



EAI Annual Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 14 · 10:00 – 11:00am

Time zone: America/Chicago

Google Meet joining info

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The meeting will be ‘open’ after 9:50 a.m. CT

The mission of this Board is to facilitate the principles embodied in the EA Program, always being responsive to the needs of our membership. It is in this vein each of us renews our commitment to comply with and be bound by the Traditions, Concepts, and Bylaws of the EA Program, to practice the principles of the Steps in all our affairs, and for member trustees to continue weekly attendance at EA meetings throughout our terms of office.

Values Statement passed in July, 2019: We value honest, respectful, interpersonal, intergroup communications that place the principles of the fellowship above individual or local interests.

AGENDA/MINUTES

- Call to Order with Serenity Prayer - Jana
- Request of Reading of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions by group members - Jana. Steps read by Derita. Traditions read by Christian.
- Introduction of Officers and Trustees - Each Board Member - Jana, President, Fred, Treasurer, Shirin, Margot (absent), Isa (absent)
- Annual Message
 - Executive Director - Elaine. Things are good at EAI - staff is stable and works hard. We have 45 total staff hours each week and we get out about 25 orders each week. We maintain about 400 meetings but have seen a lot of growth outside the U.S. We continue to struggle financially and need contributions from everyone who finds value in the program. The literature committee created 3 new pamphlets last year, and revised 5 other ones.
- Adoption of Rules of Order by Shirin - see page 2
- Registration of group representative in attendance (one person per group should be designated as the group delegate) - Elaine
 - Each member representing a group should share their first name and group name/location to be recorded in the minutes.
 - Barry T.

- o Bernadette F - 5:30 CT Sunday
- o Christian - Saturday UK online
- o Dede Y.
- o Fred F.
- o Greta F. - BIPOC
- o Ivo-Netherlands
- o Jakob
- o Jana K.
- o Martin D.
- o Michael V. - Lima OH
- o Mona-Monday 4:40 phone
- o Monique - Chicago
- o Nathaniel Z. - 6:30 11th Step/Zoom
- o Sadie M- Inner Peace Canada
- o Sherrone D.
- o Scott J.
- o Shirin S.
- o Tameka L.
- Old Business - Elaine
 - o Topics suggested for pamphlets were passed on to Lit Cmt: Trauma, Rejection, Abandonment and Neglect
 - o Would like to see a baseball cap with EAI logo - very expensive
 - o Canvas bag would be a nice addition - added Sept 2026
 - o Would like a contact phone call group to confirm group contacts and encourage them to give. *Derita willing to help with this.*
 - o Would like the story of Marion F. to be more prominent in our literature - could that be a pamphlet? - passed on to Lit Cmt
- Requests for New Business from Delegates - Jana
 - Expand YouTube further - Jana
 - Podcast - Jana
 - Mona - didn't see canvas bag in the online store. Participates in a phone meeting - can't contribute but encourages members to give.
 - Greta - revision of Yellow Pamphlet? Promises - "...they will all develop naturally as a result of honestly working the EA program" - in the literature, not in the pamphlet. Greta has Marion F's story/obit - will forward to Colleen on Lit C.
 - Could we make more workbooks digital?
 - Nikki - YouTube - focus on page 11 (circle logo)
 - Ivo-pamphlets are great. Would like to see them digitally. - Elaine shared the concern about not receiving revenue from them
 - Nate - how to get members to start/increase contributions - Elaine shared the idea of significant gift/value of contribution vs. a specific amount.
 - Derita - AA suggests contributions on anniversaries. Workbook/step study - people could purchase the workbook being used vs. displaying it on the screen.
 - Barry - add date of publication to pamphlets
 - Christian - is screen sharing allowed? no 'rules' not allowing it at EAI - trust good faith of members. Alanon in the UK has a member helpline run by volunteers - could EAI offer similar? Derita: what if people call in crisis? Nikki wants to help with this - AA has a number to call - could we tag into that # or 988. *Will think how to operationalize this idea.*
 - Greta - logo could be a good podcast topic. Podcasts could be recorded on zoom

easily. Her group has a cash app account used for group expenses. Important for groups to have a separate way to donate vs. just reminding people to go to the website. *Reminder about principals to not violate copyright.*

- Meeting Topic for Discussion - Jana - didn't cover due to time constraints
 - What could EAI do to increase membership/groups?
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 - What would EAI members like to see provided through the office?
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 - How do we sustain the EAI service office financially?
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- Closure - Jana

Annual Membership Business Meeting

PROPOSED RULES OF ORDER

1. All voting will be vocal.
2. The president will preside during the business section.
3. Robert's Rules of Order will control any matters not provided for in the bylaws.
4. Only delegates and trustees may make motions and vote. Each group is allowed one delegate.
5. A person wishing to address the meeting must be recognized by the presiding officer.
6. Delegates will have the right to speak to the issue before non-delegates can address the meeting. No person may speak a second time if another person who has not spoken wishes to speak. Debate will be limited to three minutes per speaker. A timekeeper will signal when thirty seconds remain and when time has expired.
7. If no person wishes to speak against a motion, there will be no debate and we will proceed to vote immediately on the issue.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Terms of Office FY 26

<u>Name</u>	<u>Elected date</u>	<u>Term #</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>
Fred Freeman	Elected June 2022	1st 3-yr term	June 2025
	Re-elected June 2025	2nd 3-yr term	June 2028
Margot Finley	Elected June 2023	1st 3-yr term	June 2026
	Re-elected June 2025	2nd 3-yr term	June 2028
Jana Santangelo	Elected June 2025	1st 3-yr term	June 2028
Shirin Shekarchian	Elected June 2025y	1st 3-yr term	June 2028
Isa Brown	Elected June 2026	1st 3-yr term	June 2029

Election and Eligibility Information

One third of the trustees are elected each year. Member trustees may run for two full terms and must be off the board for one full term being considered for the board again. Member trustees appointed for less than 18 months may run for two additional terms. A trustee appointed for a term of 18 months or more is considered as serving a full term and can only run one additional full term. There is no term limit for nonmember trustee positions.