

MBAR Committee Meeting – Agenda & Minutes

Date: August 9, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Zoom (link in prior agenda)

Chair: Jennifer G.

Recorder: Michael B

1. Call to Order & Opening

- Meeting opened by Chair at 10:00 AM.
- Serenity Prayer recited.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Link to prior minutes provided in agenda.
- Motion: Approve previous minutes – Samantha.
- Second: Carolyn.
- Vote: Passed unanimously.

Action Item: None.

3. New Attendees & Contact Collection

- New attendees introduced; contacts shared in chat for outreach and updates.

Action Item: Ali to add new contacts to master distribution list.

4. Anniversaries

- Celebration: Myra – 1 year sober (July 22). Group sang “Happy Birthday.”

5. Event Recap – Lawn Olympics

- Successful first-time event; high turnout and strong volunteer participation.
- Special thanks to Sam (event lead) and Chris H. (bake sale).
- Fundraising goal met; positive attendee feedback.

Action Item: Treasurer to finalize income adjustments from bake sale.

6. Treasurer's Report – Tony L.

- Ending Balance (July): \$19,901 (includes activity income of \$18,119, plus pending adjustments).
- Tax Compliance Reserve: \$5,000 (spent \$275).
- Net Balance (w/ reserve): \$16,995.80.
- Note: IRS recognition as federal non-profit confirmed.
- PayPal now allows categorization of QR code income; awaiting nonprofit fee approval.

Motion: Approve financial report as presented.

- Second: Samantha.
- Vote: Passed unanimously.

Action Items:

1. Tony to submit final adjustments from Lawn Olympics.
2. Follow up with PayPal for nonprofit fee status.

7. Nonprofit Tax Committee – Cindy & Carolyn

- Meeting with CPA scheduled (Wed, 5:30 PM).
- Discussing past returns.
- Goal: Complete IRS compliance.
- Reserve funds in place for CPA fees.

Action Item:

- Cindy to update committee after CPA meeting.

8. Seventh Tradition

- Contribution options: PayPal, Venmo (active), or mailing checks (address in agenda).

9. Committee Vacancies Filled

- Literature Chair: Vickie – coordinate literature at conference with Central Office loan.
- Registration Chair: Edwin – coordinate with Eric M. for Spanish-speaking attendees.
- Speaker Panel Chair: Mark – to receive background from prior chairs.

Action Items:

1. Jennifer to provide role descriptions to new appointees.
2. Chairs to coordinate with support teams for smooth onboarding.

10. Upcoming Fundraiser – Bingo (Sept. 19, Moose Lodge)

Lead: Samantha

- Venue free of charge; full concession stand & equipment provided by Moose Lodge.
- Setup at 4:00 PM; concession open 6:00–8:00 PM.
- Pricing: Suggested \$10 donation + \$1 per bingo card.
- Menu: Hot dogs, chili dogs, nachos, chili nachos, chili, popcorn, chips, soda, water. Vegan options to be included.
- Prizes: Seeking donations (gift cards, tickets, goods).

Confirmed Volunteers:

- Concessions: Patricia, Michael, Leah, Ali Samantha.
- 50/50 Raffle: Dean.
- Prize Procurement: Jennifer led, with Patricia (jewelry/puzzle), Sara R. (aquarium tickets).

Action Items:

1. Sam to finalize budget by next meeting.
2. All members to solicit prize donations & announce at home groups.
3. Patricia to bring roll of tablecloth.
4. Inventory leftover soda/chips from Lawn Olympics (Tony & Sam).

11. Facility & Friday Night Kickoff

- Convention Center offered Friday night at no extra cost.
- Committee voted to accept – will host Friday night in-person kickoff speaker (hybrid if feasible).
- Confirmed Speakers:
 - Friday Night: Darren P. (Santa Barbara) – pending hybrid confirmation.
 - Saturday Night: Earl Hightower.
 - Sunday Closing: Teresa F. (Van Nuys).

Action Items:

1. Carolyn to confirm Darren P.'s acceptance of hybrid setup.
2. Jennifer to coordinate Friday setup logistics with Convention Center.

12. Room Blocks

- Marriott courtesy block secured at \$289/night (no attrition).
- Additional blocks at lower price points to be pursued.

Action Item:

- Adrian to advise on securing more blocks based on NCCAA experience.

13. Outreach

- Dean (Outreach) to coordinate with Adrian (NCCAA) & Eric M. (Spanish community) for bilingual promotion.
- Goal: ensure flyers reach all local AA & Al-Anon meetings.

Action Item:

1. Dean to organize outreach strategy meeting before next call.
2. Adrian & Eric to share contact lists and chair opportunities.

14. Al-Anon Report – Dawn C.

- Working on securing committee chairs.
- Housing secured for Al-Anon speakers.
- Will host table at Bingo fundraiser.

15. Next Meetings

- CPA meeting Wednesday 5:30 pm
- Full Committee Call: September 13, 10:00 AM.

Adjournment

- Closed with the Serenity Prayer.

Attendance: Jennifer G, Tony L, Ali, David O, Chris H, Carolyn, Mark B, Adrian, Leah S, Renee, Myra, Patricia, Kathleen S, Edwin, Eric M, Vickie, Kevin, Cindy A, Diane, Tiana, Sara R, Dawn C.

New Contacts: David O., Mark B., Edwin L., Eric M., and Adrian.