

GREETINGS ABA MONDAY NIGHT PHONEMEETING FOLKS!!

IT'S **BUSINESS MEETING** TIME AGAIN **THIS MONDAY**, August 3rd, AT 9.30pm EST.
DO JOIN IN, even if to listen only, AS IT'S A TERRIFIC FORM OF SERVICE AND BINDS US EVEN MORE CLOSELY NOW THAT WE ARE A "GROUP"...

Due to the July Business Meeting secretary encountering deletion problems when drawing up detailed minutes of the July meeting, only outcome actions of issues discussed will be recorded here.

If anyone requires more background detail, or wants to query or edit the following, feel free to contact both Osk and Sarah via sajb08@yahoo.com.au.

TREASURER'S REPORT

\$113 in account at time of meeting (early July).

Five ABA textbooks available for sale (details to purchase on our website).

PHONEMEETING ACCESS DIFFICULTIES

Reports of not being able to get into the Monday Night phonemeeting at random moments led to the following suggested actions from the Phone/Technology committees:

- 1) Still send problem feedback to the teleconference company we use - NoCostConference.com - even though they advise not being at fault. Also, their Customer Service phonenumber cannot rectify a given glitch on the spot, but can investigate complaints.
- 2) Add into our meeting format and post on our website a request that people encountering difficulties accessing the meeting, contact the PHONE COMMITTEE via emailing Laurie on khloe1024@gmail.com.
- 3) Sarah to liaise with another 12 Step fellowship using the same phone company for whatever solutions they embrace if/when they have this type of problem.
- 4) Consider changing back to a formerly used phone company - FreeConference.com - if we feel we can afford the monthly recording fee of US\$10.

SERVICE ROLES

The SECRETARY role, presently shared by Osk and Sarah, is due to be handed on. A request for new takers will be continue to be announced weekly in the phonemeeting.

Likewise more folk are needed to help with MILESTONE ACKNOWLEDGMENT tasks (see Item later on this).

The new Phonest Manager (Meaghan), Treasurer (Andrea) and Speaker Bookie (Peter) are settling in well.

CLOSURE ON ACCIDENTAL ANONIMITY BREACH ISSUE

Former Phonest Manager Heather B. apologized, both via email to all our emailable members, and in person at the Business Meeting, for the inadvertently inappropriate initiative her non-ABA personal assistant took recently to solicit everyone's full details in an effort to update Heather's personal/business contact database.

Heather was shocked this occurred while she was overseas, and assured us steps had been taken to ensure it would not happen again. She also acknowledged her trust in the new Phonedist Manager to do a great job.

SOBRIETY MILESTONE CELEBRATION IDEAS

Milestone Acknowledgement "manager" Osk asks for a few other members to join with her as a team to experiment with providing anyone celebrating first year and beyond milestones with either virtual or real chips and medallions.

The PURPOSE behind such gifts was clarified as being not so much for the recipient as for newcomers thus witnessing that the program works.

Also, a medallion particularly is a reminder of what is most important in life - Sobriety, Unity, Service, Recovery, "To Thine Own Self Be True" etc.

Several suggestions emerged (e.g. - give virtual chips for up to a year of sobriety, then a medallion each birthday after that OR physical chips every month up to a year, and then virtual from there on), but no decision was made in time last month, nor has clarity on the aspect of cost management as yet. So Osk will keep emailing everyone with ideas to consider.

ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS WERE TABLED FOR THIS WEEK'S BUSINESS MEETING.

SEE TENTATIVE AGENDA COMING.