



International Business Meeting (IBM) AGENDA

Sept 6, 2025

8 am pst/11 am est

Zoom: 2764161378 ID: LAA12STEP

Attendees: Tisha, Helen, Kerry, Johanna, Lori, Sandy R, Karolina, Jennifer, Antranette, TJ Steen, Karolina, Ellie, Toby E, Diana

Chair: Tisha

Secretary: Kerry

I. Opening Prayer

- a. **Set Aside Prayer** - God, today help me set aside everything I think I know about You, everything I think I know about myself, everything I think I know about others, and everything I think I know about my own recovery so I may have an open mind and a new experience with all these things. Please help me see the truth.

II. Call to Order –8:02am

III. Approval of IBM Minutes

- a. Pooja’s suggestion via WhatsApp- point raised under “New Business” needed revision
- b. Minutes are simply a record/summary of the meeting rather than a place to add/insert requests
- c. Tisha motioned to approve minutes as-is; seconded and approved

IV. Treasurer’s Report

- a. No treasurer present but report was placed in the WhatsApp IBM group. End of August balance - \$4,032.52. More details can be found in the IBM chat.
- b. Jennifer moved to approve; Antranette seconded; approved.

V. International Fellowship Reports

- a. **Christian** - Antranette reports that members are supporting each other and they have a new WAG
- b. LAA/ACA Hybrid - no report
- c. LGBTQIA+ - no report
- d. Men’s Meeting - Toby reports. If available, wants to run Sundays 3pm meeting once a month. Up in October!
- e. ODAAT - Tisha reports - many meetings in need of host or permanent host but meetings are still going strong
- f. Russia - no report
- g. Saturday West Coast LAA - no report
- h. *South Africa - Inactive*

VI. Committee Reports

- a. None

VII. Unfinished Business

- a. Someone has been found to be LAA Web Administrator. Still need an assistant - please announce in meetings

VIII. New Business

- a. Limiting the number of attempts to remove any LAA group (Karolina)
 - i. Karolina introducing this motion to add to the principles of LAA: “Attempts to exclude or remove any approved LAA meeting or group due to their focus on a faith tradition or community experience with their higher power will not be accepted. A review to remove any LAA group for any other reason can be held no more than once per year per group.”
 - ii. Reason: recent attempts to remove a group were distracting from our primary purpose. This was a group that was connecting speaker with community, serving a purpose. To remove those kinds of groups would do harm. Disagrees with this “bringing in outside matters.” Not affiliated with any particular religious organization.
 - iii. Lori argued in favor and feels that further discussion is a waste of our collective IBM time
 - iv. Seconded by Jennifer → motion carries
- b. Election of IBM Chairperson (Tisha)
 - i. Tisha is not willing to have a second term. She would rather focus getting in-person meetings off the ground and developing more literature, doing trainings and workshops, etc. Reminder that she does not govern.
 - ii. She has been advertising the requirements, need to nominate, self-nominate, etc. (Requirements are posted on the website.)
 - iii. Her goal was to provide a strong foundation, making sure all voices are heard, etc. and she would hope that someone with similar desires to help LAA be self-governing would speak up
 - iv. Opened the floor for interested parties. Antranette wonders about nominating a fellow not present at the meeting. Michelle expressed willingness in the future once she has gotten further along in her recovery.
- c. LAA Step Focused Meeting (Lori)
 - i. Lori proposes that there are weekly step work sessions focused on coming together as a community working the steps. This would be a quiet work session with a small amount of sharing. Would open with the usual protocols. This would match the step we’re on in that month. She believes there is a need based on how many people are searching for a sponsor. This would allow them to have a common work space and be able to work the steps without necessarily waiting for a sponsor.
 - ii. Thursday 7:30-9pm Pacific Time is the proposed time. This would limit the after hours to one hour on Thursdays (which is appropriate according to Tisha).

- iii. Tisha wonders if this is an ODAAT meeting or independent meeting because this was first introduced in their meeting. Thus, it will require a vote. (Use of the IBM line)
- iv. Moved by Lori, seconded by Toby.
- v. Antronette wonders if it would be possible for the time to be less prohibitive to those on the East Coast.
- vi. Michelle/Helen - wonders about offering two sessions for this to make it available to more people.
- vii. Lori- Starting this October. Open to trying to start at 7 pm to make it more accessible
- viii. Motion: voting to allow the use of the Zoom room for an LAA step co-working space, the details of which still need worked out. (Lori and co. will work it out and communicate it so that our website can accurately reflect it.)
 - 1. 9 in favor;

IX. Meeting Adjournment – IBM Chairperson

a. Jennifer moved to end the meeting; seconded by Sandy at 8:49

X. Seeking & Listening Prayer - God, when I look let me truly see. When I listen let me truly hear. Amen.