

ODAAT of LAA

Minutes – ODAAT Business Meeting October 4, 2025

Participants: Chris E., Adil, Jennifer, Artur K, Dorinda, Lori, Rachel S, Bridgett, Marianna, Corie, Johanna

Chair: Chris E

Secretary: Johanna

1. Moment of silence and Serenity Prayer

2. Report from the Host Coordinator – Johanna

- A few new people have been trained.
 - We are still looking for 2 regular hosts and 6 regular co-hosts.
 - Johanna announced that she will step down as host coordinator in mid-November. David B will take over the position at that time.
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3. Old business

a) Committee report: ODAAT Host Safety (Lori)

- Lori reported that the email connection between the Safety Committee and the ODAAT Host Safety Committee has been established.
- No emails have been received so far, so everything appears to be running smoothly.

b) Committee report: Development and revision of ODAAT Meeting Guidelines (Lori)

- Lori reported that the committee has not yet met.
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4. New business

a) New admin for ODAAT Wags: Inspiration and Advice (Jennifer)

- Jennifer asked for one or more volunteers to step up as admins in the ODAAT Inspiration and Advice Wags.
- The groups require supervision, as inappropriate content is being posted (e.g., material from other programs, political petitions, pictures of qualifiers, requests for personal information, arguments between members, etc.).
- Currently, only two admins serve in the groups, and more support is needed.

- Jennifer noted that she has served as an admin for nearly a year and would like to step back from the role.
- Suggestions were made to announce this need both during meetings and in the wags.

b) Motion to update the ODAAT Meeting Script to allow only LAA related announcements

- Johanna proposed a motion to change the sentence “*Before we wrap up, are there any announcements?*” to “*Before we wrap up, are there any **LAA related announcements?***” in the ODAAT Meeting Script (section: Close Sharing).
- The motion passed unanimously.
- Marianna, the website administrator, agreed to update the script on the website. Chris E. will reach out to a representative of the IBM to confirm.
- Johanna will post the revised version of the script in the ODAAT service wag.

c) Request to include monthly LAA Sponsor/Sponsee Match-Ups in ODAAT co-host postings

- There was initial confusion about the exact nature of the request.
- It became clear that Bridgett was seeking hosts and co-hosts for the newly formed LAA Sponsor/Sponsee Match-Ups meetings.
- Since these meetings are separate from ODAAT, including them alongside ODAAT open service positions could create confusion.
- Bridgett withdrew her request and decided instead to add the information to the flyer for that specific meeting.

d) Request to post open ODAAT service positions on the website (e.g., host, co-host, secretary, etc.)

- Johanna suggested that open ODAAT service positions should again be listed on the website, as was done in the past, so members can easily access the requirements and see available roles.
- The group expressed support for this idea and agreed it would be helpful.
- Discussion followed on whether IBM approval is required for posting the positions on the website.
- Marianna noted that technically she can make the updates and will consult with the former website administrator. Chris E. will reach out to a representative of the IBM to confirm.
- Johanna offered to locate the existing descriptions of the positions and send them to Marianna.

Current open service positions for ODAAT:

- ODAAT chair (Chris E. is currently serving as interim chair)
- ODAAT secretary
- Hosts / co-hosts

Note: A new chair for the ODAAT Business Meetings is needed! Until a successor is found, Chris E. has agreed to continue serving as interim chair of the ODAAT Business Meeting.

5. Closing silence and Serenity Prayer
