1. **Opening Matters** 
   * 1. Check-Ins/Sobriety Statements
     2. Readings:
        + [Twelve Concepts](https://slaafws.org/download/core-files/The_Twelve_Concepts_of_SLAA.pdf) - (Non-Chair Member with most seniority) – **Nancy G.**
        + [Twelve Traditions](https://slaafws.org/download/core-files/The_Twelve_Traditions_of_SLAA.pdf)- (Member next most seniority on the BOT) – **P.A. K.**
        + **BOT Preamble** - 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. – **Jay G.**

**Recording Started (\*9)**

1. **Assign roles**
   1. Facilitator – **Ned J.**
   2. Record Keeper – **Christina M.**
   3. Timekeeper – **Seth**
   4. Spiritual Reminder – **All**
2. **Announcements**
   1. Next BOT Meeting is a *Regular Meeting* on May 9th, 2020 – Please have all your Reports posted to DropBox by 5:00pm EST on Wednesday, May 6th.

-we will conduct an email chain/survey regarding whether we will be switching to a Zoom platform for the next meeting.

* 1. The “Gift of No Contact ” booklet is in desktop publishing and should be printed and ready to ship by mid-May.
  2. The ASOG soft-cover should be printed and shipping late May. The price for this edition will be $12.95 and will follow the same discount structure as the basic text, so ordering over 125 books will qualify for the same discount.
  3. Pam wished to express deep gratitude on behalf of herself, Christina, and Hector for the privilege of working from home at this time.

1. **Approval of Agenda** (***BOT Agenda 04 11 2020 Final***)

Christina made a motion to approve; Anne seconded. Agenda was approved by consensus.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from March 14th, 2020 Regular Meeting. *(****BOT Minutes-2020.03 docx****)*

Jay moved to approve; Rick seconded. Minutes were approved by consensus.

1. **Monthly Action Items**
   1. Forward February 8th, 2020 Meeting Minutes to Beth- **Christina M.** (DONE)
   2. Create a BOT “CoronaVirus Response” for the Fellowship and send out for BOT review– **Anne K., Seth S., Nancy G., Ned J.** (DONE)
   3. Create an “ABC/M Statement” for the Fellowship and send to Pam- **Anne K., Jay G.** (DONE)
   4. Sign the Stephen W. Cook contract (our new bookkeepers) and inform Pam of their engagement with FWS– **Jay G.** (DONE)
   5. Send the new BOT approved “Cash Management Proposal” to Pam- **Jay G.** (DONE)
   6. Send the BOT approved version of “The Gift of No Contact” to Pam for desktop publishing and printing- **Ned J.** (DONE)
   7. Send the BOT response to the ARS regarding “The Blessings” as a core document- **Jay G.** (Done)
   8. Send the BOT approved “Prudent Reserve Policy” to Pam- **Jay G.** (DONE)
   9. Send the BOT approved “non-BOT Member Appointment Process” policy to Pam – **Seth S.** (DONE)
2. **Routine Reports**

a.) Report on Suggestions to the Board

Request from the CPIC to the BOT to research purchasing a Zoom “ Enterprise “ account for FWS to use ( ***CPIC Recommendation to BOC and FWS Board docx.)***

Zoom offers a variety of subscriptions. An “Enterprise” zoom account would cost approximately $2000 per month, would allow 100 hosts and incur costs if hosts exceed 100 members.

-The CTIOC purchased a professional zoom account that was under $200, which can host up to 1000 attendees. They would be willing to share it. Maybe intergroups are choosing to have their own Zoom accounts, which is consistent with being self-supporting. An overall account would be helpful, but not sure if we can warrant spending that much money.

-Concern was raised that it appears to be governing the Fellowship to designate one particular platform for all intergroups to use, rather than letting them autonomously select one themselves.

-Suggestion to pass this to the Board Technology Committee and allow them to weigh in.

-Concern was raised over vetting hosts; question raised over who would administer the platform, make changes, ensure integrity of usage, etc. We are not set up to have a central virtual facility such as this even if there was no cost.

-Concerns were raised regarding security concerns.

-We have more than 100 meetings, which is what the Enterprise Account would assign. It’s not within FWS’s functioning role to assign meeting rooms to groups.

Action Item: Seth will send a response letter to the CPIC on behalf of the Board Technology Committee and the Board of Trustees.

b.) Webmaster’s Report *(****2020-04 Webmaster Report.pdf****)*

c*.) Treasurer’s Summary* ***(Treasurer’s Summary 3.31.2020.docx)***

**8.)**  **BUSINESS**

**ELEVATED PRIORITY:**

1. Report – from the BOT - ABC/M and IRC Contingency Sub- Committee

Discuss the various options that are available to the Fellowship for this year’s (CY 2020) ABC/M and IRC.- **Seth S., Jay G., P.A. K., Ned J.**

***( BOT Sub-Comm Report - ABM Contingency.docx)***

A sub-committee was formed to discuss our ABC/M and IRC options this year. Five different options were presented, ranging from proceeding with the plan as it stands, to cancelling and rescheduling, with options in-between that consider online meeting options, abridged meeting format, electronic voting, etc.

According to the bylaws, the only requirement for the Annual Business Meeting regards holding elections for the Board of Trustees, which is the only business we are required to perform at our annual meeting. If we were to host an electronic or virtual election on an online platform, each intergroup is entitled to send one delegate per five groups, which means we could have a largely increased attendance and we would have to adjust accordingly. It would be a logistical challenge, especially with international participants and 24 time zones.

Point of clarification: we are supposed to have a meeting once a year, but it does not have to be an in-person meeting.

The likelihood of California opening up by July is low.

Risk-reward does not even out as far as providing safety to our Fellowship.

Opinion expressed that it behooves us to at least cancel the July ABM and if possible, push it to a later date in the Conference Year, especially if the hotel is not going to hold us fiscally responsible for cancellation. If the meeting goes to a virtual platform, we should give ourselves enough time to work out logistics and involve as much of the delegation as possible. Even mere elections are not simple – quite a lot goes into the candidate selection process, review, and voting. Sensitive material is presented at each in-person ABM regarding information on Board candidates; how will we be handling this information on a virtual platform?

Other questions raised:

Where in the bylaws does it say delegates have to be selected 120 days in advance?

-Article 5, Section 5, sub-paragraph C in the bylaws. “Whenever possible delegate members and alternatives shall be selected at least 120 days before the annual conference and their forwarded immediately to Fellowship Wide Services.”

Has anyone contacted the Sheraton in Sacramento?

Yes, the hotel has been inconclusive. Pam has been reaching out to them; we have not yet put down any deposit yet.

Would we feel safer postponing to a later date, such as October, and is it in the Bylaws to ensure the Conference Journal editor attends?

Answer to first question unknown, and according to the Bylaws, the attendance of the Conference Journal Editor and Charter Committee Chair are paid for by Fellowship Wide Services.

Would the cost of the conference be significantly reduced if we do not host an in-person meeting?

The estimated guess is yes, it would be significantly reduced without meal or hotel costs.

According to the Bylaws Article 5, section 6, special delegate member meetings can be called by the Board in case of an emergency, but delegates must be notified no less than 6 weeks in advance.

Point of clarification – we are not holding a “special” meeting, we are holding our regular Annual Business Meeting.

Ned moved to announce to the Fellowship: that due to COVID-19 we are cancelling the July Sacramento ABM/IRC, we are researching all options at this point; refunds will be available, and we will notify the Fellowship as soon as we have a concrete plan in place for elections. Anne seconded.

Friendly amendment was introduced to task Anne and Christina to put this in writing and seek e-mail approval from all Board members. Friendly amendment was accepted.

Vote was 7-1-0.

Minority was heard: According to our contract, we are still on the hook to the Sheraton for 80% of the cost of the event. Unless we can be assured we will not be financially responsible for this loss we should not relay the information of cancellation to the Fellowship.

After the minority was heard, no one wished to change their vote.

The motion passed 7-1-0.

Action Item: Anne and Christina will have an initial draft to the Board by Tuesday. Board will send comments by Wednesday. Statement will go live on the website by Thursday.

The ABM planning sub-committee will continue to meet and discuss the proper procedure to notify the Sheraton. No one should speak with the hotel yet.

Action Item for Nancy to tell Pam about the Board’s decision.

Action Item for Seth to tell Philip.

Action Item for P.A. to tell Sarah and Gabriel.

Action Item for Ned to tell Beth.

**Recording Stopped** **(\*9)**

**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 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. – **Anne K.**

**Meeting Schedule for Conference Year 2019-2020**

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| *14 Sept 19 – Regular* | *12 Oct 19 – Interim* | *9 Nov 19 – Regular* |
| *14 Dec 19 – Interim* | *~~11 Jan 20 – Regular~~* | *~~8 Feb 20 – Interim~~* |
| *~~March 14~~~~th~~~~, Regular~~* | **April 11th 2020 – Interim** | **May 9th, 2020 – Regular** |
| **June 13th, 2020 – Interim** | **July 11th, 2020 – Regular** | **F2F- TBD** |