



# International Business Meeting (IBM) AGENDA

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**April 5th, 2025**

8 am pst/11 am est

Zoom: 2764161378 ID: LAA12STEP

## **I. Opening Prayer**

- a. Modified Serenity Prayer

**Attendees:** Tisha, Dominic, Vladimir Z, Michelle, Johanna, Riena, Cherise, Chris E, Jennifer, Reeta, Meg, Pooja, Rich

**Chair:** Tisha

**Secretary:** Kerry

## **II. Call to Order –Opening 3rd Step Prayer**

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

## **III. Approval of IBM Minutes** - Dominic shared March meeting minutes.

They have been posted in the WAG. Safety report amendment - Tisha is not monitoring the safety email; that's been primarily Dominic's role.

Motion to approve by Tisha. 8 in favor, 0 opposed.

## **IV. Treasurer's Report** - Riena presented. Unable to log in to Chase bank account. Proposes that we acquire a business address through iPostal. \$149/year. The address that she has is a personal address but a separate entity requires a business address. Therefore she was not able to accept the debit card. They're expediting the business debit card, which will allow her to be able to log in and see the account. Action item: Request to spend \$149 to acquire a business account and allow someone to help as a co-treasurer. Tisha moves. Reeta seconds.

- i. Chris gets business bank statements at his house frequently and wonders why this is an issue. Riena does not get mail to her personal address (uses "care of address").
- ii. Dominic wonders if co-treasurer volunteers their address this wouldn't be needed. Riena clarifies that Kendra had been using her personal address but she doesn't want her address

- on the tax forms (501C3).
- iii. Chris clarifies that we are not, in fact, a 501C3.
- iv. Kendra does not want her name attached to the account any longer. Riena wants everything separated so no personal account information is used (email, address, etc.)
- v. Next year the account would be more expensive because there are 2 months free with iPostal this year.
- vi. In favor: Dominic, Reeta, Michelle, Pooja, Riena, Megha, Tisha (7 in favor)
- vii. Opposed: none
- viii. Motion carries. Riena has authorization to open the iPostal business account w/ business address to receive debit card. Tisha requests she prepares the treasurer's report and post to the WAGs.

## **V. International Fellowship Reports**

- a. ODAAT
  - i. Chris shares - meetings seem to be going well
- b. Christian
  - i. Tisha shares - 2 meetings - Coed Monday has great attendance, Friday women's meeting is well attended. No need to identify as a Christian to attend.
- c. LAA/ACA Hybrid
  - i. Pooja reports - attendance is great. Meeting is completely open (anyone can attend at any time)
- d. Saturday West Coast LAA
  - i. No report. Tisha mentions schedule update will be coming. Pooja clarifies that she'll post a short update once she has a better understanding (rather than speculation).
  - ii. Dominic wonders if we can add a "pending" notice to the website to add clarity for members. Tisha notes that every member is autonomous; doesn't want boundaries to be crossed when meeting has every right to say "we don't know if this meets regularly"; unsure what that message might look like.
  - iii. Pooja- wonders if there can be a general message circulated in whatever group this has surfaced in to clarify that people are looking into it. Putting on the website might communicate a bit of an exclusion.

- iv. Johanna- likes Dominic's idea. Concern about people attending when there is no meeting happening. Seems worse than communicating on website that it's inconsistent. Website could be changed easily.
  - v. Megha asks - was the meeting held regularly during 1st and 3rd or 2nd and 4th? Tisha notes the lack of clarity. Understands desire to give clarity, esp. for newcomers. Notes that there are several meetings available that are consistent. Doesn't want to set a precedent for making a decision without having a complete picture. When she attended, it was every week at 3:15. They have their own WAGs and communication. We don't know what kind of communication is going on with them, so this body should not be making decisions for other fellowships without the complete picture
  - vi. Jennifer- There have been 5 different people who showed up for a meeting that wasn't happening. She is concerned; these are newcomers. Nobody seems to know what's going on and this feels unacceptable for newcomers.
  - vii. Pooja suggests posting this in announcements - request for clarity. Proposes giving benefit of the doubt to this group because we don't have all the info. Action item: Delay taking action/putting anything on website about this meeting until May IBM/additional info is gathered.
    - 1. Seconded by Dominic. Jennifer and Johanna oppose. Motion carries.
- e. Russia
- i. Vladimir represents original Russian-speaking group. Are there any "community instruments" for recovery? Hasn't found any literature on bottom line behaviors. Tisha will post link for literature committee in the WAG. No bottom line doc in LAA but Russia might have one.

## **VI. Committee Reports**

### **a. Website**

- i. Changes to meetings page - secondary tab; only 2 of the 3 meetings listed; avoidant and anorexic are listed when mid day meetings should have that label. Sunday morning meeting topic is host choice. Tisha wants update to website; 9am meeting host choice. 12pm meeting avoidant/anorexic; 5:50 meeting host choice.

## ii. Video Library

1. Dominic reports. Video library is password protected. Collecting links from ODAAT meetings. Trying to get videos in categories so that it's easier to navigate. 5 people in website committee have been getting work done.

- Pooja wonders if we should write a disclaimer- what is our approach and how do we want to present it.

## b. Literature

- i. Promise 9 Reading - language is going to be changed
- ii. Healthy vs. Unhealthy Relationships
- iii. Spanish language version of Opening Readings
- iv. Definition of Recovery
  1. Drafts will be posted in IBM WAG; suggestions or questions can be brought to May IBM.
  2. Committee always looking for additional members

## c. Safety

- i. Safety Statement - Pooja proposes dissolving the committee and winding up the safety document (which was the primary purpose of the committee anyway). Safety concerns are important but might be more fruitfully directed elsewhere. This will be discussed in May IBM.

## **VII. New Business**

### a. LAA Announcement WAG

- i. Will discuss in May meeting

### b. IBM Zoom account

- i. Johanna - proposing that a second person has access to the Zoom account because the treasurer is only one who can make changes to the Zoom account. A second person having access to Zoom account will help with safety and efficiency.
  1. In May, treasurer should give overview/recommendation of what that could look like. Treasurer and co-treasurer, perhaps.

## **VIII. Meeting Adjournment – IBM Chairperson**

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

## **IX. Closing prayer - no time for closing prayer**