

# **ODAAT Business Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** March 7th, 2026

**Participants:** Artur K., David B., Ellie, Jennifer, Johanna, Kelsie R., Lisa, Lori, Monica, Rhonda B., Sandy Ohio, Sandy R.

**Chair:** David B.

**Secretary:** Johanna

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## **1. Moment of Silence and Serenity Prayer**

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### **2. Call to Order (David B.)**

- David reminded members that this is the ODAAT Business Meeting (OBM), where only matters concerning the 15 ODAAT meetings are discussed. He also noted the principle of group autonomy and encouraged other LAA groups to address their own matters within their respective business meetings.
  - Reminder that the LAA Men's Meeting and the LAA Step Work Co-Writing Meeting are not part of the ODAAT group, although they happen on the same Zoom link.
  - The OBM is scheduled for one hour, and votes will only occur within that time. If discussion extends beyond the allotted time, no votes will be taken.
  - Although the OBM has a conversational tone, members were asked to raise their hands if they wish to contribute, be mindful of time, and allow space for others to speak.
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### **3. Approval of Minutes from February 7th, 2026**

- The minutes were approved unanimously.
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### **4. Report from the Host Coordinator (David B.)**

- Six new members have been trained since the last business meeting.
  - The Saturday morning host position is currently open and there are six open co-host positions, as announced in the Service Wag and during meetings.
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### **5. Committee Reports**

#### **a) ODAAT Host Safety (Lori)**

- Lori clarified that she is currently the only member of the committee and is seeking 2–4 additional members to support this service.
- There was some uncertainty about whether the committee’s role should focus only on safety issues involving ODAAT hosts or expand to broader safety concerns within ODAAT. This will require further discussion in future OBMs. For now, the committee will only address safety concerns related to ODAAT hosts that are forwarded by the LAA Safety Committee.
- Lori provided a brief overview of the safety protocol she is developing. The committee would respond to both the reporting member and the host involved within 24 hours, hear both perspectives, and aim for recovery-based rather than punitive responses.
- Lori reported that there was one complaint through a Wag since the last OBM, but as no formal protocol is yet in place, she was unsure how to proceed. David B. offered to assist in his role as ODAAT Host Coordinator.

#### **b) Development and Revision of ODAAT Meeting Guidelines**

- As there is currently no committee working on these guidelines, this item was postponed.

#### **c) Web Administrator Report (Marianna)**

- Marianna was not present.

### **6. Old Business**

#### **a) Clarification regarding the Avoidant/Anorexic meeting listing (David)**

- At the previous OBM, the group had decided that the Avoidant/Anorexic Meeting, which is part of ODAAT, should be listed as an ODAAT meeting on the website, while the meeting theme would remain “Avoidant/Anorexic” as shown on the ODAAT page.
- Some uncertainty remained regarding whether that meeting wished to be listed separately and no longer be part of ODAAT. As no decision from that meeting was known, the group agreed to request that the IBM update the listing name to ODAAT (consistent with the other ODAAT meetings) and to revisit the matter if concerns are raised by members of that meeting.

#### **b) Continued discussion of procedures for ODAAT meetings without a regular host, including whether untrained members may serve as host (Sandy Ohio)**

- The group acknowledged that meetings without a trained host may raise safety concerns. However, in 12 Step fellowships, two or more members gathering for recovery can constitute a meeting. Therefore members should not be prevented from meeting even if no trained host is available.

- After discussion, there was consensus to keep meetings without a regular host open for now. Members expressed trust that attendees can support the meeting environment and that additional members may step forward for host service over time.
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## **7. New Business**

### **a) Inappropriate behaviour and safety violations in ODAAT meetings (Lisa, Lori)**

- Following an incident in February, members discussed how ODAAT might better address safety concerns in meetings. Topics raised included:
  - Challenges unique to online meetings, where resolving issues directly can be more difficult than in face-to-face settings.
  - The importance of ODAAT developing its own safety processes and protocols rather than relying solely on the LAA Safety Committee.
  - General uncertainty regarding the role and responsibilities of the LAA Safety Committee both within LAA as a whole and within ODAAT specifically.
  - Concerns that the ODAAT Service Wag is not an ideal place for addressing safety matters due to the high volume of messages and lack of direct communication between members. At the same time, some issues require timely responses and cannot wait until the next OBM.
  - The importance of the Host's Bill of Rights was emphasized, while questions were raised about how it should be applied in practice - for example, whether one host may issue a one-week ban from all ODAAT meetings, and how that should be communicated to the other hosts.
  - It was confirmed that hosts may mute or remove members from a meeting if they do not comply with the current meeting guidelines.
  - The need for clearer host trainings was also raised, so that hosts better understand their responsibilities and the tools available to them.
- There was strong consensus that ODAAT will need a safety process grounded in the Twelve Traditions, balancing group safety with personal responsibility. Members also emphasized that anonymity should not be used as a shield for harmful behavior.
- The group agreed that revising and adapting the ODAAT Meeting Guidelines should be the starting point for this work, as clear and consistent guidelines are necessary in order for safety procedures to be developed.
- Establishing clear safety processes will require time and ongoing service participation from members. David expressed willingness to assist in drafting documents once a new Host Coordinator is in place.

### **b) Discussion of moving the ODAAT Meeting Script to the ODAAT webpage (Johanna)**

- This item was postponed to the next OBM.
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## 8. Closing Silence and Serenity Prayer

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### **Current open service positions for ODAAT:**

- ODAAT Chair: Chris E. is currently serving as interim chair, David B. substitutes when Chris is unavailable.
- ODAAT Host Coordinator: David is looking for a successor.
- ODAAT Host Safety Committee: Lori is looking for members to join the committee.
- Hosts / Co-Hosts