

MBAR 2024 Committee Agenda

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Saturday, November 9, 2024 10:00 AM

1. Chairperson's Call to Order 10:00 am
2. Serenity Prayer - Chris
3. Reading of the 12 TRADITIONS Read by
Cindy [10:01]

4. New attendees, put your phone numbers and email addresses in the chat. Mayra

5. Are there any A.A. or Al-Anon anniversaries since our last meeting? None

6. Chairperson's Report: Chris T

We do have a very important Topic of discussion post the Financials and Figures, re: Tax Status Per the last MBAR meeting on 9-28-24 & 10-12-24 this meeting will be dedicated to the discussion of how to move forward with research of tax filings or next steps of financial disbursements. We will need the committee to assist in a vote upon Filing Dates, as well as the approval of payment for past fillings and payment to the CPA should we decide to move forward upon the sharing of info from the CPA consultation call on 11/6/24.

All Committee Chairs in the Spirit of Rotation please be looking to have your predecessor found and join us in our meetings so they have some MBAR experience! MBAR Chair Positions are to be Rotated and fulfilled by members to increase their ability to practice and uphold Traditions and increase their Spiritual Experience by working and playing with members New and Old.

We are needing the following chairs filled:

All positions will be open and up for nomination 1/11/25

- Registration Report – N/A
- Treasurer's Report Carolyn- See attached budget
- Seventh Tradition:

7. Committee Chairs/Steering Committee Reports : N/A

Old Business: [10:12]

Currently the following MBAR Committee members have declined being a part of a floating MBAR Steering committee:

Jean T, Carolyn H, Roger M, & Renee C. Chris T remains on to see through Tax and ensure a swift hand off to the next MBAR Chairperson as well as the Steering Committee we nominate.

8. Non Profit Status:

MBAR CPA Meeting Notes - 11.6.24

Procedural Questions

- Were we approved for Non-Profit status? No
- Did we submit an application? Yes
- If we submitted our application in 2022, we received a “notice of revocation.”
- Our application for Non-Profit status was denied at the federal level because we did not qualify, and the code we applied for was not applicable. The IRS suggested we might qualify for 501(c)(3) Recreation.
- We are tax-exempt in the State of California.

We need to reapply with the IRS for Non-Profit status under the 501(c)(3) designation. Retroactive applications are available depending on how far back we want to apply.

Originally, it was suggested to apply retroactively back to 2022 and change our 501 designation to 501(c)(3), with the understanding that we would need to file any necessary 990 returns.

In 2018, when we reached out to the IRS for confirmation of tax-exempt status, Lisa presented a second option (see below). During that 2018 inquiry, no documentation was sent by the IRS requiring taxes.

Since 2018, we have held three conferences, with gross revenue of approximately \$20,000 each year.

Lisa Suggested:

Option 1

- Go back to 2019 and reapply for Non-Profit 501(c)(3) (We want approval first).
- Prepare to file all required 990 returns (2019, 2022, and 2024).

Option 2

- Go back to 2022, when the application was denied, and reapply for Non-Profit 501(c)(3) (We want approval first).
- Prepare to file the 990s from that point forward.

Reapplying for Non-Profit status would help with tax compliance and maintaining tax-exempt status. Compliance includes reporting profits, and we should anticipate filing fees for the 990s. The IRS is currently taking up to 18 months for some back filings. The filing fee for each 990 is \$550; if we are granted exempt status, some years may not require filing (specific conferences

may not need individual reporting). We can continue holding our conferences while awaiting the IRS decision.

The Financial Committee recommends that Lisa review the application and the 990s. Lisa estimates about 5 hours at \$75 an hour - She would tell us if it goes beyond that. She is going to send us the fees for filing.

DISCUSSION

Carolyn: Because we corresponded back in 2018 it was suggested that we reapply for our Non profit to 2018 and we do have the 2 options. Lisa would like to review the forms before we submit them.

Chris: In our operations anything going forward would be going towards to a future MBAR – Suggested that we keep the new committee clear on our financial standings. Payment of CPA and Amount for 550 Filings – where should that money come from

Renee: Suggested we took prudent reserve \$15000 and set aside \$5000 (as an example)

Jean: Jean was asked to talk with Jana, she also spoke with Todd Smith (Founding Member) – Yes, it was always a fund raiser for Central Office – She went to Jana and Jana stated that it is not and it hasn't been since she has been in office. Todd said if Monterey won't put us under their umbrella, maybe Salinas will.

Approved Motion: Continue with working with Lisa and file for Non-Profit
None opposed

Approved Motion: We go back to 2016 for Non-Profit Status
None opposed

Approved Motion: Maintain \$15000 prudent reserve and add \$5000 for specifically for taxes.
None opposed

Approved Motion: That MBAR disperse the remaining funds:
Amount to disburse \$9,441.91
AA 72%
Alanon + Alateen 22%
AA Spanish 6%
Katherine second
None opposed

9. New Business:

- **Next Meeting- December is usually observed for Holiday Season**
Request for a list of positions that can be shared at regular meetings

Approved Motion: Add a fundraiser event position
None oppose

Approved Motion: No business meeting for MBAR in the month of December and reconvene the second Saturday of January, 2025

Non opposed

- **Elections - Set Date**

Approved Motion: Next election date to 1/11/25 and meet every second Saturday of the month we meet at 10:00 am via zoom

None opposed

Approved Motion: change password to 2026

None opposed

Approved Motion: Carolyn pencil us in at the Conference Center for Labor Day weekend – exact same set up.

None opposed

10. Next Tax Committee meeting is 11/26/204 6:00 pm via zoom.

Anyone is welcome to join us. Just let us know if you would like to attend.

11. Next Committee meeting is via zoom. 1/11/2025 10:00 am

12. Meeting adjourned at 11:17 am with the Serenity Prayer.