

Summary of the Minutes of the S.L.A.A. 2009 Annual Business Meeting

2009 ABM BMIS ITEM	ACTION
<p>09o01/08-08 Motion</p> <p>That the Conference approve the following text [See Attachment 1] as 'Conference-approved literature.' This text has been reviewed and approved by the Conference Literature Committee. (<i>Glenn L., Los Angeles CA</i>)</p>	<p>1st Vote: 25-14-2 2nd Vote: 19-22-0 3rd Vote: 23-16-2</p> <p>Group Conscience Challenge: 33-7</p> <p>MOTION PASSES</p>
<p>09o02/08-09 Motion</p> <p>The People of Color Pamphlet [see Attachment 2] is submitted for approval by the Conference at the 2009 Annual Business Meeting. The CLC approved the document, as is, at its January 10, 2009, meeting. The document has been in preparation for several years. (<i>James J., Oakland CA; Dee G., Houston TX, POCP Writing Group</i>)</p>	<p>1st Vote: 18-21-2 2nd Vote: 19-21-1</p> <p>MOTION DOES NOT PASS</p>
<p>09o03/08-12 Motion</p> <p>The Conference calls upon the Board of Trustees to approach the governing bodies of S.A.A. and S.C.A. to initiate discussion on the possibility of merging the organizations. By passage of this motion the Conference supports such a merger in concept. If this motion passes, the Board of Trustees is called upon to deliver a report to the Conference at the 2010 Annual Business Meeting detailing its actions taken in this regard over the course of the year; a summary of advantages and disadvantages of such an action; and a recommendation for next steps. (<i>Lee W., et. al., for the Oak Park Sunday Serenity meeting</i>)</p>	<p><i>Motion to Withdraw Failed Group Conscience Challenge</i></p> <p>1st Vote: 7-34-0 2nd Vote: 6-35-0</p> <p>MOTION DOES NOT PASS</p>
<p>09n04 Motion</p> <p><i>The Journal</i> Managing Editor moves that a Journal subscription card be sent with every literature order fulfillment and information packet mailed out from the F.W.S. Office and that subscription cards be reprinted from the file prepared by <i>the Journal's</i> Publication Team onto card stock as needed to keep them stocked. (<i>Douglas D., Pompano Beach FL, Managing Editor, the Journal</i>)</p>	<p>1st Vote: 9-26-4</p> <p>MOTION DOES NOT PASS</p>
<p>09n05 Motion</p> <p>That a Conference Translation Committee be created. (<i>Jacinthe L., Montréal, Québec, Canada, Chair, CDC Translation Subcommittee</i>)</p>	<p>1st Vote: 29-8-5 2nd Vote: 25-12-4</p> <p>MOTION PASSES</p>
<p>09n06 Motion</p> <p>The Conference Journal Committee moves that <i>the Journal</i> Accountant prepare a Business Report for each issue of <i>the Journal</i> so that <i>the Journal</i> is properly accountable to the Fellowship, <i>the Journal</i> readership, the F.W.S. Staff, and the Board Finance and Operating Committee.</p> <p>The F.W.S. Office is requested to facilitate this process by providing the basic cost and volume information listed below [see Attachment 4] within a reasonable time (perhaps</p>	<p><i>Motion Withdrawn by Originator</i></p>

<p>a week or two) after each issue of <i>the Journal</i> is distributed. <i>The Journal Accountant</i> shall provide an easy-to-use tally sheet and spreadsheet template to the F.W.S. Office so that providing the information needed to generate a meaningful report takes as little time as possible.</p> <p>The completed Business Report shall be disseminated to the C.J.C. membership, the F.W.S. Office, and the Board Finance and Operating Committee to aid in financial, editorial, outreach, and policy decision-making. The Business Report shall contain (a) the raw information; (b) a statement of revenues, expenses, and net financial effect; and (c) accurate outreach and distribution metrics.</p> <p><i>The Journal</i> Managing Editor shall support <i>the Journal Accountant</i> in providing this service or serve as Acting Accountant should the role of <i>the Journal Accountant</i> not be filled. (<i>James E., Seattle WA, Chair, CJC</i>)</p>	
<p>09n07 IFD</p> <p>The South Florida Intergroup, by unanimous vote, asks that the S.L.A.A. Conference discuss increasing the number of publication channels and outreach tools used to make approved S.L.A.A. content suitable for outreach available to sex and love addicts who do not yet know that recovery is possible. (<i>South Florida Intergroup, c/o Douglas D., Pompano Beach FL</i>)</p>	<p><i>Discussion Held</i></p>
<p>09n08 IFD</p> <p>This 8X11 sheet written on both sides [see Attachment 6] DRAFT [Free] Institutional Flyer to be given to Professionals and Residents of Treatment Facilities, Prisons, Hospitals, Institutions, as a way to Bridge the Gap between treatment, incarceration, inpatient treatment and the suffering person's re-entry into every day life.</p> <p>All words in this CAC Draft Free Flyer are from already approved literature, except the Sub-title: "The Starving Heart, Mind, and Spirit". (<i>CAC Free Institutional Anorexia Flyer Subcommittee: Beth L., Montreal, Canada; Tim F., Eastern PA; Ayana P., NY</i>)</p>	<p><i>Discussion Held</i></p>
<p>09n09 Motion</p> <p>Amend the By-Laws as follows (see Attachment 7).</p>	<p>1st Vote: 41-0-0</p> <p>MOTION PASSES</p>
<p>09o10/08n10 IFD</p> <p>The Conference Literature Committee (CLC) requests input on a draft booklet with a working title of Tools To Achieve And Maintain Sobriety In S.L.A.A. [see Attachment 8].</p> <p>The Tools Writing Group (TWG) and the CLC also invite writing contributions for the following tools: "Bottom-lines", "Accessory Behaviors", "Top-Lines", "Abstinence", "Take Recovery You", "Honesty Open-Mindedness and Willingness", "Withdrawal", "The Three-Second-Rule", "Accountability Partners", "Acceptance/ Serenity Prayer", and "Dealing With Triggers". (<i>Tools Writing Group, Felton CA</i>)</p>	<p><i>Discussion Held</i></p>
<p>09n11 IFD</p> <p>The Conference Literature Committee (CLC) requests input on a draft pamphlet with a working title of <i>Triggering Language and Behaviors in Meetings (Triggers in Meetings</i></p>	<p><i>Discussion Held</i></p>

<p><i>as a Resource</i>). Please see Attachment 9 for the draft text.</p> <p>The WCWG and the CLC also requests feedback as to the title of the document; 1) <i>Triggering Language and Behaviors in Meetings</i> (Triggers in Meetings as a Resource), 2) <i>Triggers in Meetings</i> and, 3) <i>Triggers in Meetings as a Resource for Recovery</i>. (West Coast Writing Group, Felton CA)</p>	
<p>09n12 IFD</p> <p>The International Recovery Convention Subcommittee (IRCS) of the Board Public Relations Committee (BRPC) and the General Manager of F.W.S. would like to discuss the pros and cons of changing the scheduling of International Recovery Conventions (IRCs) to every five years coinciding with the Fellowship’s anniversary year [1976]. (Board Public Relations Committee and F.W.S. Office)</p>	<p><i>Discussion Held</i></p>
<p>09n13 Motion</p> <p>Switch the order of major resources 4 and 5 in the S.L.A.A. Preamble so that Resource 4 is “Spirituality” and Resource 5 is “Service.” (Bob F., Cedar Creek, NE)</p>	<p>1st Vote: 3-33-4</p> <p>MOTION DOES NOT PASS</p>
<p>09n14 Motion</p> <p>Change the second-to-last sentence of the S.L.A.A. Preamble from: “We find a common denominator in our obsessive/compulsive patterns which renders any personal differences of sexual or gender orientation irrelevant” to “We find a common denominator in our obsessive/compulsive patterns, honoring any personal differences of sexual orientation or gender identity.” (Conference Diversity Committee)</p> <p>09n14 Amended Motion</p> <p>Change the second-to-last sentence of the S.L.A.A. Preamble from: “We find a common denominator in our obsessive/compulsive patterns which renders any personal differences of sexual or gender orientation irrelevant” to “We find a common denominator in our obsessive/compulsive patterns, <u>accepting</u> any personal differences of sexual orientation or gender identity.” (Conference Diversity Committee)</p>	<p>1st Vote: 15-17-5 2nd Vote: 22-14-4</p> <p><i>Friendly Amendment Offered And Accepted by Originator</i></p> <p><i>Motion Tabled by Originator</i></p>
<p>09n15 IFD</p> <p>This item asks the Conference to discuss the minimal requirements for service work at the conference committee level. In other words, what does this conference recommend as the <i>minimum</i> suggested sobriety requirements for conference committee work? If we are to be held accountable for our actions, then we need to observe Tradition 9 of “[being] directly responsible to those they serve,” which leads us to act in the spirit of Step 12 “...and to practice these principles in all areas of our lives.” (Leon C., Richardson, TX; Sam A., Felton, CA)</p>	<p><i>Not Addressed</i></p>
<p>09n16 Motion</p> <p>The Fellowship shall fund the expenses of the CCC Chair to the ABC/M. (Conference Committee Chairs)</p>	<p><i>Not Addressed</i></p>