2022-03-20 Business Meeting

Note: There is a 7-day waiting period after business meetings, allowing people or groups to ask for the decision to be postponed until the next business meeting. This option can only be used by those who wanted to participate but were unable to.

Minutes for the Business Meeting on Sunday, March 20, 2022 2:30ET ET

Participants: Frankie, Ashley (Secretary), Mary-Kate (Chair), Todd C, Shalena, Jamie, Kitty, Chris C (Co-Webmaster), Chaim L. Tomas, Marco, Kathleen T., Alice, Holly

Opening Prayer:
Higher Power, I understand that you make your voice heard in a group conscience. I ask you to remind me that the life of my program, and therefore my own recovery, depends upon my willingness to put the group's welfare above my own will. Where I disagree with the common views of my fellows in service, allow me to state my case honestly and respectfully. Allow me to listen to and consider the views of others. May I state my view and support all group decisions, including the ones I might disagree with. May my will be aligned with yours.

1. Approving the minutes of the previous business meeting

Approved

2. Report from the treasurers

Dismissed

3. From the Co-Treasurers Motion: Election of New Co-Treasurer

At the fellowship-wide Business Meeting of November 7, 2021, Mary Kate was elected as co-treasurer for a 12-month term to replace Tomás. It was announced that Matthew M. would continue as co-treasurer for six months from the date of Mary Kate's election. Motion: to elect new co-treasurer.
The term for the co-treasurer is 12 months. Ideally, the new co-treasurer would be able to have the fellowship bank account in their name for the duration of their term. This is not a requirement, however, as it is possible for another trusted servant to have the fellowship bank account in their name. The account is currently in Matthew M.'s name and will need to be transferred at the end of his term.

Motion seconded. Discussion about responsibilities/requirements for position. Generally should be a trusted member of the fellowship, at least 3 months in ITAA (no objections to this requirement)

Amendment: Have two service positions to elect for (split between Acct Holder and Co-Treasurer). (1 objection):

Discussion: Separation allows more structure/less restrictions for members outside US

Treasurer and bank acct holder should be the same person for coordination

Splitting position would allow more people to oversee the acct

Vote: 7-in favor, 0-against, 6-abstain. Motion passed, no objections

Amendment: Co-treasurer has no access to actual acct, but can see statements, other documents etc. Motion seconded. Motion passed, no objections

Nominations for Co-Treasurer:

Todd C. (self-nominated)

Vote: 11-in favor, 0-against, 0-abstain

Nominated for Co-Treasurer: Todd C

Acct Holder: Discussion for requirements and length of term

Requirement for acct holder to provide credit check

Discussion: Using a tool for soft credit check that doesn't affect credit score, checking credit could create a privacy issue, members may not have full knowledge of what's on credit report-trust members to check their own credit and give fellowship the score, trust member's word on their credit score and disclose any information about their credit to other acct holders and co-treasurers, suggestion for 12-month term, having a third person on the acct in the event that someone becomes unavailable

Motion to extend meeting by 5 minutes: No objections

Nominations for Acct Holders (12-month term):

Todd C. & Tomas

Vote: 9- in favor, 0- against, 0 abstain

Nominated for Acct Holders: Tomas and Todd C

Motion to find a new chair for this meeting (2:30P EST)

Serenity Prayer: Meeting adjourned

4. From ITAA member—*motion to add a description of the concept of the 'big 3' to the 'tools of recovery' section on the ITAA website*
My proposal is that this bundle of behaviours be termed 'the big 3', and comprise what I consider to be the three most harmful IT behaviours: social media, solo streaming and sexual content. To engage in any of these behaviours, **even in a non-compulsive way**, would be considered a "big 3 relapse" from all three.
While onerous, one important advantage of bundling these behaviours into a single sobriety definition is that participating fellows would not need to disclose the fact that they lost their sobriety by viewing sexual content, something which some members may find uncomfortable. Moreover, it would obviously be at the discretion of the individual fellow to define what constitutes social media, solo streaming, or sexual content for them.
For more explanation
open full message here.

5. From Danielle – (re-open with more members) motion for outreach response in the WhatsApp group: I'd like to make a suggestion of service opportunity for the ITAA outreach whatsapp group as there are often long delays between responses with some outreach requests going unanswered. Could we create a rota with members willing to be "on-call" for a period of time? Maybe a few hours and members reach out to them directly and have a great chance of someone being available when needed. I believe this will help connections in the fellowship and program too. Maybe we could have a template on the website where people can put their names for when they're in service and announce when they're available in the outreach group when on duty. Just ideas to discuss.

6. Motion to adjust the scheduled rotating time for the business meeting so that it will cycle between: 5:30am ET **Saturday**, 9:30pm ET Saturday, and 1:30pm ET Sunday. Explanation: This would be changing the current 5:30am ET Sunday time slot to 5:30am ET Saturday. Most members who attend the current 5:30am ET Sunday meeting seem to be in Europe, so it's around 10:30am/11:30am our time. Personally I have a spiritual event that I would like to attend at that time regularly on Sundays, and I suspect (ITAA being a spiritual program) that Sunday mornings might not be an ideal time for many of our potential attendees. I'm proposing therefore that we meet at the same time but on Saturdays instead of Sundays. I think this might support the recovery of our members and potentially increase attendance. I suggest that this motion be discussed in both the 11:30am & 7:30pm European time business meetings, then aggregating the votes. This is because I believe there may be a bias against the motion in the 11:30 meeting, and a bias in favour of the motion in the 7:30pm meeting.

7. Motion: Create short descriptions for recovery meeting positions

The chair is quite important as newcomers may not know the basics of chairing or what topics/sources may be shared. Those new to tech/screen hosting could also benefit from a description of the position--even if the previous one walked them through the tasks.

A new person serving as the chair at the group conscience may not be familiar with parliamentary procedure (e.g., need to vote on an amendment before the motion--tricky for many). If this person had a description of how to chair as well as a guide to the basics of procedure, they will be better prepared.

If this motion passes, we will seek to identify a few fellows to write the descriptions and then bring them to the Intl. Business Meeting for consideration and a vote (if needed).

Hold item until next meeting