**Saturday, July 22nd, 2017 First Session**

**Opening Matters**

* + 1. Serenity Prayer
    2. Check-Ins/Sobriety Statements
    3. Readings
       - [**Twelve Concepts**](https://slaafws.org/download/core-files/The_Twelve_Concepts_of_SLAA.pdf) - (Non-Chair Member with most seniority) – Steve B.
       - [**Twelve Traditions**](https://slaafws.org/download/core-files/The_Twelve_Traditions_of_SLAA.pdf)- (Member next most seniority on the BOT) – Rick B.
       - Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous is a Twelve Step, Twelve Tradition oriented fellowship based on the model pioneered by Alcoholics Anonymous. The only qualification for S.L.A.A. membership is a desire to stop living out a pattern of sex and love addiction. S.L.A.A. is supported entirely through contributions of its membership, and is free to all who need it. The BOT is a business meeting. We are the business arm of our recovery organization. Respecting the Second Tradition, we need to put individual feelings aside when we work for the BOT and focus on what serves the Fellowship best. This is a job. We are trusted servants. We abuse that trust when we do not act professionally in discharging the business of the Fellowship. – Susan G.

**Attendance**

Present: Bob G., Steve B., Rick B., Susan G., Rich K., Earl D., Jason S., Nancy G., Ashly B.

Absent: None

1. **Assign roles**
   1. Facilitator – Bob G.
   2. Record Keeper – Steve B.
   3. Timekeeper – Earl D. for 1st Session
   4. Spiritual Reminder – All as Necessary
2. **Announcements**
   1. Board Dinner tonight
   2. Walk through of Hotel at noon today
3. **Approval of Agenda**
   1. (BOT Agenda 2017 F2F)
   2. Add viii under elevated priority – Discussion of Distribution of Draft Literature
   3. Motion to Approve with addition Earl/Susan **Approved 9-0-0**
4. **Approval of Minutes** 
   1. Approval July 8, 2017 minutes
   2. Motion to approve Rich/Rick **Approved 9-0-0 Action Item: Steve send to Webmaster**
5. **Monthly Action Items**
   1. Bob to notify Pam and Beth of the continuation of the subsidy for orders from outside the U.S. and Canada – Done
   2. Notify Curtis B. that he will be facilitating Board evaluation on Sunday 23 July after lunch – Done
   3. Steve to send ABC/M Face to Face minutes to Beth for website posting – Done
6. **Business**
   1. Elevated Priority
      1. June 30, 2017 Financials (17-06 Balance Sheet, 17-06 Profit and Loss)
   * Balance Sheet: there have been some cleaning up of some insignificant numbers
     + - Q: Petty cash going down? A: Pam will keep some petty cash, but most expenditures will be through debit.
       - Q: PayPal - Any reason to keep any money there? A: It is a free way to pay International TEFs and avoid wire fees.
       - Q: Can it be moved to the prudent reserve? A: Requires vote by Board. Right now, $6,500 in pay pal.
   * Profit and Loss: Need to reclassify fees for Badger CPA to 63400 contract services labor – will keep bookkeeper fees separate from auditing/tax preparation.
     + - ABM income is a little more than projected for year
       - TEF- all goes out.
       - Contribution income down 15k from what we have budgeted for.
       - Investment account steady making some money.
       - Sales are up – discount has helped in international sales.
       - BOT expenses are consistent with budget.
       - BOT ABM up for this ABM because we have 9 members. This year no deposit for ABM hotel.
       - Still waiting final bill from auditor – not billed for IRS form.
       - Rent not increasing for next two years, even with space buildout.
       - Pam got new year computer – less than $2,500, so we are expensing rather than capitalizing it.
       - Three pay periods in June.
       - Bottom line down $14,000 overall, contributions down $15,000.00.
       - Q: Can we get a budget v. actual? A: Putting in the DropBox
   * Motion to approve financial with reclassifications mentioned above. Earl/Steve **Approve 9-0-0 Action Item: Rich Forward to Newsletter Editor**
     1. FY 2018 Budget
        + - Decided to try to have a budget in place as early as possible helps Conference Committees budget– Fiscal year ends after September, so we don’t have 2017 actual fiscal numbers.
          - Fees for ABM will probably have to be raised – so we have budgeted more.
          - Contribution incomes have been reduced based upon history down $20,000 over 2 years. Sales income is continuing to increase – lots of proposed literature on ABM Agenda as well.
          - Increase subsidies budget for international orders.
          - COG is based on about 18% of sales.
          - BOT travel outside of ABM budgeted for 3 separate visits.
          - BOT ABC/M for 9 BOTs. We do expect to lose money on BOT and ABM ($23,000).
          - IRC probably will be in second year so not in 2018.
          - Contract other – Badger CPAs.
          - Other numbers based upon 4 years’ experience.
          - Outreach $3,000 is monies for international delegates in addition to TEF – will be even higher for them since it won’t be in Boston.
          - Salaries last year 3.4% increase and more for Pam. We budgeted 1.2% COLA. Costs higher because Hector and Christina are now full time.
          - Looking at about $12,362 potential loss. Sales could be even better.
          - Conference has spent less than $300, expect around $500 this year. Leaving Conference at $3,000, even though they don’t spend it.
          - Noted that we have funds in our account to cover proposed loss.
        + **Motion to Approve Tentative Budget FY 2018 for informational purposes only**. Jason/Earl
          - Discussion of submitting a Budget showing a loss held.
        + **Motion Approved 8-1-0**
          - No minority opinion.

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* + 1. Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure form update
       - * Changes more appropriate to 12 Step Organization, protect confidential and anonymous information.
       - **Motion to Approve**: Rich/Rick **Approved 9-0-0**
    2. Revised Conflict of Interest Policy and form
       - * Modified to match committee structure
       - **Motion to Approve** Rich/Rick **Approved 9-0-0**
    3. Revised Strategic Plan
       - * Take out white Board drawing, “Self – Supporting” needs to be consistent and replace “Self—Sustaining,” add signature lines and dates of approval in footers.
       - **Motion to Approve with Amendments** Susan/Rich **Approved 9-0-0**
    4. Approval of large order of Basic Texts (17-07-17 Basic Text Book Request)
       - * We now have space to store many more books. Price will drop if we buy 10,000 books 10,000 would last 18-24 months.
         * Want to give her authority to keep spending on this
       - **Motion to Authorize the Purchase up to $10,000 books.** Steve/Jason **Approved** **9-0-0** Action Item Rich to inform ED.
    5. CSM BOT Elections Process
       - * Remove the third question to candidates on the floor (about name being on legal documents), change day numbers (2,3) to days of the week (Wednesday, Thursday) and approve 9-0-0
       - **Motion to Approve with the above changes** Steve/Rich Approved **9-0-0**
    6. Discussion of Draft Literature Being Freely Distributed – Protection of Copyrights.
       - * Concern over protecting copyrights since there is rarely feedback from extensive distribution
         * Concern over literature being treated as if it were approved before it is.
         * Discussion Held.
       - **Consensus**: Steve will draft a statement from the Board for review. Action Item: Steve will prepare draft statement by tomorrow.
  1. Regular Priority
     1. Appendix L Revisions
        + - Changes from last meeting Box Four 5.1 changed to 5.
          - New box added if an editor is utilized. Editor changed to desktop publisher. “An” editor in box 4.
          - Two arrows instead of one to 4a back and forth.
          - Edit have all periods (5c. v 5c) or none.
        + **Motion to Approve** Rich/Rick **Approved 9-0-0**

**Sunday, July 23nd, 2017 First Session**

* Board Self Evaluation Part I

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* Board Self Evaluation Part II

**Monday, July 24th, 2017**

* + 1. Treasurer’s Report to the ABC/M Review (Treasurers2017ABMReport)
       - * Report reviewed by Treasurer
         * Discussion Held.
       - **Approved by Consensus**
    2. Review of Agenda Items
       - * 17o02/16-06 Step Questions Workbook

**Consensus:** No Statement

* + - * + 17o03/16-07 Chapter 4 Companion

Steve Recused himself from discussion

**Consensus:** No Statement

* + - * + 17o04/16-08 Healthy Relationships

Nancy Recused herself

**Consensus:** No Statement

* + - * + 17o05/15-05 New 40 Questions

“The board is not in support of having a separate 40 Question Core document that is different from the 40 Question Pamphlet and the Board would like to see the two merged into a new core document that is not limited to 40 Questions.”

Steve/Rich 8-1-0

Minority heard, **8-1-0 for Statement**

* + - * + 17n09/17-01 Amend By-Laws

**Consensus:** No Statement

* + - * + 17n10/17-02 Anorexia Recovery Tools

**Consensus:** No Statement

* + - * + 17n11/17-03 Budget IFD

Consensus: “The Board opposes any implementation of this because it violates Concepts 6-9 and By-Laws as well as Article VI, section 1, of By-Laws and this is not appropriate for the Conference to consider and we recommend that it removed from the Agenda.

* + - * + 17n12/17-04 Conference structure and “Lone Group” IFD

**Consensus**: No Statement

* + - * + 17n13/17-05 Meditation Book IFD

**Consensus**: No Statement

* + - * + 17n14/17-06 Motion to Amend By-Laws

**Consensus**: No Statement

* + - * + 17n15/17-07 50th Anniversary Text IFD

**Consensus:** “We seek to know what the conference thinks about the idea of updating of the S.L.A.A. Basic Text to be published at the time of the 50th Anniversary.”

* + - * + 17n17/17- 08 More Inclusive 8th Sign of Recovery

**Consensus**: No Statement

* + - * + 17n17/17-09 S.L.A.A. App. IFD

**Consensus: “**The Board seeks and would appreciate the conference’s input on whether an S.L.A.A. app should be developed and what features they would like to see.”

* + - * + 17n18/17-10 Audio Book IFD

**Consensus**: “While the board is supportive of the concept, we don’t know the costs; for example, we believe a better professional reader be appropriate, since the CDs are not of the highest quality. The Board would like to know the costs before a commitment is made to prioritize such a project.”

* + - * + 17n19/17-11 Anorexia Reflected in Literature IFD

**Consensus:** No Statement

* + 1. Scholarship Policy IRC (Scholarship Policy – IRC)
       - * Covers money donated by registrants, basically just allows us to carry over to following IRCs.
       - **Motion to Approve** - Steve/Earl **Approved, 9-0-0**
    2. Statement on Distribution of Draft Literature
       - * Discussion held.
         * Add link to “Is it Really Necessary” Document on web.
       - **Motion to Approve with Addition** – Rich/Rick **Approved, 9-0-0**
         * **Consensus:** Put on ABM document table, hand out individually, and take it to the CLC.

**Thursday, July 27th, 2017**

* + 1. Review of New Agenda Items
       - * 17n20/17-12 Motion Regarding Closed Meeting

**Consensus:** No Statement

* + - * + 17n18/17-13 Literature in Audio Format IFD

**Consensus:** No Statement

**Friday, July 27th, 2017 First Session**

**Attendance:**

Present: Bob G., Steve B., Susan G., Rich K., Earl D., Jason S., Nancy G., Ashly B., David F.

Absent: None

* + 1. Election of Board Chair:
       - * Nominee: Bob G
       - **Bob G. Elected Board Chair**
    2. Location of 2018 ABM
       - * There was one bid from Chicago
         * Discussion Held
       - **Motion** Rich/Earl **Hold 2018 in SA with a one-year commitment**
       - **Consensus:** Bob will announce“Because of financial concerns, we are going to our office location of San Antonio for a one-year commitment.”
    3. Election of Board Committee Chairs
       - Board Development Committee
       - **Jason S.** Elected Chair
       - Board Finance Committee
       - **Rich K.** Elected Chair
       - Board Human Resources/Personnel Committee
       - **Nancy G.** Elected Chair
       - Board Programs and Membership Committee
       - **Ashly B.** Elected Chair
       - Board Fellowship Self-Supporting Committee
       - **Earl D.** Elected Chair
       - Board Outreach Committee
       - **Susan G.** Elected Chair

**Friday, July 27th, 2017 Second Session**

* + 1. Election of Officers
       - President
       - **Bob G. Elected President**
       - Treasurer
       - **Rich K. Elected Treasurer**
       - Secretary
       - **Steve B. Elected Secretary**
    2. Next Meeting (Regular) Saturday Morning September 9th 10;30 ET/ 4:30 CET
    3. Revised Letter to Health Professionals **Tabled**
    4. Employee Handbook **Tabled**
    5. Discussion of appointment of newsletter editor **Tabled**
    6. Discussion on Executive Director selecting hotel after city is selected to host ABC/M – Suggestion by Susan **Tabled**
    7. Discussion of bid for 2018 ABC/M **Moved to Friday**
    8. Discussion of BOC printed process **Tabled**
    9. Simplified RTI form **Tabled**
    10. Discussion RE: Bus Bench Ads **Tabled**
    11. Revised Copyright Packet **Tabled**
    12. S.L.A.A. QR Code **Tabled**

1. **Adjournment**

Check-outs

Closing Prayer:

Higher Power, make me worthy to serve You through this Fellowship and the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. Help me to be generous with my time and effort, to give without counting the cost, to give back wholly for what I have received so freely received without looking for any reward, other than that of knowing I have done your will. Through my service, may I give hope and peace to those who still suffer. – (Newest member on Board – David F.)