



2023-05-20 International Service Meeting Agenda Internet and Technology Addicts Anonymous

Meeting link (Service room):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89401368132?pwd=a3dleWJXNEJmMGh2QzVyTHdaMUxoZz09>

Meeting ID: 894 0136 8132

Passcode: 12

[International dial-in numbers](#)

Time: 9:30 pm ET (UTC-5) - for other time zones please see: [Time Conversion Chart](#)

Date: Saturday, May 20, 2023

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.

Attendees

We will now go around the room and introduce ourselves by first name only, and optionally, where we are calling from. We also welcome anyone who has never attended an International Service Meeting before, and if you'd like, you may indicate whether this is one of your first ISMs when introducing yourself.

Chair	Nolan
Secretary	Carly
Participants at the start of the meeting	Terra, Lucy, Bekah, Tomas, Ed, Dave D, Tom M, Jamal, Jill, Anonymous

Our international service meeting is a forum for discussing important issues that are relevant to ITAA as a whole, and for collectively developing solutions that can strengthen the growth of our fellowship. Every member of ITAA is welcome to participate and vote. We follow the Twelve Traditions, and we use Robert's Rules of Order to help guide our group conscience. A visual overview of this process can be found here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/13_d1quYWWJbjwdo9M9LPnczjkyfL1ypR/view

Approval of minutes

Minutes from previous business meeting [2023-05-07](#)

[Approved with no objections](#)

Committee reports

Other reports

Motions & Discussion Items

1. Motion: Get a 4th zoom channel for ITAA with additional cost of \$150/year.

Reasoning: The calendar on weekends is getting cramped with several fully booked timeslots (or where an additional meeting wouldn't be possible because it would cause interference with another meeting parking lot or pre-meeting as the 3 current rooms are in use at that time or in the immediately surrounding hours)

This is blocking new meetings or causing the impossibility to reschedule existing meetings in an increasing amount of hours. In order to better accommodate actual and future ITAA meetings I recommended getting a 4th zoom channel for ITAA.

Cost: \$150/year.

- [Motion seconded for discussion](#)
 - [Already big time slots open for meetings / some meetings are dying out because there are 2 at the same time in conflict with each other](#)
 - [We should incentivize meetings to be created in open time slots](#)
 - [Any meeting is welcome to use their own Zoom room or use free video conferencing software](#)
 - [Should ISMs be a gatekeeper of who can make meetings and when?](#)

- Web Content Committee is making a guide on starting and hosting ITAA meetings
- Motion to vote
- Voting:
 - In favor: 0
 - Against: 8
 - Abstentions: 6

2. Motion: Establish a requirement of regularly attending ITAA meetings for at least 1 month before being able to vote in service committees or ISMs.

Reasoning: this will help us avoid situations in which the fellowship grows rapidly and our service bodies get overwhelmed by new members who may not have experience or background in how our fellowship works.

- Motion seconded for discussion
 - This motion lacks precision: what is “regular attendance?”
 - Should be some sort of requirement, but what is that specifically?
 - What do other fellowships do?
 - They are voted in via elections to become delegates to vote
 - Who is keeping a list of when people joined?
 - Newcomers are important and have wisdom to give
 - People who are new with no experience or from different fellowships may think ITAA is doing things wrong without knowing the community
 - Newcomers should focus on their recovery before fixing the fellowship
 - Doesn't say newcomers can't participate or share, just can't vote
 - Amendment mentioned, To add the following to the ISM script (and letting committees choose for themselves): We welcome newcomers to this ISM. While we encourage you to participate in discussion, we ask that members refrain from voting until you have been attending ITAA meetings for at least one month.
 - Trust if they say they've been there for a month or not, just a request
 - Web Content Committee has a time requirement because things
 - Being proactive rather than reactive is better as to eliminate possible drama
 - Requirement should be to attend one ISM rather than a certain amount of meetings/ certain amount of time
 - It's more about knowing the culture and community of ITAA rather than procedure of ISM
 - Amendment introduced: *To add the following to the ISM script (and letting committees choose for themselves): We welcome newcomers to this ISM. While we encourage you to participate in discussion, we ask that members refrain from voting until you have been attending ITAA meetings for at least one month.*
 - Amendment seconded, discussion opened
 - Motion to vote
 - Voting:

- 15 in favor
- 0 opposed
- Amendment passes
- Is this democratic representation for people who join but can't vote? What is the potential situation in which a newcomer derails the ISM/fellowship? Is this realistic?
- Does the PR committee have projections of future growth?
- No harm for making basic boundaries in regards to ISMs
- Motion to vote: *To add the following to the ISM script: We welcome newcomers to this ISM. While we encourage you to participate in discussion, we ask that members refrain from voting until you have been attending ITAA meetings for at least one month.*
 - 15 in favor
 - 1 opposed
 - Minority opinion: By voting for this, the harm is we ask people to exclude themselves from the voting process. Trolls can still disrupt meetings, voting blocks can still be made. ITAA was the new fellowship 'on the block', we made changes. Voting for this excludes people and sets a bad precedent.
- Voting to reopen discussion:
 - 5 in favor
 - 9 against
- Motion passes

3. Motion: Discuss strategies to increase the amount of donations we receive.

Reasoning: Having more donations will mean we have more funds available to respond to sudden growth (for example, if we need to hire someone part-time to help respond to incoming messages or support other members), and it will also mean we can increase our spending on Google Ads and reach more addicts searching for help.

Motion for discussion seconded

- Make songs to ask people to donate!
- PR committee should bring ideas for the ISM to discuss
- Add language to donations page to give more information
- Email PR committee with ideas
- Put out a call for people with creative intentions to make ITAA things for people who donate
- Motion discussed.

Motion to close meeting.

No objections.

Meeting closed.

4. Motion to create a 'Survey Committee' which would be charged with the following duties (and would be dissolved once these duties were completed).

- a. Create a survey in order to understand the demographics, experiences & needs of ITAA's members**
- b. Design and implement a 'campaign' asking members to fill out the survey**
- c. Create a report of survey responses and possible actions to be taken to improve how our ISM & committees serve members of ITAA**
- d. Present the report at the ISM**

Reasoning: as trusted servants, we do not govern, we simply try to serve the fellowship as a whole. I think an anonymous survey of ITAA members could help the ISM and Committees to better identify the needs of the people we serve. This feels especially useful since there are many meetings without Group Service Representatives attending the ISM.

Some possible suggestions for the new committee to discuss, and ideas for what this kind of survey could look like, can be found [here](#) - feel free to add comments.

5. Motion: The Literature Committee requests approval of the printable trifold pamphlet we've written, [Finding Freedom From Internet and Technology Addiction](#). We propose that if the pamphlet is approved by a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the ISM, we consider it "Fellowship Approved Literature". If it doesn't pass, it can go back to the Literature Committee where we will incorporate the ISM discussion into a new round of edits.