

### **What is an Independent Virtual Meeting?**

Any SIA meeting that would like to meet on Zoom and does not have the funds for its own Zoom account can apply to be scheduled in the SIA Zoom account. Most of them are not affiliated with any meeting group or intergroup.

### **Requirements**

#### **Meetings must follow/read the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions**

Independent Virtual Meetings follow the basic SIA meeting requirements on the [SIA official website](#):

“The WSO registers meetings with the assurance that groups will have established clear safety guidelines and abide by the 12 Traditions of SIA and general operating principles of the SIA program. These principles include not closing the group to any new members, as newcomers are essential to 12-step recovery.”

#### **Each group should have safety guidelines and be responsible for meeting safety**

“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.”

#### **Meetings must register and update their online listing, including public contact info, every 6 months**

##### **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.

##### **Point of Contact and Public Email Address**

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/product/contribution/>

##### **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 will block other meetings from starting. Please end your meetings on time.

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

*SIA's WSO decided to create this space in 2022. Adopted May 2022, updated Feb 2026 for new website update info and BOT 7th tradition requirements.*