

Central Service Committee Agenda– Thursday, January 13, 2022, 7-9pm  
LA -AA Central Office – Zoom Meeting

**7:00pm Get Start**

1. Opening- Serenity Prayer
2. Introductions/Meetings/Welcome New CSRs/Visitors
3. Practice 7th Tradition – Read Traditions- Short Form – use Venmo not Paypal – Philo says paypal charges 51 cents to every transaction.
4. Celebrate AA Anniversaries since last month’s meeting- lots of big birthdays!
5. Approval of Agenda for tonight

**7:15pm New Topics**

1. Requirements to attend virtual AA groups – this is an issue about people being asked their names and emails – good conversation. This is a security measure to prevent bombers, but it definitely impacts the likelihood of newcomers logging on. Referred to groups for further discussion

2. Central Office LA is continuing to receive complaints about an 11:30pm nightly meeting

Good discussion with various opinions – A lot of this has to do with the role of Central Office in the affairs of individual meetings, are we the judges of offensive or illegal behavior based on complaints? Suggestion that we put a label on the meeting “explicit” or “Explicit language May be offensive to some people” or something like that because these complaints have intensified in the zoom era. Lots of opinions from people who have never attended the meeting saying it is unsafe. Many people saying Hollywood Late Night “will be fine” out of the directory – saying they are harmful to newcomers but not to each other. Others saying it is not the role of Central Service to police – our traditions are very clear that the group conscience – our leaders are but trusted servants – they do not govern. GSO takes complaints and sends them back to the groups. Someone says any group that is even accused of having an unsafe sexually predatory environment should be kicked out of the directory immediately. Discussion: Is it our duty to decide which groups are safe or unsafe to “protect” people in AA from sexual advances and offensive language or formats? Concern about legal liability. Per our safety guidelines, any member is permitted to involve law enforcement if there is actual sexual harassment. Referred to groups for further discussion.

**7:30pm New Business**

1. Nominations for Treasurer of Executive Board – LA Central Office AA

New treasurer approved in CSC – will go forward to Intergroup!

Ann H – currently working as a bookkeeper, former CPA, sober 38 years, GSO experience, no CSR experience but eager to learn!

**8pm Old Business**

1. Updates on how LACOAA is becoming more bilingual (Spanish speaking for starters)  
Spanish language chips! Looking for bilingual staff, Melania volunteers to help!

2. Virtual Districts/Zones – should we create a new districts zone online only meetings based in Los Angeles “Zone X” –

GSO is also looking into this- the majority of meetings are virtual. Some discussion about we are starting to move away from zones so do we really want to add a new one? In the meantime should we have a zone X? Reminder they can attend Intergroup and vote. Philo : Financially, they are such great

contributors we need to make sure they have a voice. Some discussion of how the zone would work logistically. Reminder that this is just meetings that have no IRL location, and are virtual ONLY – not meetings that are hybrid or had a location prior to the pandemic.

### **General announcements from LACOO**

Do you have a sponsee that needs a commitment? Here is a list of great ways to stay sober and grow your recovery community - Open Zone Delegate/Committee Chair positions

1. Zone J - ALHAMBRA, DOWNEY, EAST L A, LA HABRA, LA MIRADA, MONTEBELLO  
NORWALK, PICO RIVERA, SANTA FE SPRINGS WHITTIER

2. Literature / Hello Central Chair

3. Recording Secretary – Elizabeth doing this now but its not very detailed this time!

4. Web Team Chair – to assist our special worker, Jeff and Philo and his team.

Reach out to Philo if interested in these positions!

### **8:30pm Close Meeting with I am Responsibility Statement**