

2017 AGENDA

Motions and Items for Discussion

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Date: July 25, 2017

To: S.L.A.A. members worldwide

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Subject: **2017 S.L.A.A. Annual Business Conference and Meeting Agenda Fourth Version Distribution**

Fourth Version:

This is the Fourth Version of the 2017 Agenda, contains all of the items on the 2016 Agenda that were not fully acted upon by the Conference at the 2016 ABM (August 02 – 05, 2016). This Agenda also contains all IFDs (Items For Discussion) from the 2016 ABM that the original submitter wished to convert to a Motion to be acted upon at the 2017 ABC/M. Tabled and un-acted upon Items as well as IFDs from the 2016 Agenda that were converted to Motions all retain the same place on the 2017 Agenda as the Item/s held on the 2016 Agenda.

This Agenda, Fourth Version, will be distributed on July 26, 2017, to those attending the 2017 ABM and posted on-line at slaafws.org. This Fourth Version contains any additional Motions and IFD's accepted onto the 2017 Agenda between the time the Third version was distributed and as of Tuesday 7:00 pm July 25, 2017.

This Fourth Version is being distributed to the Fellowship worldwide for discussion and comments. Any comments from Conference Committees, the BOT, Intergroups and Lone Groups are included on this final and Fourth Agenda that were received by July 18, 2017.

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These comments provide the ABM Delegates and other Conference members additional information in order to better consider Items to be acted upon.

The current Agenda Review Subcommittee Process may be distributed as a separate attachment to this 2017 Agenda Fourth Version. The Process is also available online at: <https://slaafws.org/Conference/AppendicesCSM.pdf> (please see Item B.).

The Agenda Review Subcommittee does not take any position on any item in relation to its content and does not make any recommendation for approval or lack of approval by the Conference

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony P.

2016 – 2017 Agenda Review Subcommittee, Chair

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Explanation of Agenda Item numbers:

Examples:

17o01/16-05

In this example the current year's Agenda Item number is shown before the slash (/). The year is 2017 (17) then the o (old) designates an agenda item related to an agenda item from a previous year. The Item's order for this year's Agenda is next (01) or first in order. After the backslash (\) comes the old (o) Item's original year it was placed on the Agenda and the position on that year's Agenda. In this case the year the Item was first placed on the Agenda was 2016 (16) and the order on that year's Agenda was number 5 or fifth in order.

17n02/17-01

In this example the Item is new for this year's Agenda (n). The year is 2017 and the order for this Agenda will be second (02). After the backslash is the order the Item was submitted for consideration for this year's Agenda. In this example the Item was submitted first (01) in 2017 (17) and the designation is therefore 17-01, first item placed on the Agenda received in the current service year or 2017. This new item will be acted upon after all old (o) Items are acted upon. The previous year's Agenda items take precedence.

17o03/15-11

In this example the Item will appear on the 2017 Agenda (17) and is an old (o) Item and will be acted upon third (03). Though the Item is old (o) the submitter held back the item and it did not appear on the 2016 Agenda and was submitted for the 2017 Agenda. Therefore it appears in the order it was received in 2017 which was third. After the backslash one sees the Item originated in 2015 (15) and was item eleven (11) that year.

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Explanation of vote tallies:

Example: # – # – #
For – Against – Abstain

Explanation of committee years:

The 2016 CCC started on the last day of the 2015 ABM and was active through all but the last day of the 2016 ABM (August 04, 2016). The 2017 CCC started on the last day of the 2016 ABM (August 05, 2016) and will be active through all but the last day of the 2017 ABM (July 27, 2017).

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEES (and their abbreviations)

Anorexia	(CAC)	Literature	(CLC)
By-Laws	(CBC)	Members Retention	(CMRC)
Charter	(CCC)	Public Information	(CPIC)
Diversity	(CDC)	Sponsorship	(CSPC)
Finance	(CFC)	Steps, Traditions & Concepts	(CSTCC)
Hospitals and Institutions	(CHIC)	the Journal	(CJC)
Healthy Relationships	(CHRC)	Service	(CSC)
Intergroup Communication	(CICC)	Translation	(CTC)

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Items For Discussion that were *not converted* from First Agenda before the deadline. **This section is for reference only** regarding enumeration of Item Numbers of the Agenda below (after this clarification section).

Item Number	Type of Item	Description (What The Item Is)
17o01/16-05	Item For Discussion	Should Fellowship-Wide Services (FWS) maintain a searchable master list of all S.L.A.A. meetings worldwide on the FWS 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?
17o06/16-10	Item For Discussion	This proposal is for FWS to consider starting a national speaker's bureau
17o07/16-11	Item For Discussion	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.
17o08/16-13	Item For Discussion	Should the Annual Business Conference and Annual Business Meeting (ABC/M) be a "CLOSED" meeting? <i>This IFD was subsequently submitted as a new Motion and accepted onto the Agenda (Fourth)..</i>

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<p>17o02/16-06</p>	<p>Motion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u> To approve the “Step Questions Workbook” as Conference Approved Literature (Draft Literature #015 in the Conference Literature Committee, full Draft found in the Appendix).</p> <p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u> Worksheets to help sponsors and sponsees study conference approved S.L.A.A. literature, Journal articles and recommended AA literature and answer questions related to sex and love addiction. Feedback from circulation in the Conference Literature Committee is that it is a valuable resource for studying SLAA literature.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u> To publish, along with all attendant costs, for sale or other distribution as Conference Approved Literature at the discretion of the Board. This document would be available as a booklet and/or e-document.</p>	<p><i>2016 ABM Item Discussed Refer to 2016 ABM minutes for a summary of the discussion</i></p>	<p>2017 ARS</p> <p>A Request for Revision was made by a vote of 3-0-0. Revision was accepted. This Item was accepted onto the Agenda by a vote 3-0-0.</p> <p>The CPIC supports the creation of new literature as providing additional resources to the still suffering addict and appreciates the efforts of the writing groups and the CLC in this regard.</p>
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<p>17o03/16-07</p>	<p>Motion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></p> <p>To approve the “Companion to Chapter Four of the Basic Text of S.L.A.A., Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous” as Conference Approved Literature (Draft literature #002 in the Conference Literature Committee, full Draft found in the Appendix).</p> <p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></p> <p>Approve the Companion to Chapter Four of the Basic Text of S.L.A.A., Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous as Conference approved literature for sale or other distribution at the discretion of the Board.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></p> <p>To publish, along with all attendant costs, for sale or other distribution as Conference Approved Literature at the discretion of the Board. This document would be available as a booklet and/or e-document.</p>	<p><i>2016 ABM Item Discussed Refer to 2016 ABM minutes for a summary of the discussion</i></p>	<p>2017 ARS</p> <p>A Request for Revision was made by a vote of 3-0-0. The Revision was accepted. This Item was accepted onto the Agenda by a vote 3-0-0.</p> <p>The CPIC supports the creation of new literature as providing additional resources to the still suffering addict and appreciates the efforts of the writing groups and the CLC in this regard.</p>
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<p>17o04/16-08</p>	<p>Motion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></p> <p>Approve the text of “Healthy Relationships Pamphlet”, Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous as Conference Approved Literature, (Draft literature #027 in the Conference Literature Committee, full Draft found in the Appendix).</p> <p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></p> <p>Approve the Healthy Relationships Pamphlet of Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous as Conference Approved Literature for sale or other distribution at the discretion of the BOT.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></p> <p>To publish, along with all attendant costs, for sale or other distribution as Conference Approved Literature at the discretion of the Board. This document would be available as a booklet and/or e-document.</p>	<p><i>2016 ABM Item Discussed Refer to 2016 ABM minutes for a summary of the discussion</i></p>	<p>2017 ARS</p> <p>The Item was accepted onto the Agenda “as-is” by a vote of 3-0-0.</p> <p>The CPIC supports the creation of new literature as providing additional resources to the still suffering addict and appreciates the efforts of the writing groups and the CLC in this regard.</p>
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<p>17o05/15-05</p>	<p>Motion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u> Motion to approve the updated text of the '40 Questions for Self-Diagnosis of Sex and Love Addiction' as Conference Approved Literature, (Draft Literature #01240 in the Conference Literature Committee full Draft found in the Appendix).</p> <p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The CLC has approved the submission of this document: DRAFT OF THE UPDATED VERSION OF THE 40 QUESTIONS FOR SELF DIAGNOSIS OF SEX AND LOVE ADDICTION. 2. The intent of this item is to be presented as a Motion. 3. Since the 1980's when the original document of the 40 Questions were published there have been many changes in the world, and many changes within the realm of sex and love addiction. The changes include, but are not limited to technology that includes hand held computers, the internet, software and applications using Global Positioning System (GPS), smart phones, digital transmission of images, movies and other content that formerly was only available in a printed on paper format. 	<p><i>2016 ABM Item Discussed, acted upon as a Motion and tabled in 2016. Refer to 2016 ABM minutes for a summary of the discussion.</i></p>	<p>2017 ARS A Request for Revision was made by a vote of 3-0-0. The Revision was accepted. This Item was accepted onto the Agenda by a vote 3-0-0.</p> <p>2016 ARS The Item was accepted onto the Agenda by a vote of 3-0-0.</p> <p>2015 ARS The Item was accepted onto the Agenda by a vote of 5-0-0.</p> <p>The CPIC believes it is important to update our literature to reflect new technology and our changing understanding of the disease of Sex and Love Addiction.</p>
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<p>17o05/15-05 Continued from previous page</p>	<p>The psychological knowledge and research that has transpired since the 1980 is also part of the reason for the revision of these 40 Questions. There are now new models of sexual behavior that appear in the in medical journals and diagnostic manuals that define hyper-sexuality, erotomania, nymphomania, satyriasis, Don Juanism or Don Juanita-ism, and paraphilia-related disorders, as well as sexual anorexia, love avoidance and a-sexuality.</p> <p>The UPDATED VERSION OF THE 40 QUESTIONS FOR SELF DIAGNOSIS OF SEX AND LOVE ADDICTION seeks to include this new information so that individuals that may be acting out by using a computer, viewing pornography via the internet or are sexually anorexic can read the updated 40 Questions pamphlet and will say “This does pertain to me”, and seek recovery for their sex and love addiction.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></p> <p>To publish, along with all attendant costs, for sale or other distribution as Conference Approved Literature at the discretion of the Board. This document would be available as a booklet and/or e-document.</p> <p>It is understandable, that the inventory of the original 40 Questions pamphlet will be exhausted before the printing of the new 40 Questions pamphlet at the discretion of the BOT.</p>		
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17n09/17-01	<p>Motion to Amend By-Laws:</p> <p><u>ENTER HOW THE SECTION OF THE BY-LAWS TO BE CHANGED</u></p> <p><u>CURRENTLY READS:</u> (This is the EXACT text of the By-Laws as it appears prior to any proposed change.)</p> <p>ARTICLE V - THE FELLOWSHIP-WIDE SERVICES S.L.A.A. CONFERENCE CHARTER</p> <p>Section 8 - Definitions</p> <p>a. "Annual Business Meeting" refers to the actual full-assembly business meetings at the Annual Business Conference of the Conference (Trustees, delegate members, F.W.S. staff, and the Journal editor).</p> <p>b. "Annual Business Conference" refers to the once a year event at which the Conference (Trustees, delegate members, F.W.S. staff, and the Journal editor) convenes to conduct the Annual Business Meeting.</p> <p>c. "Conference" refers to a broader concept than the event of the Annual Business Conference. The Conference is the body of delegate members, Trustees, F.W.S. staff and the Journal editor, who together, year round, through delegate member-run Conference Committees, the</p>	<i>New Item</i>	<p>2017 ARS</p> <p>The Item was accepted onto the Agenda "as-is" by a vote of 3-0-0.</p>
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<p>17n09/17-01 Continued from previous page</p>	<p>Board Committees and the Annual Business Conference do the service of being a channel for Fellowship-wide group conscience.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE NEW WORDING, USING “STRIKETHROUGH AND UNDERLINE” FORMAT, INTO THE SECTION OF THE BY-LAWS PROPOSED TO BE CHANGED.</u></p> <p>(This is the same text as above, with a horizontal “strikethrough” of the words proposed to be removed, and with the proposed new replacement words underlined.)</p> <p>ARTICLE V - THE FELLOWSHIP-WIDE SERVICES S.L.A.A. CONFERENCE CHARTER Section 8 - Definitions</p> <p>a. "Annual Business Meeting" refers to the actual full-assembly business meetings at the Annual Business Conference of the Conference (Trustees, delegate members, F.W.S. <u>Administrative</u> staff, <u>Conference Charter Committee Chair</u> and the Journal editor).</p> <p>b. "Annual Business Conference" refers to the once a year event at which the Conference (Trustees, delegate members, F.W.S. <u>Administrative</u> staff, <u>Conference Charter Committee Chair</u> and the Journal editor) convenes to conduct the Annual Business Meeting.</p> <p>c. "Conference" refers to a broader concept than the event of the Annual Business Conference. The Conference is the body of delegate</p>		
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<p>Continued from previous page</p>	<p>c. "Conference" refers to a broader concept than the event of the Annual Business Conference. The Conference is the body of delegate members, Trustees, F.W.S. Administrative staff, Conference Charter Committee Chair and the Journal editor, who together, year round, through delegate member-run Conference Committees, the Board Committees and the Annual Business Conference do the service of being a channel for Fellowship-wide group conscience.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF THE PROPOSED CHANGE.</u></p> <p>(Identify the problem with the By-Laws as currently written and the objective that the change is intended to achieve, including arguments in favor of the motion.)</p> <p>The intent of this change to the by-laws is to update them according to decisions made at the 2015 ABC/M, which were to include the CCC chair as a voting Member of the "Conference".</p> <p><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE BY-LAWS CHANGE IS ADOPTED:</u></p> <p>(In addition to the already inserted "Change the By-Laws." comment below, provide a description of what else would be required to carry out the proposed change in terms of specific dollar amounts, hours of labor, or other consequential needs if the change were accepted.)</p>		
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	Change the By-Laws with all attendant costs as determined by the BOT.		
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17n10/17-02	<p>Motion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u> To approve the "Anorexia Recovery Tools" text as Conference-approved literature (Draft Literature #009 of the Conference Literature Committee, full draft found in the Appendix).</p> <p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u> The CLC has approved this Anorexia Recovery Tools draft to be submitted as a Motion to become Conference Approved Literature at the 2017 Annual Business Meeting (ABM). An earlier draft was presented as an Item for Discussion (IFD) at the 2015 ABM. Ideas and feedback from the 2015 ABM have been incorporated into this draft. Since the 2015 ABM, this draft literature has been further reviewed by members of the fellowship as a whole, by members of the Conference Anorexia Committee (CAC), and by members of the Conference Literature Committee (CLC). Comments and suggested edits have been incorporated into this final draft.</p> <p>The Anorexia Recovery Tools booklet offers recovery ideas and hope to anyone who identifies with anorexia - sexual, social, or emotional. The tools and suggestions are likely to be found relevant to anyone in</p>	<i>New Item</i>	<p>2017 ARS The Item was accepted onto the Agenda “as-is” by a vote of 3-0-0.</p> <p>The CPIC supports the creation of new literature as providing additional resources to the still suffering addict and appreciates the efforts of the writing groups and the CLC in this regard.</p> <p>GC& M Intergroup: Anorexia Recovery Tools: Tradition 1 states that our fellowship must remain unified and have a common purpose and identity. This writing on anorexia appears to cast the sexual/emotional anorexic in a unique and special light, thus</p>
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17n11/17-03	<p>Item For Discussion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u> Identify methods and resources that can substantially improve both the S.L.A.A. FWS budgeting process and the resulting budget itself.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u> The budgeting process needs substantial improvement. The Board of Trustees rarely if ever approves a final budget until well after the October 1 start of the fiscal year. This leaves the Staff and the BOT itself in the position of attempting to operate the office and FWS functions for a period of months without the benefit of having a budget against which to measure the level of sales and contributions and their spending decisions. This also leaves Conference Committees without the ability to fully plan and undertake activities that require funding during this period of months plus the extra time needed for the Conference Finance Committee to divvy up among the Conference Committees the total Conference Committee funding reflected in the final budget adopted by the BOT.</p> <p>The current budgeting process also prevents the Conference Committees from completely fulfilling their missions because the BOT usually chooses to allocate to Conference Committees much less than the Conference Committees themselves request. (For the current fiscal year, Conference Committees requested a total of \$13,700 and the BOT</p>	<i>New Item</i>	<p>2017 ARS</p> <p>A Request for Revision was made by a vote of 3-0-0. The Revision was accepted. This Item was accepted onto the Agenda by a vote 3-0-0.</p> <p>The CFC provided extensive comments following the end of the Agenda, below .</p>
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<p>17n11/17-03 Continued from previous page</p>	<p>Intergroups and groups designate a large part of their contributions to FWS to such a fund designated for Conference Committees and allocated among Conference Committees by the Conference Finance Committee;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Using the Prudent Reserve Fund as an endowment fund as was done in the past, that is moving earnings from the Prudent Reserve Fund to the Operating Fund without touching the principal; ● Requiring that such earnings be earmarked for Conference Committees and allocated among Conference Committees by the Conference Finance Committee. <p>The By-laws allow the BOT to change the fiscal year. Alternatively, the Conference may adopt a By-law amendment to change the fiscal year. Each of the remaining solutions could be adopted or implemented by the BOT. Absent that, each of them could be made binding on the BOT by the Conference by a two-thirds vote as set forth in the By-laws.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></p> <p>As an IFD, there is no direct cost associated with this item. The only requirement for this topic would be the need for time to be set aside at the ABC/M for a thorough discussion and the capture of feedback.</p>		
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17n12/17-04	<p>Item For Discussion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></p> <p>The CICC seeks feedback from the Fellowship with a discussion about renaming or eliminating the use and name of “Lone” Group and possibly replacing the current organizational structure with one based on a geographic zone, region, or district.</p> <p>Does the Fellowship wish to rename or eliminate the organizational level of a “Lone Group?” How many Lone Groups are out there? Should our organizational structure around a group change? And if so, how so? How can we leverage geography to better align our structure with our recovery communities? Can we improve the delivery of our message to the addict that still suffers with a better area-based organizational structure? Thus, to deepen our understanding of group structure and operational efficiency, what constitutes a group today and how does it provide organization context to the Fellowship? Should we look at what other anonymous organizations are basing their membership structure on?</p> <p>Continued below.</p>	<p><i>New Item</i></p>	<p>2017 ARS</p> <p>The Item was accepted onto the Agenda “as-is” by a vote of 3-0-0.</p>
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<p>17n12/17-04 Continued from previous page</p>	<p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></p> <p>The word “Lone” can carry a negative meaning to the sex and love addict, and the word may be confused with “Alone.” The organizational tradition of our meetings are based on two or more individuals coming together for mutual aid in recovering from sex and love addiction. Our community is formed by members that ultimately are represented by a group. Calling oneself a “Lone Group” may defeat our intended purpose.</p> <p>The intent of the IFD is not to be anti-Intergroup. The CICC seeks a thorough discussion on how to better organize and communicate with our Fellowship via an improved organizational structure, if required.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></p> <p>As an IFD, there is no direct cost associated with this item. The only requirement for this topic would be the need for time to be set aside at the ABC/M for a thorough discussion and the capture of feedback.</p>		
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17n13/17-05	<p>Item For Discussion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u> Discuss the text of the “Meditation Book” to take the next step to move towards a motion to approve as Conference-approved Literature, (Draft Literature ID #018 of the Conference Literature Committee, full draft found in the Appendix B).</p> <p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u> In 1996 the conference passed a motion to develop an S.L.A.A. book of daily meditations. Andrew K and Lisa C. have been collecting shares and editing the Meditation Book for three years. Andrew and Lisa edited and read through each entry. This is a co-project with the Journal. Many of the shares have been published in the Journal. We have been sending drafts to the CLC since 2013. We had a reading meeting during the IRC at the ABM last year. A member read the draft for the CLC review (answers posted on the Google form response sheet). We have had 6 reading meetings that were well attended. Any member of the Fellowship is invited to attend. There was a reading meeting held at the S.L.A.A. retreat in Malibu. Various meetings in Los Angeles are reading this draft. All feedback has been favorable.</p>	<i>New Item</i>	<p>2017 ARS The Item was accepted onto the Agenda “as-is” by a vote of 3-0-0.</p> <p>The CPIC supports the creation of new literature as providing additional resources to the still suffering addict and appreciates the efforts of the writing groups and the CLC in this regard.</p>
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<p>17n14/17-06</p>	<p>Motion to Amend By-Laws:</p> <p><u>ENTER HOW THE SECTION OF THE BY-LAWS TO BE CHANGED</u></p> <p><u>CURRENTLY READS:</u> (This is the EXACT text of the By-Laws as it appears prior to any proposed change.)</p> <p>ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>Section 1 – Classes of Members There shall be two classes of members.</p> <p>ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF TRUSTEES</p> <p>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...</p> <p>Section 3 - Duties and Responsibilities a. The Board of Trustees shall act as the guardian of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, ensuring ...</p> <p>Section 4 - Election</p>	<p><i>New Item</i></p>	<p>2017 ARS</p> <p>The Item was accepted onto the Agenda “as-is” by a vote of 3-0-0.</p> <p>This Motion was amended by the CBC after the 3rd Agenda (Section 6).</p> <p>This amendment was accepted onto the Agenda “as-is” by a vote of 3-0-0.</p>
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<p>17n14/17-06 Continued from previous page</p>	<p>The Trustees shall ... Voters shall ...</p> <p>If there are any open Board seats at the conclusion of the above voting process, these may then be filled on a temporary basis as interim Trustee by appointment of the Board of Trustees as described in Section 2 until the following Annual Business Meeting when they will be voted upon as outlined above.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF THE PROPOSED CHANGE:</u> (Identify the problem with the By-Laws as currently written and the objective that the change is intended to achieve, including arguments in favor of the motion.)</p> <p>The intent of this submission is to correct/update the By-Laws for clarity and to include language of passed motions that updated other areas of the By-laws, which did not include all the possible areas of the same language.</p>		
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17n15/17-07	<p>Item For Discussion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u> The Board Programs and Membership Committee is submitting this item for discussion about the idea of S.L.A.A. F.W.S. Publishing a 50th Anniversary Edition of the Basic Text of S.L.A.A. in the year 2026.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u> To have a dialogue between the BOT (Board of Trustees), F.W.S. and the Fellowship about whether a 50th Anniversary edition of the Basic Text might be created or not, and how would it be created with the full and cooperative participation of all parties? Should the 50th Anniversary Edition have newer more inclusive and updated stories, such as stories on Healthy Relationships and Dating, stories of Anorexia, Internet Pornography, Chat-Rooms, Social Media, Dating sites, Love Addiction, Women’s stories, and Diversity-focused stories? Should a forward with the History of S.L.A.A. be included? All typos could be corrected. Should chapters 1-8 be left alone, as is? How shall any new writing for the Basic Text be handled? Shall a joint committee be convened? Who shall lead the committee? What will the responsibility of Fellowship-Wide Services (F.W.S.) be? What shall the responsibility of the Fellowship members be? How shall the two entities work together?</p> <p>Costs will be dependent on scope of project.</p>	<i>New Item</i>	<p>2017 ARS The Item was accepted onto the Agenda “as-is” by a vote of 3-0-0.</p> <p>The CPIC believes that updating the Basic Text with new stories and to reflect our changing understanding of Sex and Love Addiction will help attract the addict who still suffers.</p>
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<p>17n16/17-08</p>	<p>Item For Discussion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u> Discussion as to whether the wording of the 11th sign of recovery should be amended to be more inclusive.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u> While the Group appreciates the language around valuing sex and such ideals as sharing, trust, and cooperation, there is a concern that the words “partnership” and “commitment” pass judgement on healthy forms of sexual expression outside of a committed partnership.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u> As an IFD, there is no direct cost associated with this item. The only requirement for this topic would be the need for time to be set aside at the ABC/M for a thorough discussion and the capture of feedback.</p>	<p><i>New Item</i></p>	<p>2017 ARS A Request for Revision was made by a vote of 3-0-0. The Revision was accepted. This Item was accepted onto the Agenda by a vote 3-0-0.</p>
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17n17/17-09	<p>Item For Discussion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u> To find out the Fellowship’s interest in having an S.L.A.A. App developed. Is there interest? What kinds of features would be a good fit for S.L.A.A. (e.g. Thought of the day, meeting finder, etc.)?</p> <p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u> At the 2016 ABM several times during the General Assemblies, Delegates mentioned creating an app for the Fellowship, it would be a great way to reach the addict who still suffers, develop more resources for the membership, and strengthen the recovery tools of individuals trying to stay sober one day at a time. The BOC is looking for input from the Conference about the interest the Fellowship has about having an App made for S.L.A.A. and what features should be included in it? Some ideas are: Thought of the Day, Meeting Finder, viewing a sample of free literature.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u> As an IFD, there is no direct cost associated with this item. The only requirement for this topic would be the need for time to be set aside at the ABC/M for a thorough discussion and the capture of feedback.</p>	<i>New Item</i>	2017 ARS The Item was accepted onto the Agenda “as-is” by a vote of 3-0-0.
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17n18/17-10	<p>Motion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u> Make the S.L.A.A. Basic Text available as an audiobook in electronic format on a popular and accessible platform.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u> The S.L.A.A. Basic Text is only available as an audiobook on a collection of 16 CDs at a cost of \$43.95 US. It becomes even more expensive when adding in the cost of shipping, especially shipping outside of the United States. If the Basic Text were available as an electronic-format audiobook on a platform such as iTunes, amazon, or audible.com it would be much more affordable to members outside of the United States, and more accessible to all members worldwide who no longer use CDs for audiobooks. Use of a popular internet service also protects the S.L.A.A. copyright by preventing purchasers from making copies.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u> The Board of Trustees or an appropriate committee would have to research licensing with popular audiobook providers, and ease of use for S.L.A.A. members using that platform. The existing audio recordings for the S.L.A.A. Basic Text would have to be converted for the selected platform(s).</p>	<i>New Item</i>	<p>2017 ARS A Request for Revision was made by a vote of 3-0-0. The Revision was accepted. This Item was accepted onto the Agenda by a vote 3-0-0.</p>
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17n19/17-11	<p>Item For Discussion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u> The Conference Anorexia Committee (CAC) would like to know what the fellowship as a whole thinks about integrating anorexia stories and concepts into existing and future literature projects.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u> The intent of this IFD is for the CAC to learn how supportive the Conference might be about integrating Anorexia concepts and stories into literature. For example: -Drafting an Anorexia chapter for conference approval and inclusion in the proposed 50th Anniversary Basic Text -Developing one or more Anorexia-focus stories for conference approval and inclusion in the proposed 50th Anniversary Basic Text -Revising the Building Partnerships Chapter to include Anorexia -Revising Chapter 4 (Steps) to include Anorexia</p> <p><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u> As an IFD, there is no direct cost associated with this item. The only requirement for this topic would be the need for time to be set aside at the ABC/M for a thorough discussion and the capture of feedback.</p>	<i>New Item</i>	<p>2017 ARS The Item was accepted onto the Agenda “as-is” by a vote of 3-0-0.</p>
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17n20/17-12	<p>Motion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u> The Annual Business Meeting (ABM) shall be conducted as a “CLOSED” meeting.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u> <i>For this Motion, the definition of “CLOSED” ABM is the meeting would be closed to non-members (persons who do not identify as members of our fellowship) except for office staff and non-members chosen by the Board of Trustees (BOT) for their professional experience.</i></p> <p><i>To clarify for this motion the portions of the ABM that would be closed are outlined as General Assembly and Committee Meeting Sessions.</i></p> <p><i>Excerpt: 2017 CSM, Pg. 4, Section: Conference Language - Refers to the full-assembly business meeting at the ABC. This is the working portion of the ABC where members participate in discussion of items, F.W.S. business, and ideas that will affect the Fellowship as a whole. (For the full definitions: Please see the attachment: 2017 CSM, Page 4, Section: Conference Language – Terms used in Service.)</i></p> <p><i>This Motion refers to our ABM. By allowing non-members to attend our business meeting we are exposing our member’s anonymity without</i></p>	<p><i>New Item</i></p>	<p>2017 ARS</p> <p>A Request for Revision was made by a vote of 3-0-0. The Revision was accepted in part. This Item was accepted onto the Agenda by a vote 3-0-0.</p> <p>This Motion is based on - Item 16n13/16-13 – IFD: Should the ABM/C be a Closed Meeting? - though the Motion is included on to this Agenda as a New Motion in accord with the ARS Process.</p>
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<p>17n20/17-12 Continued from previous page</p>	<p><i>their permission. In past years, non-members, spouses, partners, friends, family and others, have attended the ABM posing anonymity concerns. There are currently no guidelines in place for the ABM regarding an Open or Closed meeting.</i></p> <p><i>An example of Anonymity issues in our fellowship is cited in the attachment and discussion from the 2011 ABM regarding the purging of information (2011 ABC/M Minutes, pgs. 20 & 21- IFD 11n01). Also, citing another example, please see the attachment and discussion regarding whether the ABM minutes should be posted on the website and be password-protected (2015 ABC/M Minutes, pgs. 28-30 – IFD 15n10/15-08). Please also refer to the attachment and discussion regarding whether the ABC/M should be a CLOSED/OPEN meeting? (ABM 2016 ABC/M Minutes, pgs. 48-50 – IFD 16n13/16-13).</i></p> <p><i>Using the definition from our “WELCOME” Pamphlet, page #6 on the section labeled: “Open or Closed Meeting?” Closed Meeting. A meeting open only to those having a desire to stop living out a pattern of sex and love addiction. (Attachment: Welcome Pamphlet pgs. 5-6.)</i></p> <p><i>Please see supporting documentation: Bylaws, Article III, Section 2 & 3, Article V, Section 4</i></p> <p><i>If this motion passes and is binding on the board then this action will take effect at the 2018 ABM.</i></p>		
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<p>17n20/17-12 Continued from previous page</p>	<p><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u> The staff and webmaster to place appropriate notification on website regarding definition of CLOSED ABM. Conference Charter Committee (CCC) to place appropriate notification on registration forms regarding definition of CLOSED ABM.</p> <p>No fiscal costs for implementation.</p>		
<p>17n21/17-13</p>	<p>Item For Discussion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u> Discuss publishing other S.L.A.A. literature items, besides the Basic Text, in audio format.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u> The S.L.A.A. Basic Text is available in three formats: print, e-book, and audiobook. A motion to make all S.L.A.A. literature available in electronic format passed in 2016 (Item number 16o02/15-03). However, the only literature in audio format is the Basic Text.</p> <p>The intent of the IFD is to discuss making other S.L.A.A. literature in audio format available for download. This would help carry the message to all sex and love addicts, including those who prefer audio books and those with a disability that makes traditional books difficult or impossible.</p>	<p><i>New Item</i></p>	<p>2017 ARS The Item was accepted onto the Agenda “as-is” by a vote of 3-0-0.</p>

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<p>17n21/17-13 Continued from previous page</p>	<p>Discussion should consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What literature should be made available in audio format? All pamphlets and booklets? Topic booklets from <i>the Journal</i>? Should <i>the Journal</i> be available in audio format too? • Pamphlets such as Renewal of Sobriety and Setting Bottom Lines contain worksheets which do not translate easily to audio. Is it possible to create audio versions of these pamphlets? Can these worksheets be included in an audio pamphlet or should they be left out? • Should audio booklets and pamphlets be sold separately, or packaged into one or more groups? • What is the cost and time involved in converting literature to audio format? <p><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></p> <p>As an IFD, there is no direct cost associated with this item. The only requirement for this topic would be the need for time to be set aside at the ABC/M for a thorough discussion and the capture of feedback.</p>		
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COMMENTS SECTION

<p>17o02/16-06</p>	<p>Motion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></p> <p>To approve the “Step Questions Workbook” as Conference Approved Literature (Draft Literature #015 in the Conference Literature Committee, Draft found in the Appendix).</p> <p>This literature piece was “workshopped” and discussed by the Intergroup over 2 meetings and for 45 minutes during a business meeting of the Ravenswood Fellowship Group of SLAA. Below are comments and some specific suggestions:</p> <p>Feedback and suggestions on CLC Step Study Guide from members of the Chicago Area SLAA Fellowship including comments from the Greater Chicago and Milwaukee Intergroup Inreach Officer of Intergroup:</p> <p>- Step Questions Workbook: This workbook's referring to the AA Big Book and 12&12 as being supplemental materials, I believe, goes against the experience of our founders and the suggestions given on p. 66 of the SLAA Basic Text: that these books (AA Big Book and 12&12) are "appropriate and useful to us in applying the Twelve Steps to sex and love addiction". While this workbook may be useful, I believe it does the SLAA fellowship a disservice by moving AA literature from primary to supplementary texts. I also take issue with the use of the word "qualifier", which does not (to my</p>	<p>Author:</p> <p>Greater Chicago and Milwaukee Intergroup and Individual members of the Ravenswood Fellowship Group of SLAA</p>
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<p>17o02/16-06 Continued from previous page</p>	<p>1. Overall, neither of us would recommend this workbook as a tool for sponsors to take sponsees through the steps. K remarked that it felt like it was written by a committee, with C pointing out that it lacked a clear "voice" and sense of direction and purpose that you might get from the big book of AA or from the 12 and 12. C feels that even workbook based approaches like the "gentle path" still had more of a sense of direction and progression behind the work. Ideas leading to ideas.</p> <p>2. K remarked that many of the questions and activities did not come from the big book of AA, and also that she found many of the practices confusing and unfamiliar. C found many of the suggested activities (e.g. writing up beliefs about HP, then tearing or burning them up) to smack of pop psychology, and that as a fellowship we should be very careful to avoid endorsing this kind of work at the conference level, in accordance with traditions 6 and 10. Individual opinion and practice of course is fine, just not in a conference approved work.</p> <p>3. C remarked that the organization of the questions, activities, etc was inconsistent from step to step. The sections "books/pamphlets" and "readings" were poorly delineated, and sometimes split literally in half, with "recommended readings" sandwiched by books and pamphlets. The section on "what this step accomplishes" stops at step 5, suggesting an unfamiliarity with latter steps or disagreement as to their "purpose".</p> <p>4. In general, C feels that this workbook operates under the principle that thinking about the disease and figuring it out is the same as recovery. This does not line up with his experience of the steps. The pattern of most of the work seems to be "think about yourself, make some decisions about actions to take, then tell your sponsor what those decisions are." As a recovering addict, C feels that it is critical that sponsees learn to consult others (especially sponsor), not just HP, when</p>	
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<p>17o02/16-06 Continued from previous page</p>	<p>making decisions early in recovery.</p> <p>5.C feels that the qualifier worksheet might be damaging to the sobriety of the sponsee, in that it involves taking another persons inventory without any self reflection on what attracted us to this person and in what ways we have sought this relationship or played a role in it. This will lead to resentment, that most deadly of emotions, and a lack of awareness that this most recent "qualifier" is just another manifestation of a long pattern of sex and love addiction on our part. Perhaps a better inventory at this stage would be, "am I addicted to this person", listing all the ways in which you display love addiction behaviors.</p> <p>We hope this is helpful in providing feedback to the ABM and the writers of the step question workbook.</p> <p>Summary of the conversation regarding the Step Study Guide for Steps 8, 9 & 10 and overall.</p> <p>*** Overall, this Step Study guide does not feel like an elaboration of the current literature available in SLAA or AA. Rather, we experienced it more like a recreation of the process. Further, a number of issues stood out to us in our review of steps 10 & 11, in relation to our experiences in working these steps. There were some ideas that seemed out of place or unclear, and occasionally, some concepts that seem to violate our Traditions. ***</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Step Guide seems to mainly focus on the SLAA text, listing the AA 12 & 12 as a "Recommended Reading". We suggest that the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous and the	
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<p>17o02/16-06 Continued from previous page</p>	<p>AA 12 & 12 be utilized as primary sources when working the 12 steps. This suggestion is based on our own experiences working through the steps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Step 8 p64: "People who harmed me" is confusing and does not align with my experience of seeking what harms I caused others. This isn't useful for step 8.• Step 8 p. 66 1)a. "Avoid the amends altogether".. This is not my experience to completely avoid an amends. I can do a surrogate amends, living amends or make the amends to God. "Avoiding altogether" has not been helpful. <p>* On page 32 of the packet, we would suggest mentioning prayer as a significant component of Step 10's spot check inventory, as well as some mention of identifying the character defects one engaged in.</p> <p>* Also on that page, the question written as: "Did I act like I accepted something today that I should've have? Describe." is unclear. What exactly is being asked?</p> <p>* Also, the questions (in the middle of the page) seem out of order. Suggestion to group them by category.</p> <p>* Use of the word "try" on page 33 is questionable.</p> <p>* Page 34 of the draft: Suggestion item #5 asks the individual to attend a group meditation outside of SLAA, use guided meditation tapes or mp3s. These are in conflict with our Traditions, as these</p>	
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17o02/16-06	<p>Continued from previous page</p> <p>The dating plan should be a separate document not part of step 12.</p> <p>Dating Section pg.44</p> <p>Add: "What characteristics and values underneath do you want in a potential date or partner?"</p> <p>Notes on Step Study for Business Meeting ABM July, 2017 from a member of Intergroup:</p> <p>The second sentence of the introduction states that the study is not meant to be the only way to go through the steps" or the "SLAA way" I like that.</p> <p>I think addicts need structure. We are lucky to have a lot of structure the way a lot of us work the steps. Not everyone has sponsored that have AA influence. This booklet so far seems to provide reasonable structure that is based in conference approved literature, including pamphlets the SLAA book and the AA literature.</p> <p>Step One</p> <p>I think step one is fine. It's a fair amount of writing. There are suggestions to read the big book. Questions 7 and 9 could be expanded into the whole history I had to write. Plus my sponsor worked with me out of non SLAA approved literature.</p> <p>I don't like the word qualifier but the questions about whether the no contact rule should apply</p>	
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Item:	Comments:	Author:
17n11/17-03	<p>CFC discussed the IFD in their meeting on May 7.</p> <p>After the Designated giving process is in place the CFC strongly supports the suggestion that "Conference Members advocating that their respective Intergroups and groups designate a large part of their contributions to FWS to such a fund designated for Conference Committees and allocated among Conference Committees by the Conference Finance Committee".</p> <p>CFC supports the idea of making budgets available to committees at an earlier stage.</p> <p>From the given suggestions CFC supports the idea of "Requiring the BOT to present to the Conference at each ABC/M a final BOT approved budget for the upcoming fiscal year. "</p> <p>CFC does not support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changing the fiscal year to begin December 1 or to a calendar year;• Requiring the BOT to obtain Conference approval of that budget at the ABC/M;• Requiring the BOT to obtain Conference Finance Committee approval of the BOT's budget; <p>CFC recognizes the BOT's fiduciary responsibility and trusts the board members decision. We also see a discussion about the budget at the ABM as not workable.</p> <p>CFC also does not support these suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Putting a priority on Conference Committee funding higher than the priority of employee bonuses, employee hours and the BOT having a paid record keeper at its meetings.• The fellowships relies on a working FWS office. We trust that our elected BOT knows what	CFC

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