

Notes from BDA Intergroup Kickoff Meeting — May 17, 2020

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Recording started

Nicole volunteered to be timekeeper

Bill volunteered to be note-taker

Kelly read the 12 traditions

Bob read the BDA Tools intro

Bob Seattle from Sunday BDA

Bill Northern Virginia from Sunday BDA

Ingrid NYC from Sunday BDA

Kelly Texas from BDA Sunday

Janie NY from BDA Sunday

Nicole NorCal/Sacramento, from local meeting

Julie K St Paul, MN, from local meeting

Babette Central NJ, from local meeting

Dana from San Diego, CA

Three additional callers who did not identify themselves or participate

History of BDA Intergroup / interconnection discussion

1. Discussion of BODA split that started based in Washington, DC
2. We all agree we are committed to staying within the DA service structure

Pros for creating a BDA Intergroup now

1. BDA groups could have reps to both local and BDA Intergroups
2. Timely for August WSC to create an ISR (Registration deadline is July 26th. We would need to raise \$200 and elect an ISR in June if we want to do this.)
3. Central place for literature and support to WSC from BDA
4. Central place to have PRG contacts and sponsoring for BDA
5. Central place to look for BDA centric meetings
6. Also events ... easy place to look on the web/search
7. Another way to do PI for attracting both DA and BDA members
8. Clearer leadership to offer help to newcomers, members, groups, and so forth
9. Central website doing coordination (like DATIG for the telephone groups)

Cons against creating a BDA Intergroup now

1. Does create a need for additional service
2. Confusion about “mutual representation” between local IG and this BDA IG
3. If DA is “whole” why would we have 2 Intergroups?
4. Are we “moving too fast”?

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Action plan if we move forward today

1. Meet again in a month discuss the "purpose"
2. Set elections as well
3. Review the Handbook and establish our structure
4. Distribution list and so forth...
5. Bob has been doing outreach for this BDA Intergroup initiative to DA-Announcements@yahoogroups.com, Dontdebt@groups.io, and bdalist@groups.io. He forgot to mention letsgrowda@googlegroups.com, and we should add spendersda@yahoogroups.com. (Bob will attempt to join group.)

Action plan if we don't move forward today

Meet again in four months, ensuring no conflict with WSC, and hold this discussion again.

Decision

Bill-yes, Bob-yes, Nicole R-yes, Ingrid-yes, Janie-maybe, Julie-no service position.
Yes, we will begin a BDA Intergroup now.

Monthly BDA Intergroup meetings for the rest of 2020

Pending changes as group conscience grows, BDA Intergroup meetings will be held on 4th Sundays — 9am-10:30am pacific, 12pm-1:30pm eastern, etc. — beginning June 28th

Handbook "committee" meetings — May 24 and 31; June 7, 14, and 21

We will be doing weekly drop-ins for the next five Sundays, same times as above, to work through the details included in the proposed BDA Intergroup Handbook, at least through the position description of ISR, so we can elect our leadership and ISR next month if we feel ready.

Bill read the promises

Meeting ended at 10:30am pacific, 1:30pm eastern