

# ISB = ISA SERVICE BOARD

## Meeting Notes      Sept. 8, 2020, 5-6 PM CST

Location: Zoom

ISB present: Shannon, Gaylynn N., Ronda L., Dawn G., Kelly S., R. C., Lia R.(partial)

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

In a follow-up to the 9-1-20 mtg, the ISB revisited the specific comments received on the draft ISA Guiding Principles and noted the following:

The majority of member responders indicated support of the draft, and only 3 of the 16 responders offered comments.

The ISB validated many of the comments as valid; including changing the term “ISAs” to “ISA Members”, adding the phrase “compulsive sexual behavior” to infidelity and sexual betrayal, deleting a note about how “ISA has grown”, removing repetitive words, and re-ordering the sentences about inclusivity.

Comments considered, but not adopted included removing the historical date for ISA’s start and removing/revising the term “infidelity survivor”.

In addition, the draft document was re-titled “Infidelity Survivors Anonymous” and the sections renamed to represent the WHO, WHAT and HOW (Who we are, What we do and How it works) of the ISA program. The ISB discussed the intended purpose of the draft; which is to inform others about our program, both on our website and possibly via written pamphlet - specifically responding to the newcomer’s desire/ability to understand our program & the differences in our program from other partner-based recovery.

The ISB adopted a member proposed “Preamble” (with one revision- adding the phrase “compulsive sexual behavior” to infidelity and sexual betrayal) and would like to submit it to the membership for consideration as an additional reading in meetings. As a meeting reading, the ISA Preamble would inform the newcomer and present a reading common to other 12 step programs. The Literature committee will be asked to include any member approved documents in the draft ISA book.

The consistency of ISA program documents (traditions, steps, promises) was considered and the ISB noted that member approval of the proposed ISA document will transpire into a revision to ISA Tradition 3.

The outstanding membership presentation and approval process will be as follows:

Present to meeting coordinators a summary (including the creation of an ISA Preamble) of changes to the **Infidelity Survivors Anonymous- WHO, WHAT, HOW** and post the document online with a link to vote to *approve* or *reject*: 2 weeks, starting date of Saturday, 9-26-20 and ending on Friday, 10-9-20. The announcement to be read at meetings from 9-26 through 10-9 is:

“Thank you to everyone who gave feedback on the draft ISA Guiding Principles. Based on that feedback, the Document has been renamed as Infidelity Survivors Anonymous: Who, What, How. The document explains Who we are, What we do and How we do it; it has been slightly modified with grammar and wording revisions and if approved, will be posted on our website and used in a pamphlet for newcomers and therapists. Also, an ISA Preamble was submitted and will be introduced for approval by the membership this fall. Please review the proposed document online at [isurvivors.org](http://isurvivors.org), under organization and vote to approve or reject the draft ISA: Who, What, How document before October 10, 2020.”

An ISB representative will tally votes after 10-11-20, and inform the ISB and meeting coordinators via the following announcement for ISA Preamble.

Present the ISA Preamble to Meeting coordinators, to be read at two consecutive meetings, beginning Saturday, 10-17-20 and ending on Friday 10-30-20. In an effort to properly conduct group discussion, the second and last meeting in the reading period (Saturday, 10-24-20 – Friday, 10-30-20) shall include a group discussion to talk about the Preamble. The group comments will be directed to the ISB by meeting contacts, through an online link that individuals can also use. The ISB will review, revise and issue for approval vote by Membership.

## Outstanding commitments:

### TRADITIONS

1. The ISB is considering Tradition 3- that it may perhaps reflect that the infidelity be “in a primary or intimate relationship”. **Dawn** is investigating and further discussion is needed.
2. An ISA Traditions book study started 8-10-20 & is Zooming for 12 weeks on Mondays, noon-1 CST.

### MEETINGS

1. The ISB has considered asking meetings to name their groups; perhaps indicating location or attendee focus.
2. **Dawn** will get meeting status from current meetings for the October ISB.
3. The rent for the Outreach Center of West Houston (OCWH) was paid through June, 2020. In the past, the Thursday meeting was not always self-sustaining; but the OCWH also hosted Tools Workshops. The Thursday meeting is still ZOOMing.
4. **Ronda** drafted & **Ellen** also edited a new ZOOM script to accommodate our multiple ZOOM meetings; the new script is closer to our previous in-person meeting script.
5. A closed women’s meeting in Central Dallas meeting starts on 9-5-20, on Saturdays from 10-11am and is offering Zoom in addition to in-person (hybrid).

### ISB BYLAWS:

The ISB discussed the replacement of those (Shannon & Gaylynn) who exit the ISB in 2021. **Gaylynn** agreed to incorporate the April 2018 ISB comments to the Bylaws (specifically going from 3-8 members).

### COMMITTEES

*RETREAT- Camp Allen, TX dates (held with \$100 deposit each & 10% down-for 2021)*  
Feb. 26, 2021- Feb.4, 2022 - Feb. 3, 2023 – Feb. 2, 2024 – Feb.7, 2025

**Ronda** has 2020 volunteer sheets to consolidate/ Need our committee and leader.

**Lia’s** update: the registration number planned for 2021 retreat is 60 single rooms with max capacity of 120, with two large conference rooms and two breakout rooms.

**Kelly:** The New York Corning and Lima groups canceled their September, 2020 retreat due to Covid complications.

*TOOLS Jan/Apr/Jul/Oct*

**Gaylynn & Ronda** did online Tools Workshop in June for the phone community and the Zoom community.

**Ronda** checked with Marcia, Tools Coordinator (on 9-3-20) and **Ellen** & Laura K will facilitate the next workshop, which will probably be online in Sept.

*LITERATURE*

Literature Committee Update – several email communications were logged: ISB made changes & issued Draft book (without the ISA steps) at the 2020 Houston retreat. Kathy is conducting a survey on the draft 12 steps to collect feedback.

### ADMINISTRATIVE

**ISB Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Jan/Apr/July/Oct**

**\* Next Meeting WEDNESDAY Oct. 21, 2020 Time to be announced**