



International Business Meeting (IBM) AGENDA

January 4th, 2024

8 am pst/11 am est

Zoom: 2764161378 ID: LAA12STEP

I. Opening Prayer

- a. Modified Serenity Prayer

Attendees: Tisha, Dominic, Vincent, Adil, Alex, Alyona, Antranette, Bianca, Cherise, Chirs E., Johnna, Kendra, Linda S, Lindsey, Lori M, Megha, Orlando, Pooja, Rich, Riena, Sandy

Chair: Tisha

Secretary: Kerry

II. Call to Order – IBM Chairperson

Tisha served as host, began with prayer, and called meeting to order.

III. Approval of IBM Minutes

Kerry shared the minutes from the November meeting. Members shared feedback and edits were made to November minutes. Concerns around Christian fellowship issue that had been raised, pausing meetings whose host has not attended for 3 consecutive meetings. South Africa meetings. Kerry agreed to post minutes a week before IBMs so that less time will be taken with reviewing.

Motion to approve, 12 in favor, 0 opposed.

- ## **IV. Treasurer's Report** - Kendra shared. Dominic recorded minutes as follows: Vincent has question about co-treasurer. No questions on report. *(Kerry entered the meeting just after this, so we circled back to Approval of IBM minutes from November.)*

V. Committee Reports:

- a. Website

- i. Dominic needs clarification re: what kinds of videos can be approved. Context → Desire expressed to compile videos that hosts can use for meetings. Links were decided upon as the best route. Now we're ready for approval of each video.

1. Would we need someone to approve the videos?

(There is a Google Drive with links that hosts can access and add to, and Tisha had conceived of this as something similar. Opened the floor for feedback.)

2. Pooja suggests downloading the transcript of videos and treating it like an article that can be uploaded. She does not feel confident using non LAA-reference material as such.
 3. Vincent wants us to be conscious of bandwidth, how website is used...Doesn't think videos should be posted on the website. Hyperlinks are preferable. Doesn't think approval should be necessary.
 4. Dominic says embedded videos wouldn't affect the bandwidth of the website. He just wants to know about approval - why would one person get to decide?
 5. Bianca echoed Dominic's point re: embedded videos. Wonders if the website committee would be responsible for approving videos.
 6. Antranette - People making videos are in business. How can we ensure it's good for our fellows and aligned with the traditions?
 7. Tisha - if you're willing to help Dominic with some recommendations around this process, reach out to him directly or communicate in the chat.
- b. LAA Literature
- i. There is still the outstanding change of the promises literature. Someone submitted something for consideration but now going back to the drawing board.
- c. Safety
- i. Pooja states there is nothing to bring to IBM.
- d. In-Person committee
- i. Tisha – desire to create a roadmap to guide those who want to make in-person meetings happen. Looking for additional committee members.

VI. International Fellowship Reports

a. ODAAT

- i. Chris - ODAAT has permanent hosts for al 15 meetings (still looking for a couple of cohosts). Johanna is doing a great job in coordinating.
 1. Johanna shared that some changes have been made to

requirements for host/cohost. She will send to Dominic via WhatsApp to post on website.

- b. South Africa
 - i. No report - inactive
- c. Russia
 - i. Alyona - 2 chats for meetings; one private, one open. Trying to spend meeting in “private chat”; many people are not being respectful and trying to take the power. 2 questions: Can group have private meetings? Are there restrictions for positions? (Can they require LAA step completion rather than AA or other fellowship?) Voicing lots of difficulty.
 - ii. Tisha wondering about scheduling a special follow-up meeting due to time constraints → 15 in favor. 0 opposed. Motion carries. Announcement will be put out and Tisha will coordinate with Alyona to find a time that works for all.
- d. Christian
 - i. Christian meetings going well with consistent attendance.
- e. Sunday Step Study
 - i. no report
- f. LAA/ACA Hybrid
 - i. No report
- g. Saturday West Coast LAA
 - i. No report (virtual meeting Saturdays at 3:15 PST)

VII. Old Business (ran out of time - will begin here next time)

- a. Open Service Positions
 - ODATT Secretary
 - ODAAT Chair
 - ODATT New Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer
 - Service requirement document will be reposted in the WAGs and Dominic will add to website

VIII. New Business

- a. New LAA Treasurer - Kendra reports that Riena was interested in being an assistant treasurer. She could train Riena and they will keep us in the loop as they transition.
- b. Tradition 2 - New Men’s Group starting in a few weeks via Zoom; this is a courtesy announcement. Link will be listed on the website.

IX. Meeting Adjournment – We’ll begin next time with old business. IBM

Chairperson

a. Motion to adjourn 12:01am (9:01) am Pacific Time)

X. No time for closing prayer