1. **Opening Matters** 
   1. Check-Ins/Sobriety Statements - Jay G.(OH), Seth S.(MA), Rick S.(PA), Christina M.(CA), Gabriel G. (CA), Jaclyn R. (MN), Hernan V. (CA), Suzanne D.(TX)
   2. Readings:
      * + [Twelve Concepts](https://slaafws.org/download/core-files/The_Twelve_Concepts_of_SLAA.pdf) - (Non-Chair Member with most seniority) – **Jay G.**
        + [Twelve Traditions](https://slaafws.org/download/core-files/The_Twelve_Traditions_of_SLAA.pdf)- (Member next most senior on the BOT) – **Rick S.**
        + **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*. – **Christina M.**

**Start Recording (\*9)**

1. **Assign roles**
   1. Facilitator – **Seth S.**
   2. Record Keeper – **Jim B. (non-BOT member – not present)**
   3. Timekeeper – **Rick S.**
   4. Spiritual Reminder – **All**
2. **Announcements**
   1. Check was received for matching LifeSaver Program funds for amount of $15,470.78 (covering months April, May & June) and was placed in the Endowment Fund (money market account). – **Seth S.** *---Seth will be requesting matching funds for July, August & September. No other discussion.*
   2. Board treasurer is looking into obtaining the services of a new Bookkeeper. She will bring a list of potential new Bookkeepers to the board for discussion. – **Jacyln R.**
   3. Most recently filed whistleblower compliant (against the CCC Chair) has been resolved. A report will follow soon. Board chair has been invited to discuss the report with the whistleblower investigator. – **Seth S.**
   4. Jacyln R. has been unable to attend any of her assigned Conference Committees due to lack of access.
3. **Approval of Today’s Agenda** (***BOT Agenda 10 09 2021.docx***) *---changes requested by Gabriel G. Revised agenda approved as amended.*
4. **Approval of last Month’s Minutes**

BOT Minutes from 9-11-21 and 8-21-21 *---August Minutes approved. September Minutes approved with the following changes:*

* *Revise ED Report to better reflect Pam’s discussion about the ASOG printing.*
* *Revise Elevated Priority Item* ***a*** *to remove the name of the applicant that was not approved.*

1. **Monthly Action Items**
   1. Post preliminary Agenda for October 9, 2021 in DropBox – **Seth S** – (DONE)
   2. Forward August and September (as revised) BOT Meeting Minutes to Beth and Pam – **Seth S.** – (PENDING)
2. **Routine Reports**
   1. Suggestions to the Board Report – **NONE**
   2. ED Report and ED Sales Summary (no report)
   3. Webmaster’s Report (no report)  *---Question asked if the BOT wants a monthly report. Discussion as follows:*

* *Suggestion to get a copy of the report from the BTC, which already receives a report.*
* *Noted that Webmaster’s job duties include more than just webmaster duties, so the title of the report should be changed to reflect.*
* *Suggested to provide an outline to Webmaster with guideline for what should be in the report.*
* *Suggested to change the name to “Communications Report” or similar.*
* *The BHRPC is discussing the “webmaster” position and the job title may change.*
* *Straw poll was a strong “yes” to receiving the report.*

**BUSINESS**

**ELEVATED PRIORITY:**

1. Discuss Non-BOT Board Committee Applications for approval – **Seth S.**

-*--List of non-BOT applicants and their status was produced by Seth S. Brief discussion on each applicant for Board Committees and their status. Details as follows:*

* *B7TC: Sam E. and Michael S. were approved by BOT as the only non-BOT members approved for this committee.*
* *BCTC: Moses C., Sam E. & Fredrik L.* *were approved by BOT as the only non-BOT members approved for this committee.*
* *BDC:* *Joe C. and Christian A. were approved by BOT as the only non-BOT members approved for this committee.*
* *BFC:* *Ava H. and Michael S. were approved by BOT as the only non-BOT members approved for this committee.*
* *BHRPC: Curtis B. and Cheryl Lynn D. were approved by BOT as the only non-BOT members approved for this committee.*
* *BOC: No non-BOT members nominated for this committee.*
* *BPDC: Anthony P., Lee W., Jeff R. & Steven S. were all nominated, but not yet approved.*
* *BPMC: Austin H. and Sandy B. were approved by BOT as the only non-BOT members approved for this committee.*
* *BTC: Jayk G. was approved by BOT as the only non-BOT member approved for this committee. Moses C. has an application, but is not yet approved. Christina M. also has other non-BOT members to nominate for the committee.*

*---Motion to approve Moses C. to be a member of the BTC. Motion seconded and unanimously approved (8-0-0).*

1. Review and discussion of ABC/M Application. – **Gabriel G.**

*---Discussion about 2022 ABC/M Application. This is the one that groups will use to host the ABC/M and/or the IRC. Uploaded to drop box. Comments from Jay G. as follows:*

* *Application page 4: Box with different items. Mentions Tuesday lunch through Friday breakfast, but should say Friday lunch.*
* *Application reflects that it is for one or two ABC/M’s or one IRC. Suggest being clear about what is expected on how many ABC/M’s to apply for or when the IRC should be (maybe second year?).*
* *Application mentions that the IRC has, on a few occasions, been at a separate location or separate date from the ABC/M. If the committee prefers the IRC to be at the same location and be immediately after the ABC/M, it is recommended to state that in the application.*

*---Jaclyn R. also sent comments. Gabriel G. to take all input back to the BPMC for review and updating of the Application, and will bring it back next month.*

1. Review and discuss NYC Application to host the 2022 ABC/M. – **Gabriel G.**

*---New spreadsheet from NYC was received and uploaded. It was completely revised from previous one, with new hotels. Some addition information was received afterwards with banquet and facility locations. The BPMC was supposed to get completely updated spreadsheet by a certain deadline, and it was not received. Current spreadsheet information discussed, with comments as follows:*

* *It was mentioned that there is no other Intergroup currently interested in applying, so patience should be used in this situation.*
* *Concerns about the ability of the intergroup to functionally manage an ABC/M.*
* *Also concerns about having the ABC/M in San Antonio. The local intergroup does not have members / volunteers to support an ABC/M.*
* *Suggested by Christina M. to have the LA Intergroup host the event.*
* *Also suggested to talk with Houston to see if they would like to host.*

*---At conclusion of discussion, a vote was held to determine if NYC would be considered for hosting the 2021 ABC/M. Motion made to politely and graciously decline the NYC application, and encourage them to apply in a future year, and include more detail about the LPC members and hotels. This motion was seconded. Vote was unanimous (8-0-0). BPMC to notify NYC of the vote.*

1. Discussion about an alternate location for the ABC/M – **Seth S.**

*---Roundtable discussion about alternates with many different general suggestions. They are as follows:*

* *Have the event in LA.*
* *Have the event in Houston.*
* *Have the event virtually.*
* *Have a hybrid event.*
* *Have the event in San Antonio.*
* *Suggestion to start a BOT subcommittee to pursue finding a different location.*
* *Suggested to obtain a letter of interest from a local intergroup chair to start consideration of another location.*
* *It was requested by the chair to activate the ABM Planning Committee, and instruct them to find a location / method for the ABC/M as quickly as possible.*
* *It was offered by Christina M. to reach out to the LA Intergroup and see about interest.*

1. BFC recommendation to approve financial engagement letter from Williams Steinart Mask (WSM). – **Jacyln R.**

*---A document has been placed in the dropbox called the “FWS Financial Engagement Letter”. The BFC recommends to the Board that the BOT engage WSM for review of 2020-2021 finances. It would cost $5,000 for the financial review and tax return. If a review w/tax return and audit is desired, the fee would be $9,300. The BFC recommends that engagement with the WSM for the review only. Discussion as follows:*

* *Strong support for recommendation to review only.*
* *It was suggested to audit periodically, maybe every five or ten years.*
* *Suggested to have an audit if there is misbehavior, or the membership requests it.*

*---Motion made to accept recommendation of the BFC, and engage the services of WSM to conduct a review and tax return for 2020-2021, with the chair (or another BOT member) to sign the engagement letter. Motion seconded, and unanimously BOT approved (8-0-0).*

1. Review and discuss format changes to the BOT meeting. – **Gabriel G.**

*---Proposal to change opening readings to reduce time. Suggest to read only the Preamble, Tradition of the month, and Concept of the month. There would change from reading all of the Traditions and Concepts. Discussion as follows:*

* *Suggested to keep all Concepts, and just the Tradition of the month.*
* *Multiple members support the original proposal for changing opening.*
* *Strong dissent by one member. It was stated that Traditions and Concepts are critical for setting the tone for the meeting.*

*---Motion made to read the Preamble, the Tradition of the month and the Concept of the month. Motion seconded. First vote was 5 in support, 2 opposed, 1 abstention.*

*---Minority Report requested: It was stated that Board members are obligated to conduct the business of the fellowship. This is a spiritual fellowship, and the BOT needs to be rooted in the Traditions and Concepts to be connected with our individual Higher Powers. Vote was retaken, and the outcome was: 5 in support, with 3 opposed. Motion passed. Format will be revised for next month’s BOT meeting.*

1. Discussion regarding BOT resources and mentors. – **Seth S.**  *---tabled.*
2. Discuss future of the LCEP. – **Jay G./Suzanne D.** *---tabled.*
3. Finalize review of reformatting of the 8 Core Documents.– **Christina M.** (Dropbox: 8\_Core\_Documents\_reformatted.pdf)*---tabled.*
4. Discuss role of BOT liaison – **Seth S.** (Dropbox: BOT Orientation Liaisons.pdf[p.10]) *---tabled.*
5. Setting a strategic plan for the Fellowship – **Seth S.** Chair *---tabled.*

**REGULAR PRIORITY:**

1. Discussion around possible BOT virtual retreat(s). – **Seth S.** ---*tabled.*

**Stop Recording** **(\*9)**

**Check-outs:**  Jay G., Seth S., Rick S., Christina M., Gabriel G., Jacyln R., Hernan V., Suzanne D.

**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.* – **Suzanne D.**

**Meeting Schedule for Conference Year 2021-2022**

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| *~~21 August 21 – Interim~~* | *~~11 Sept. 21 – Regular~~* | *~~9 Oct. 21 – Interim~~* |
| *13 Nov. 20 – Regular* | *11 Dec. 21 – Interim* | *8 Jan. 22 – Regular* |
| *12 Feb. 22 - Interim****14* Mar 20 – Regular** | *12 Mar. 22 – Regular* | *9 April 22 – Interim* |
| 14 *May 22 – Regular* | *11 June 22 – Interim* | *9 July 22 – Regular* |