

Summary of Business Meeting Items Decisions for 2016 ABM

# of the Motion/IFD	Motion or IFD	Result of the Vote	Pass/Fail
16o02/15-03	<p>Motion: That all SLAA FWS Literature be available in electronic format</p>	29-13-8	Passed
16o03/15-09	<p>Motion: That F.W.S. Board of Trustees (BOT) study, design, and institute a Giving Program in which donors can contribute to designated projects approved by the BOT with the aim of increasing giving to the Fellowship overall.</p>	31-13-6	Passed
16n04/16-01	<p><u>ENTER how the section of the By-Laws to be changed currently reads.</u> (This is the EXACT text of the By-Laws as it appears prior to any proposed change.)</p> <p>ARTICLE IV – INTERGROUPS Section 1 - Composition</p> <p style="text-align: center;">...</p> <p>Two or more groups may jointly form an Intergroup for the purpose of providing service and representation to the groups of which they are composed, and acting as the guardian of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. Each Intergroup should be composed of all groups within its locality when feasible.</p> <p>ARTICLE V - THE FELLOWSHIP-WIDE SERVICES S.L.A.A. CONFERENCE CHARTER</p> <p>Section 1 - Purpose The Fellowship-Wide Services Conference of S.L.A.A. is the guardian of the world services and of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Guidelines of S.L.A.A. The Conference shall serve the Fellowship only; it is not meant to be a government for S.L.A.A., in keeping with the Second and Ninth Traditions.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">...</p> <p>Section 5 - Conference Delegates</p> <p style="text-align: center;">...</p> <p>g. The delegate member(s) should be selected for judgment, experience, stability, willingness and for faithful adherence to the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Recommended Guidelines of S.L.A.A.</p> <p>Section 7 - The Fellowship-Wide Services Conference: General Procedures and Practices</p> <p>The Conference will:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">...</p> <p>Discuss and recommend appropriate action respecting violations of the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Recommended Guidelines;</p>	48-0-2	Passed/ Binding

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Section 2 - Number, Tenure and Qualifications

The number of Trustees shall be nine. No Trustee shall serve more than two consecutive three-year elected terms, nor more than three consecutive terms, including partial terms by appointment under Section 4, at which time such Trustee must stand down for at least one year. Trustee terms shall be staggered so that one-third of the Trustees is scheduled to be elected each year. Those Trustees who are not qualified members of the Fellowship shall be persons from the community at large who have made substantial contributions to the purposes of the Fellowship principles stated in the Twelve Traditions. All other Trustees must have three years of continuous sobriety as of the date of their election and must maintain their sobriety during their tenure.

Section 3 - Duties and Responsibilities

a. The Board of Trustees shall act as the guardian of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, ensuring that there are no alterations except by action of the Fellowship-Wide Services S.L.A.A. Conference, as set forth in these By-Laws. This guardianship shall in no way infringe on the right of any individual to personal interpretation of the Twelve Steps, or the autonomy of the individual groups as set forth in the Traditions, but the Board of Trustees may call to the attention of any group or individual a violation of the Twelve Traditions it determines has been made. The Board, however, shall have no power or control over any group or individual and shall act only in an advisory capacity on matters affecting the Fellowship as a whole. The principle to be followed in all matters regarding the relationship of the Corporation to others is to be in accordance with the spirit of the Twelve Traditions, especially Tradition 10 regarding public controversy.

ENTER how the By-Laws will appear if the change is adopted.

(This is the same section of the By-Laws, reflecting the proposed change.)

ARTICLE IV – INTERGROUPS

Section 1 - Composition

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Two or more groups may jointly form an Intergroup for the purpose of providing service and representation to the groups of which they are composed, and acting as the guardian of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of S.L.A.A. World Service (“Twelve Concepts”). Each Intergroup should be composed of all groups within its locality when feasible.

ARTICLE V - THE FELLOWSHIP-WIDE SERVICES S.L.A.A. CONFERENCE CHARTER

Section 1 - Purpose

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Twelve Concepts and Twelve Guidelines of S.L.A.A. The Conference shall serve the Fellowship only; it is not meant to be a government for S.L.A.A., in keeping with the Second and Ninth Traditions as well as the First Concept and Warranty (f) of Concept Twelve.

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Section 5 - Conference Delegates

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Section 7 - The Fellowship-Wide Services Conference: General Procedures and Practices

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	the spirit of the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts, especially Tradition 10 and Warranty (e) of Concept Twelve regarding public controversy.		
16n05/16-02	Item For Discussion: Should Fellowship-Wide Services (F.W.S.) maintain a searchable master list of all S.L.A.A. meetings worldwide on the F.W.S. website (www.slaafws.org), either in addition to, or in lieu of, individual intergroups maintaining their own online lists of local meetings as is currently done?	IFD	See minutes for summary of discussion
16n05/16-03	Item For Discussion: Submitted for the Conference's review and comment, in pursuit of Final Conference approval for publishing - Step Questions Workbook (Draft Literature #015 in the Conference Literature Committee)	IFD	See minutes for summary of discussion
16n05/16-04	Item For Discussion: Submitted for the Conference's review and comment, in pursuit of Final Conference approval for publishing - Chapter Four Companion ID #002 Draft Dated February 24, 2016	IFD	See minutes for summary of discussion
16n05/16-05	Item For Discussion: The CHRC seeks feedback on this IFD for the CHRC Healthy Relationships Pamphlet ID #027 Draft Date November 1, 2015	IFD	See minutes for summary of discussion
16n05/16-06	Motion: Approve the updated text of the "40 Questions for Self-Diagnosis of Sex and Love Addiction" (CLC reference ID# 012-40) as Conference-approved Literature.	29-21	Tabled
16n05/16-07	Item For Discussion: This proposal is for FWS to consider starting a national speaker's bureau	IFD	See minutes for summary of discussion
16n05/16-08	Item for Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Conference decides that it is possible to get copyright permission for a partial translation of the S.L.A.A. Basic Text into a foreign language. • The Conference also recognizes that the Intergroup representing a majority of members speaking a foreign language possesses the right of decision regarding which personal stories from the English original to include in this translation, and which not to include. • The Conference furthermore recognizes the right to include in the translation of the S.L.A.A. Basic Text personal stories from local members speaking the target language of the translation. They should make up no more than half the total number of personal stories in the finished translation. 	IFD	See minutes for summary of discussion
16n05/16-09	Motion: The Conference hereby adopts the following suggested guidelines regarding safety in the program, to be used by groups and intergroups if they so choose	19-30-1	Failed

Due to the nature of our addiction in S.L.A.A., we have found a need for loving and firm spiritual boundaries for acceptable behaviors, to uphold our common welfare according to our First Tradition and to protect the safety and integrity of our Program, as a Twelve Step, Twelve Tradition oriented Fellowship. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop living out a pattern of sex and love addiction, according to our Third Tradition. As a consequence, a person who currently uses a meeting, or the Fellowship in general, as an arena to act out in our addiction and commit an unlawful action towards a member—such as harassment, stalking, sexual assault or other, during or between meetings—is not welcome to participate in our Fellowship, including meetings, at this time. In the case such an offense has occurred and has since stopped, an offender is welcome back to the Fellowship in general but limited in scope. He or she should, as immediate living amends, give a subjected member priority and a protected recovery space without limitations in time or location. A protected recovery space means that a subjected member can feel safe to stay in recovery and attend the meetings and Fellowship events that he or she needs for recovery, assured that the previous offender will not come there. The offender might for example need to change meetings, or keep to a couple of specified meetings that are not vital to the subjected member, and stay away from other meetings in the area. In a case that an offense is reported to the authorities or law enforcement, the offender is recommended to the best of his or her ability not to cause further harm in the resulting process and take special care to protect the anonymity of members, according to Traditions Eleven and Twelve.

Suggested text to include in a meeting format, if a group so decides:

This meeting and program is a space for recovery. We respect the boundaries of other members and unlawful acting out behavior towards other members is not tolerated. To protect the safety in our group we ask that if anybody present is currently committing unlawful actions towards a member of this program that you leave the meeting and seek help elsewhere until you can safely take part in our Fellowship.

Suggested text for signs that groups can use for display, if they so decide:

This meeting and program is a space for recovery and we respect the boundaries of other members. Unlawful acting out behavior towards other members is not tolerated.

16n05/16-10	Item for Discussion: Should the Annual Business Conference and Annual Business Meeting (ABC/M) be a "CLOSED" meeting?	IFD	See minutes for summary of discussion
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