamela noted, is because of ongoing recruitment challenges. Members approached have cited the lack of time as the reason for not volunteering for the position. Linda served as the IBM secretary in the past and acknowledged that it is a demanding yet rewarding role. As of this writing, no one has volunteered to serve as secretary. If anyone is interested in the IBM secretary position, please private message Pamela on the

WAGs. In the interim, Pooja suggested exploring the use of an AI app to take notes for the August meeting.

### **VIII. New Business**

- a. LAA WAG for Women Only – The member who proposed a WAG for women only was not present. Tisha advised that new business items and proposals must be presented by the person sponsoring the item at a business meeting. Pooja asked if permission is needed to create an LAA WAG. Tisha stated that new WAGs using the LAA name should be approved by the IBM to ensure adherence to fellowship guidelines. Linda agreed in principal but doubted there is any written policy to that effect.
- b. Use of AI App for August Meeting – Pooja is aware of a couple different apps that could be used for the August IBM meeting. AI Notetaker and Life Captions are two options Pooja agreed to research for next month. She will post her research results in the IBM Chat. Pamela asked that Pooja also research the security features of these apps. In the past, bots have joined our meetings, and, in one instance, claimed host.

**IX. Meeting Adjournment** – Tisha adjourned the meeting at 8:58 AM PST with the Serenity Prayer.