

Independent Virtual Meetings In SIA

[IVM New Meeting Application](#)

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What is an Independent Virtual Meeting?

An IVM is any SIA meeting that would like to meet in zoom and does not have the funds for its own zoom account. Most of them are not affiliated with any intergroup. SIA's WSO decided to create this space in 2022.

Apply using the [IVM New Meeting Application](#).

Meeting Continuity and Cancellation

Meetings remain active and open if the chair updates the meeting info every 6 months. If there are no attendees for 4 or more weeks the meeting will be canceled. Meetings can be reinstated for the same day and time if a chair re-applies and another meeting has not taken its place in the schedule.

SIA IVM Meeting Requirements

1. Meetings must follow/read the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions
2. Each group should have safety guidelines and are responsible for meeting safety
3. Meetings must register and update their online listing every 6 months

Independent Virtual Meetings follow the basic SIA meeting requirements on the SIA official website, which lists the 3 items above and also says:

“Each SIA group is autonomous and does not represent the SIA organization as a whole. The World Service Office makes suggestions, but it does not police groups and is not responsible for anything that occurs at group meetings. Groups are independent organizations and have total control over their own activities. As long as a group follows the 12 Traditions of SIA and has a set of safety guidelines, they may call themselves an SIA Meeting and will be listed on this directory.”

“The WSO registers online and phone meetings with the assurance that they abide by the SIA Traditions and the general operating principles of the SIA program. Each group should have safety guidelines.”

In administering virtual meetings, we follow the SIA traditions and the advice the WSO offers on the website:

"According to the 12 Traditions any member of SIA can go to any meeting when they need one. These definitions are to direct people to meetings which will be predominantly attended by members of the specific orientation. Groups which have chosen by a group conscience to adhere to stricter criteria are identified. But, no survivor should ever be turned away from a meeting."

Point of Contact

To be scheduled in an SIA account there has to be a single point of contact (email address), determined by the meeting. It's usually the meeting email or the chair (or the meeting's equivalent title for the organizer). If this changes, please update the meeting info. *This email is where Zoom host key changes are sent.*

7th Tradition

Please direct 7th tradition contributions to the SIAWSO website to help pay for the Zoom account. <https://siawso.org/contribute>

Zoom Meeting Time Limit

You'll be scheduled in the zoom account, which gives access 15 minutes before and after the scheduled time. **Going overtime can block other meetings from starting.** Please end your meetings on time.