

The S.L.A.A. Fellowship-Wide Service 1998 Annual Business Meeting (ABM)

Thursday, June 25 - Sunday, June 28, 1998
Bentley College, Waltham, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

MINUTES

*Conference Theme: 8th Tradition of S.L.A.A.:
"S.L.A.A. should remain forever non-professional,
but our service centers may employ special workers."*

SUMMARY

The minutes consist of these pages (Minutes), the Addendum to the Minutes, the ABM schedule (provided in delegate packets), the ABM committee reports as submitted for the ABM (referenced), the Business Meeting Items (including the additional Business Meetings Items submitted at the ABM), and a letter to the Members of the Conference regarding preserving anonymity the media (from John S.).

There were 51 delegates from intergroups and groups in the U.S. (1 delegate represented both Colorado and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico), 1 observer from Mexico, 1 observer from Poland, as well as 2 delegates from Germany. There was 1 observer, 3 FWS staff members, and 8 Board of Trustees members. *Note: observers do not vote.*

Several Board and Conference committees submitted written reports to the ABM. These appeared in the participants' packets:

Annual Report from the Board of Trustees
General Manager's Annual Report
Office Operating Committee Annual Report
Board Copyright Committee
Board Finance Committee
Board Literature Committee
Board Public Information Committee
Board Steps and Traditions Committee

Conference By-Laws Committee
Conference Charter Committee
Conference Finance Committee
Conference Internet Committee
Conference Literature Committee
Journal Committee Annual Report
Prison Outreach Committee

Frequently used abbreviations are:

BOT: Board of Trustees
CCC: Conference Charter Committee

CSM: Conference Service Manual
FWS: Fellowship-Wide Services

Votes are recorded as For-Against-Abstention (e.g., 12-15-4 signifies 12 for-15 against-4 abstentions).

THURSDAY, JUNE 25:

Summary

Time was allocated prior to the first General Assembly for conference committees to meet. There was an afternoon "Orientation to the Process" workshop for newcomers. The General Assembly convened first to address preliminaries (e.g., opening the meeting, orientation, introductions). After a break for dinner and a meeting, the General Assembly reconvened to practice the business methods.

Members seated and present: 42 / 47

Quorum (2/3): 28 / 31

Convene General Assembly

Orientation was provided by John S. (BOT), Andrew H. (CCC) and Gaelen S.R. (CCC). The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer, followed by readings of the S.L.A.A. Preamble, 12-Steps, and 12-Traditions (from *S.L.A.A. Basic Text* and/or as printed in the *Conference Service Manual*).

The delegates present introduced themselves, as did BOT and CCC members. The auditorium seating configuration (vs. the circle as voted in a previous ABM) was explained (Bentley College was unable to accommodate us with a room large enough to have a circle, the only room large enough was the auditorium); an invitation was extended to anyone that wishes to sit at the table on the stage.

Delegate roles were reviewed: bring dialogue from your Intergroup; discuss; debate; brainstorm; vote; become member of two (2) committees; return to your Intergroup with ABM information; work throughout the year on committees; maybe become elected to the BOT.

The process of doing business at the ABC/M was reviewed: SLAA ABC/M process; experience SLAA on a broader scale; determine agenda; debate motions and discuss; vote on motions; exchange ideas; set direction for next year; enjoy recovery. The tools to use for the business were reviewed: Business Meeting Items Summary; Conference Service Manual; Higher Power; 30-second time-out; meetings; getting current; temporary sponsors and sponsors; neighbor; raise your hand if you have any questions

The 1998 ABC/M schedule (June 25 - June 28) was reviewed.

Rob K. made an announcement regarding deadline for submitting motions (8:00 p.m. is the time that all motions are to be submitted. After this time, you can still submit motions, but such motions will be at the end of the list and will not be considered in Phase 1). John S. encouraged all members of the fellowship to kick in \$10 in order to decrease our financial woes.

General Assembly adjourned for recovery and speaker meetings, and dinner.

Reconvene General Assembly

The FWS Office Manager reviewed the status of the office move at the cost of \$10,000; Graphs were displayed of the revenue, even numbers on books, pamphlets, tapes, medallions, World Directory, the *Journal*. It was suggested that fifty percent of the fellowship's budget should be from contributions. Year-to-date (YTD) contributions total \$27,471.23; by the fifty percent guideline YTD contributions should be \$33,333.36, with a goal of \$62,040.00. Two slides were shown, one illustrating locations of US meetings, the other illustrating locations of meetings worldwide.

Effective July 1, 1998 the FWS Office has a new zip code: 02465.

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The *Interactive Method of Community Problem Solving* was explained and practiced. This was facilitated by John S. (Micro), Gaelen S. R. (Macro), and Rob K. (Back-up). Volunteers for this session were Sam A. (Timekeeper), Robin H. (Spiritual Reminder), and Deborah W. (Record keeper)

Jennifer H. (BOT) reviewed the BOT committees and their business:

Office Operating Committee	Board Finance,
Board Legal	Board Steps and Traditions,
Board Copyright	Board Literature,
Board Nominating	FWS Newsletter,
Board Charter Committee	Intrafellowship,

Announcements were made about meeting with the Board Finance Committee, an open BOT meeting, after hours assistance, Board Nominating papers to be distributed, coffeehouse and talent show sign ups, *Journal* subscriptions, call for volunteers/service work, and a request for seating suggestions. The Day 2 schedule was reviewed. The General Assembly was closed with the Serenity prayer

General Assembly adjourned until Friday, June 26.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26:

Summary

The day began with breakfast and a guided meditation before the General Assembly was convened. The General Assembly broke for committee meetings, lunch, and a speaker meeting, before reconvening.

Members seated and present: 51 / 53
Quorum (2/3): 34 / 36

Convene General Assembly

This portion of the General Assembly began with Announcements, the Serenity Prayer, and readings of the 12-Traditions, 12-Steps, and S.L.A.A. Preamble.

Phase I was facilitated by Rob K. (Micro), Andrew H. (Macro), and Mary D. (Backup). Volunteers for this session were Sam A. (Timekeeper), Mary C. (Spiritual reminder), Deb W. (Record keeper), and two (2) vote counters (Andrew H. and Tony N.). A vote binding on the BOT requires 36.

The purpose of Phase I was explained (refer to the *CSM*, pg. 58). Deviating from the *CSM* process noted on page 58, questions will be permitted for clarification only. It was noted that not every item is a motion: there are brainstorming issues and issues for discussion to be discussed in Phase II.

Results of Items handled in this portion of Phase I: *Items for Discussion* and *Brainstorm* items were held for Phase II.

98o 1/96-6	Item for discussion
98o2A/96-7	Voted: 44-1-5
	referred to committee
98o2/96-7	Voted: 18-20-9
	referred to committee
98o3/96-11	Voted: 18-24-6
98o4A/96-13	Voted: 41-3-3
	minority can't live with this
	refer to 98o4/96-13

98o4/96-13	Defeated: 3-35-9
	minority can live with this
	motion defeated.
98o5A/96-14	Approved: 47-0-1
98o5/96-14	superseded by 98o5A/96-14
98o6/96-17	Item for discussion
98o7A/96-19	Voted: 39-5-3
	minority can't live with it
	refer to 98o7/96-19

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For a more detailed accounting of discussions of Business Meeting Items, refer the Addendum to the Minutes that follow.

During this General Assembly, after 98o6/96-17, there was a **Motion** for group conscience to count off verbally for this upcoming and future votes. A vote to Approve means that delegates will count off, to reject means that delegates will continue to use counters. First vote: 28-15-7. Second vote: 14-30-5. Third vote: 20-24-4. **Motion defeated.**

General Assembly was adjourned for a committee meetings, speaker meeting, and a meal.

Reconvene General Assembly

This portion of the General Assembly began with Announcements, the Serenity Prayer, and readings of the S.L.A.A. Preamble, 12-Steps, and 12-Traditions.

This portion of *Phase I* was facilitated by Jenny R.W. (Macro), Mary D. (Micro) and Deb W. (Back up). Volunteers were Sam A. (Timekeeper), Robert (Spiritual reminder), Gaelen S.R. (Recorder), Deborah (Secretary), and two (2) vote counters (Tony N. and Andrew H.).

Results of Items handled in this portion of Phase I: *Items for Discussion* and *Brainstorm* items were held for Phase II.

98o7/96-19	Defeated: 0-38-4
98o8/96-20	Item for discussion
98o8/96-21	Item for discussion
98o10/96-22	Item for discussion
98o11A/96-23	Voted: 30-9-2
	refer to 98o11/96-23
	Brainstorm item
98o12/96-24	Brainstorm

98o13A/97-1	Voted: 24-13-5
	minority can't live with this
	refer 98o13/97-1 to committee
98o14/97-2	Voted: 19-19-7
	referred to committee
98o15/97-3	Voted: 24-15-6
	referred to committee

This General Assembly was closed with the Serenity Prayer

General Assembly was adjourned until Saturday, June 27.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27:

Summary

The day began with breakfast and a guided meditation, as well as an optional tour of the FWS office before the General Assembly was convened. The General Assembly broke for committee meetings, lunch, and a speaker meeting, before reconvening. The CCC made a decision to return to the *Phase I* process as noted in the CSM (pg. 58). Thus, if there is a question, concern, etc., the item is tabled and forwarded to the assigned committee.

Members seated and present: 53
Quorum (2/3): 36

Convene General Assembly

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This portion of *Phase I* was facilitated by Gaelen S.R. (Micro), Tony N (Macro), John S. (Back-up). Volunteers were Sam A. (Timekeeper), Eliot (Spiritual reminder), Deborah (Secretary), and one (1) vote counter (Robert). *Phase I* was completed. After a short break, *Phase II* was begun.

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98o16/97-4	Item for discussion	98n36/94-5	Approved: 49-1-1
98o17/97-8	Brainstorm	98n37/98-6	Voted: 36-7-6
98o18/18 97-10	referred to committee		referred to committee
98o19/97-11	referred to committee	98n38/98-7	Voted: 21-18-10
98o20/97-12	Approved: 41-1-3		referred to committee
98o21/97-13	referred to committee	98n39/98-8	referred to committee
98o22A/ 97-14	referred to committee	98n40/98-9	Item for discussion
98o22/97-14	referred to committee	98n41/98-10	Item for discussion
98o23/97-15	referred to committee	98n42/98-11	Motion withdrawn
98o24/97-16	referred to committee	98n43/98-12	Motion withdrawn
98o25/97-17	referred to committee	98n44/98-13	Voted: 24-19-10
98o26/97-18	referred to committee		referred to committee
98o27/97-19	referred to committee	98n45/98-14	Item for discussion
98o28/97-20	Approved: 43-1-4	98n46/98-15	referred to committee
98o29/97-21	Motion withdrawn	98n47/98-16	referred to committee
98o30/97-22	Item for discussion	98n48/98-17	Item for discussion
98o31/97-23	referred to committee	98n49A/98-18	referred to committee
98n32/98-1	referred to committee	98n49/98-18	referred to committee
98n33/98-2	Item for discussion	98n50/98-19	Motion withdrawn
98n34/98-3	referred to committee	98n51/98-20	referred to committee
98n35/98-4	referred to committee	98n52/98-21	referred to committee

Phase I was completed. After a short break, Phase II was begun.

Results of this portion of Phase II:

98o1/96-6	Motion deferred to a later session	98o2A/96-7	Approved: 46-0-3
	vote: 34-1-10		

General Assembly adjourned for committee meetings, a speaker meeting and a meal.

Reconvene General Assembly

This portion of *Phase II* was facilitated by Mary D. (Micro), Rob K. (Macro), Andrew H. (Back-up). Volunteers were Eliot and Tony (Spiritual reminder), with three (3) Recorders (Gaelen, Robert, and Tony), and two (2) vote counters (Mary and McKinley).

Results of this portion of Phase II:

98o1/96-6	Brainstorm completed	98o6/96-17	Item for discussion
98o3A/96-11	Approved: 46-0-2		a motion to table failed
98o3/96-11	superseded by 98o3A/96-11		voted: 10-33-5

This General Assembly was closed with the Serenity Prayer

General Assembly was adjourned until Sunday, June 28.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28:

The day began with breakfast and a guided meditation, before the General Assembly was convened. The General Assembly broke for the election of new BOT members, and committee meetings, before reconvening.

Members seated and present: 42
 Quorum (2/3): 28

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This portion of *Phase I* was facilitated by John S. (Micro), Andrew H. (Macro), Mary D. (Back-up). Volunteers were Sam A. (Timekeeper), Robert and Richard (Spiritual reminder), McKinley and Tony (vote counters), Deborah (Secretary), and Gaelen S.R. and Mary C. and Jean O (Recorders).

Results of this portion of Phase II:

98o8/96-20	Issue for Discussion		98o9/96-21	Issue for Discussion
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John S. read a letter regarding how to deal with the media. This General Assembly was closed with the Serenity prayer

General Assembly adjourned for BOT Elections, committee meetings.

Reconvene General Assembly

The results of the BOT elections were announced and committee reports given; there were no new committees formed. Announcements were made that conference committee budgets are due for the next fiscal year and need to be submitted by July 28, 1998. Then the 1998 ABC/M General Assembly was closed with the Serenity Prayer.

REMAINDER OF 1998-199 DELEGATE YEAR

For guidance on delegate and committee responsibilities after the 98 ABM, refer to your *Conference Service Manual*. If you do not have your CSM, contact FWS in Boston.

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Addendum to the MINUTES

What follows is a detailed documentation of the committee reports and discussions regarding the Business Meeting Items.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

The *Interactive Method of Community Problem Solving* was explained to involve two phases. *Phase I* is conducted to identify non-controversial issues, for example, "we need to eat one meal a day". Thus, there is no dissension, no debate; we are all in agreement. *Phase II* addresses issues for which there was (even one) dissenting vote in Phase I, after committee review between the two phases. The person(s) voting dissent are encouraged to participate in the appointed committees discussion. The facilitators asked the participating delegates if there were any questions about Phase 1: There were none. Refer to the *Conference Service Manual*, page 56.

Motions with at least one dissenting vote in *Phase I*, will be reconsidered in *Phase II*. There will be three (3) minutes for discussion, with three (3) pros and three (3) cons, after which there is a vote. If the vote is not unanimous, only those in the minority get to speak: allowing people to be heard -- "I'll take minority opinions". It is then that three (3) people each have three (3) minutes to say why they are/are not in favor of the motion.

A second vote is taken. If the second vote count has the same results as the first vote, the vote carries. However, if the votes changes, there is a new minority; the process of minority opinion is repeated.

A third vote is taken. This vote is final. There is no additional minority opinion, nor discussion. The assembly then moves on to the next agenda item. The facilitator (Micro) may determine that based on the vote count, the vote is not group conscience. If a motion passes on a simple majority (e.g., 50% + 1), the result is not binding on the BOT: It is a recommendation to the BOT for consideration/review of the issue.

Practice the Interactive Method of Community Problem Solving:

Gaelen S.R. explained Quorum. There is a number of registered (and seated) delegates. Two-thirds of the registered (and seated) delegates constitutes a quorum, which is necessary to conduct business. If the number of delegates is 50, two-thirds, the quorum needed to do business, is 33.

The issue for voting tonight is that "all members of the fellowship are to wear purple." We will take 3 pros and 3 cons, followed by 30 seconds of silence, prior to voting. If the motions fails, it then goes to committee. If a delegate feels group conscience is not being served by such a vote, say so. We don't want to cut off debate, we do want to streamline the process.

Q: Can a motion die?

A: we can approve or reject a motion or the motion can be withdrawn.

A motion can also be approved with an amendment in committee where a smaller number of people may try to come up with a solution and bring it to the larger group. Some motions have already been sent to the committees and committees have commented on them. The comments can be found the Business Items Summary.

The roles of spiritual reminder, timekeeper, record keeper, and facilitator are chosen.

Gaelen S.R. explained the brainstorming process: Brainstorming is the process we use to get all sorts of ideas. The ideas are not censored. The question is: "Should SLAA members wear purple?" (refer to CSM, pg. 46 for problem identification.) "What is the problem of the statement?"

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• we don't all look alike,• identity crisis,• feeling sense of inclusion,• changing the color on the book• threatens anonymity,• a reminder to work program,• unity,• subliminal message | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• of doing/having an emblem• knowing there is someone else on team• spirit you're not alone,• prestige will divert from primary purpose,• conformity,• what shade of purple,• blending with the chairs and book,• I'm colorblind |
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Identify patterns, that simplify our list:

- team spirit, unity, a sense of inclusion, knowing there is someone else out there, conformity, identity
- changing the color of the book
- threatening anonymity
- conformity
- prestige

Make tangible statements that embody the sub-issues (CSM, pg. 47):

- wearing purple shirts will make us a community-we need community
- some people think that doing so will cause conforming, threaten anonymity, and give us prestige

Develop solutions:

- everyone wear purple,
- strengthening the organization of putting on events in order to , example, hold conferences, Tuesday night chili night instead of wearing purple,
- have a pendant,
- ribbon,
- create a T-shirt,
- have a secret handshake
- provide a safe environment

Call for a vote:

- everyone wear purple (3)
- strengthening the organization of putting on events in order to , example, hold conferences, Tuesday night chili night instead of wearing purple (9)
- have a pendant (19)
- ribbon (1)
- create a T-shirt (12)
- Have a secret handshake (20)
- provide a safe environment (15)

Pros and cons on the secret handshake: A secret handshake offers humanistic touch; some of us can't touch others; touch should be optional; protects anonymity; could become a secret gesture.

2nd vote: 15-11-1

Call for minority opinion:

3rd vote: 16-13-0

This was challenged as not being group conscience and it was asked of those in the minority "can you live with this decision?" The answer was no.

A review of this session made and reminders of two processes made:

1. certain committees have a job description to do something, e.g., Jacquie has to work. You don't need a motion in cases such as those.
2. Cannot command a committee, for example, send out a survey. The committee will do that if necessary.

Business Meeting Items

98o2/96-7 Motion: there is a Motion to Approve with Amendment (98o2A/96-7), which supersedes the motion.

98o2A/96-7 Motion to Approve with Amendment: If we agree, we amend the motion as well as approving the amended motion. If we defeat it, we go back to the original motion. [Question: if I am confused and want more information in order to clarify, can we? Yes] A vote to approve means we will approve with the attachment 1B. A vote to reject means that we do not approve the amended motion and we will go back to the original motion. [2 min. called to have delegates refresh themselves with the attachment] [Clarifying questions: Will FWS be responsible for the cost? FWS will pay the deposit. What is the difference between A and B? What has been added is the piece about reimbursement for the deficit, what FWS is responsible for is the surplus and the deficit, 1B is simply to clarify. A suggestion was made to table any additional questions]

The options are to approve that would mean we will approve the policy as amended in 1B. To reject would be to not approve and we would then vote on 1A. Vote was taken, and motion referred to committee.

98-o2/96-7 Motion. Refer to Attachment 1A. A vote to approve means we approve the FWS policy 1A. A vote to reject means we will not approve as shown on 1A. [30 secs.] A vote to approve means that the delegates wish for the BOT to support the policy that was created in 1992. Vote was taken, and motion referred to committee.

98o3/96-11 Motion: A vote to approve means that each delegate is obligated to a term of two years. A vote to reject means the bylaws remain as written. The change of one word, from "may" to "should," still means the interpretation is up to one's own group conscience. Vote was taken, and motion referred to committee.

98o4/96-13 Motion: there is a Motion to Reject (98o4A/96-13), which supersedes the motion.

98o4A/96-13 Motion to Reject: If we approve this motions, we reject the original motion, removing it from the agenda. If we reject this motion, we go back to item 98o4/ 96-13. Vote was taken, return to original motion.

98o4/96-13 Motion: A vote to approve means that all motions must be in by the established time. A vote to reject means that there still can be business items brought to the conference. Vote was taken, motion defeated.

98o5/96-14 Motion: there is a Motion to Approve (98o5A/96-14), which supersedes the motion.

98o5A/96-14 Motion to Approve: A motion to approve means this body is putting on paper that the CCC will prepare the ABC/M in the manner it has been doing. A vote against means this body is not asking the CCC to prepare the ABC/M as it has been doing. Vote was taken, motion carried.

98o7/96-19 Motion: there is a Motion to Reject (98o7A/96-19), which supersedes the motion.

98o7A/96-19 Motion to Reject: [There was an objection to reading the intent out loud]. To approve this motion to reject means this item will be removed from the agenda. A vote to reject this motion means we will go to the original item. [30 secs.] Vote was taken, return to original motion.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

Business Meeting Items

98o11/96-23 Brainstorming item: there is a Motion to Reject (98o11/96-23), which supersedes the brainstorming item.

98o11A/96-23 Motion to Reject: A motion to approve the rejection means that this item is removed from the agenda. A vote to reject the rejection means we will brainstorm this issue. Vote was taken, return to brainstorming item.

98o13/97-1 Motion: there is a Motion to Approve (98o13A/97-1), which supersedes the motion.

98o13A/97-1 A vote to approve means we change the cover of the basic text. A vote to reject means we will not change the cover. Vote was taken, and motion referred to committee.

98o14/97-2 Motion: refer to attachment #3: [30 secs.] Members expressed concerns about anonymity. Discussion of clarification. To approve this item means that we would sell the World Wide Directory as addressed in the motion and a letter to the health care professional would be included with the directory. If opposed to the motion means, we would not sell the directories with the letter to health care professionals. The General Manager informed us that the directory is sold to those that wish to purchase it. [30 sec.] [Discussion with a delegate who is feeling uncomfortable by the process]. Vote was taken, and motion referred to committee.

98o15/97-3 Motion: A vote to approve means that FWS will furnish mailing lists to those specified in the motion. [30 sec.] A vote to reject means FWS would not send the meeting lists. Vote was taken, motion carried.

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Business Meeting Items

98o1/96-6 Brainstorming item

Problem Identification Brainstorming

Steps & Traditions Committee Report-

- 4th Tradition-set sobriety requirements and consequences for slips
- 5th Tradition states to consider the primary purpose
- Other qualifications than sobriety: 4 major resources in Preamble ("willingness to stop acting out...", "capacity to reach out...", "practice of the 12 step program.....", "developing a relationship..."), time in other fellowships, consider commitment to service
- Make service attractive
- Different positions may have different, if any, sobriety requirements
- Possible wording options: "whenever possible," "suggested requirements," "Acting positions"

B-No requirements for lesser service tasks

B-Do I want someone to represent me if they have no sobriety?

C-Bylaws for intergroups are different

A-Only newcomers are willing to do service

B-No sobriety requirements

A-Encourage newcomers to get involved

D-concerned with overall picture

B-Different positions could have different sobriety requirements

D-There is many different ways of evaluating sobriety, are concerned about the entire process, action taken on relapse, more to service than sobriety

A-Not enough people able or willing with enough sobriety requirements to serve

F-Redefining sobriety. slips, abstinence

G- Members have original and subsequent bottom lines

D- Make service more attractive

Consolidate and clarify

A- not enough people to serve and newcomers are willing to do business

A-Only newcomers are willing to do service

A-Encourage newcomers to get involved

A-Not enough people able or willing with enough sobriety requirements to serve

B-No requirements for lesser service tasks

B-Do I want someone to represent me if they have no sobriety?

B-Different positions could have different sobriety requirements

B- no sobriety, no sobriety requirements

- C- By-Laws are different (groups are autonomous)
- D -qualifications other than sobriety
- D-There is many different ways of evaluating sobriety, are concerned about the entire process, action taken on relapse, more to service than sobriety
- D- Make service more attractive
- D-concerned with overall picture
- E-Steps & Traditions Issue- see Steps and Traditions Committee response above
- F-Redefining sobriety. slips, abstinence
- G- Members have original and subsequent bottom lines

Solutions

- Reference sponsor and home groups when having a slip
- A slip does not rule out service
- Tolerance and patience by members of the groups as long as they are doing the job
- Allowing the person that has the slip to give their input about continuing to do service
- Average sobriety time
- Maintain conference committee activities
- Looking at the patterns of sobriety
- Service is sobering
- Ask the person to step down until they recover
- Address the issue at a business meeting
- Address the person directly about whether they are able to do their job
- Follow the definition in text
- There should be some format of service
- Support for service through a pamphlet
- Go out and do the activity again and see if it effects your service
- Group conscience in meetings after repeated reports of a slip in meetings
- Redefining bottom line
- Talk about it in Journal, in our literature and at our meetings
- Fellowship and support with slip by providing service
- Making a distinction between slip and relapse
- Progress not perfection

Consolidate and Clarify

- A- Tolerance and patience for those that slip
- B- Address at business meetings, group conscience, literature

98o2A/96-7 Motion: A call for committees to report their decisions about the motion. The Steps & Traditions voted 10-0-0 to approve this motion with the amendment. The Service Committee unanimously approved this motion with amendment. The CFC approved this motion unanimously with the amendment. A call for pros and cons. Any area can foster conventions, conventions should be a cooperative effort with everyone. A vote to approve means we will accept the policy as amended. A vote opposed and we will not approve the FWS on attachment 1B. Vote was taken, motion carried.

98o3/96-11 Motion: A conference committee made a Motion to Amend (98o3A/96-11), which supersedes the motion.

98o3A/96-11 Motion to Amend: A call for committees to report on their decisions about this motion. Bylaws- Rewrite Article V to read "it is suggested that each delegate be elected for a term of two years ... CCC-If this amendment that "should" be used is Article V passes, we support it unanimously, if it doesn't we have other ideas and we move to reject the original motions. BOT-there is no change in the response written on the agenda. A call for pros and cons. A vote to approve means the amended motion will pass. A motion to oppose means we will go to the original motion. Vote was taken, motion as amended carried.

98o6/96-17 Issue for Discussion: a motion was made to table this discussion. Vote was taken: 10-33-5. Discussion continued.

Brainstorm Problems

- A,E some local event used first names only

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Generate solutions

- adhere to the traditions
- provide guidelines in a written format
- first name, last initial for internal use
- if a public event don't use SLAA name
- dissociate SLAA format
- check AA experience
- leave to home group or Intergroup to decide
- do not have well known speakers speak
- quote tradition 4 correctly
- distinguish between closed and open SLAA events
- adhere to Traditions

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Business Meeting Items

98o8/96-20 Issue for Discussion: Recommendation Required. Vote was taken (11-25-4) at end of discussion, based on consolidation and prioritization.

Problem Identification

- D love addicts feel left out
- B women feel left out
- C not enough stories in the literature
- B love addicts need identify
- C someone needs to write the literature

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- A sex and love addiction are 2 pages in the same book
- A,B decisiveness in our fellowship
- divides on gender lines
- A is there difference between sex and love addiction
- A unnecessary separation
- A 4 step inventory
- A when is it love addiction and when is it codependency
- C lack of balance in the basic text
- A love addiction more cunning and baffling
- C more examples needed for identification
- A sex is part of love addiction, sex is not a part of addiction
- A addiction is addiction
- B make it safer for men who are love addicts
- A is it love or the idea of being in love
- D who's afraid of being one or the other
- C if my experience isn't in the book it isn't valid
- C who needs a book to validate the experience
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Brainstorming solutions

- journal dedicated to love addiction
- more love addicts to write articles
- write stories
- wear a "s" badge or an "l" badge
- do an honest 4th step
- article addressing the underlying issues of both addictions
- have a thorough beginner meetings that address the underlying patterns
- a column in the FWS newsletter dedicated to love addiction

- love addiction pamphlet
- talk about why love addiction isn't really love
- encourage people who are in existing meetings with a focus on love addiction to make submissions to the Journal
- fostering intimacy instead of focus on behaviors
- address the emotional issues behind the love addiction
- encourage more couples meetings

Consolidate and prioritize

- A writing, submitting articles, stories, literature, pamphlets
- B address in meetings
- C individual action
- D identification

98o9/96-21 Issue for Discussion: Recommendation Required. [Jennifer H., author of this issue, clarifies this issue as follows: higher % of usage of money by conference committee, especially CCC, CLC. Need more money to move the office, pay raises, replace supplies destroyed in the flood, significant increase in funding to 8-9000\$ so equal # of conference members can be sent to the ABM as are BOT, internet, prudent reserves need an additional 3 month operating expenses {we only have a month currently} and there is a \$3500 shortage in the projection of contributions. This is a 7th tradition issue. We need to be self-supporting and the BFC welcomes all suggestions. We need an increase of \$ 20000 this year, about 10% more than last year.

Problem Identification

- B people not putting enough in the basket
- B not all groups contributing
- C lack of awareness of FWS
- G preamble states free to all who need it
- D groups with large prudent
- C members believe they can recover alone
- C,D increase in copying materials
- D # of meetings has decreased
- C, G some literature given away
- C lack of interest or ignorance of FWS
- E unauthorized copyrighted
- B custom of \$1 in the basket
- A too much dependent on literature sales
- C lack of intergroup support
- G we are a non-profit organization
- C lack of knowledge of 7th tradition
- F each group take 4th step inventory
- C consciousness of what I can get rather than what I can contribute
- C not addressing covert selfishness
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- C lack of interest in traditions and service

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Brainstorm Solutions

- finance committee to publicize needs
- voice suggested donations
- hold a local fund-raiser
- contributing what we spent in our addiction
- pass a separate basket
- practice the twelfth step and be responsible
- give something back
- practice letting go
- increase gifts received
- Educate via FWS newsletter, card, or a poster
- donate books or purchasable items
- distribute flyer with financial information
- would be helpful for delegates to take this issue back to their area
- intergroup newsletter
- program is free, literature doesn't have to be
- fellowship unity
- fundraising
- 4th step group inventory
- newsletter financial statement and explain rationale for money spent
- change ratio 50/50
- send pledge letter for special projects
- raise consciousness that there is no limit (\$1 or \$2) as to donation
- set personal example
- educate sponsees
- making direct gifts to FWS or Intergroup
- Invite area groups to increase attendance to the ABM
- Hold auction
- Hold local raffle
- encourage prudent spending
- Journal article on how it works
- create strong service structure and teach traditions to the fellowship
- increase new literature on the 7th Tradition
- tithing (ex. 10% of salary)

BOT election results

Rob K. confirmed

New BOT members: Andrew H., Robin H., Mary D. (Mary D. was acknowledged as an elected BOT member after the close of the General Assembly. The error was due to a miscount.)

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Committee reports:

By-Laws: Tony N.; 5 members; help clarify By-Laws; Budget = \$500; has set 1st meeting and elected chair
CCC: Tony N. (chair); Marcella (Vice Chair); Budget = \$4500; Has set agenda and meeting schedule for the upcoming year

Diversity: no representation

Finance Committee: Its goals are to improve the financial condition of the fellowship and communicate financial needs to the fellowship through flyers, blurbs in the newsletter, it encourages all delegates to share the information with your groups at home, John S, is the new chair,

Healthy Relationships: Ted T, and Shane S, are co-chairs, budget has been submitted; this committee will prioritize items on the questionnaire and extend the information through *Journal*, Members urged to write their own stories of healthy relationships, Rich will be the co-editor of questionnaire,

Interfellowship: Gene and Stephanie co-chairs; Interfellowship Forum, meeting lists to outside groups, Rich S, recommended continued discussion to have tables of "S" fellowship literature at the ABM

Intergroup Communication: no representation

Internet: Connie; This committee is to establish a presence on the internet, The URL is <http://www.fws.org>; The new chair is Mike S, and David G, is the vice-chair, Connie is the page creator; The copyright infringement protector is Julie from Omaha,

CLC: Gaelen S.R. (chair); 24 members; budget = \$3500.

Members Retention: no representation

Prison Outreach: no representation

Conference Public Information: no representation

Relationship to the Trustees: no representation

Service Committee: 9 members

Sponsorship: no representation

Steps & Traditions: Marcella (chair).

Journal: - Robin S. (chair); Bob F. (editor); They wish to increase the subscriptions,