

## 2017 AGENDA

### Motions and Items for Discussion

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Date: June 10, 2017

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

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

#### Third Version:

This is the Third 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 Third Version is being distributed to the Fellowship worldwide for discussion and comments. Any comments from Conference Committees, the BOT, Intergroups and Lone Groups will be included on the final and Fourth Agenda provided comments are received no later than July 8, 2017.

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

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As the ARS has limited time between now and the ABM to consider Motions and IFDs that are submitted after this Agenda distribution (and up to 7:00 pm July 25, 2017), it is strongly encouraged that any Revisions and remaining Items still outstanding be forwarded to the ARS as soon as possible. These Items may be fully acted upon by the ARS as time allows.

The Agenda Review Subcommittee members would like to assist anyone wishing to submit a Motion or an IFD for inclusion on to the 2017 Agenda. Please contact the Agenda Review Subcommittee or CCC for assistance, or if you have any questions about the submission process. The current Agenda Review Subcommittee Process may be distributed as a separate attachment to this 2017 Agenda Third 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

Fourth Version:

The 2017 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 will add Motions and IFD's accepted onto the 2017 Agenda between the time the Third version was distributed and 7:00 pm July 25, 2017.

Respectfully,

Anthony P.

*June 10, 2017*

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2016 – 2017 Agenda Review Subcommittee Chair  
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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<p><b>17o02/16-06</b></p>	<p><b>Motion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b>          To approve the “Step Questions Workbook” as Conference Approved Literature (Draft Literature #015 in the Conference Literature Committee, Draft attached).</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></b>          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><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></b>          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><b>17o03/16-07</b></p>	<p><b>Motion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b></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, Draft attached).</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></b></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><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></b></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><b>2017 ARS</b></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><b>17o04/16-08</b></p>	<p><b>Motion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b>          Approve the text of #027 Healthy Relationships Pamphlet, Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous (Draft literature in the Conference Literature Committee). Full Document attached.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></b>          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><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></b>          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><b>17o05/15-05</b></p>	<p><b>Motion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b>          Motion to approve the updated text of the '40 Questions for Self-Diagnosis of Sex and Love Addiction' (CLC reference ID# 01240) as Conference-approved literature (Draft attached).</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>2. The intent of this item is to be presented as a <b>Motion</b>.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol> <p>The psychological knowledge and research that has transpired since the 1980 is also part of the reason for the revision of these</p>	<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><b>17o05/15-05</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<p>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><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></b></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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<p>17n09/17-01</p>	<p><b>Motion to Amend By-Laws:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER HOW THE SECTION OF THE BY-LAWS TO BE CHANGED</u></b></p> <p><b><u>CURRENTLY READS:</u></b></p> <p>(This is the EXACT text of the By-Laws as it appears prior to any proposed change.)</p> <p><b>ARTICLE V - THE FELLOWSHIP-WIDE SERVICES S.L.A.A. CONFERENCE CHARTER</b></p> <p><b>Section 8 - Definitions</b></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 Board Committees and the Annual Business Conference do the service of being a channel for Fellowship-wide group conscience.</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><b>17n09/17-01</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<p><b><u>ENTER THE NEW WORDING, USING “STRIKETHROUGH AND UNDERLINE” FORMAT, INTO THE SECTION OF THE BY-LAWS PROPOSED TO BE CHANGED.</u></b> (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><b>ARTICLE V - THE FELLOWSHIP-WIDE SERVICES S.L.A.A. CONFERENCE CHARTER</b> <b>Section 8 - Definitions</b></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 members, Trustees, F.W.S. Administrative staff, Conference Charter Committee Chair and the Journal editor, who together, year round,</p>		
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<p><b>17n09/17-01</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<p>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><b><u>ENTER HOW THE BY-LAWS WILL APPEAR IF THE CHANGE IS ADOPTED:</u></b> (This is the same section of the By-Laws, reflecting the proposed change.)</p> <p><b>ARTICLE V - THE FELLOWSHIP-WIDE SERVICES S.L.A.A. CONFERENCE CHARTER</b></p> <p><b>Section 8 - Definitions</b></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. Administrative staff, Conference Charter Committee Chair 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. Administrative staff, Conference Charter Committee Chair 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</p>		
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<p><b>17n09/17-01</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<p>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 <b>group conscience</b>.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF THE PROPOSED CHANGE.</u></b> (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><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE BY-LAWS CHANGE IS ADOPTED:</u></b> (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> <p>Change the By-Laws with all attendant costs as determined by the BOT.</p>		
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17n10/17-02	<p><b>Motion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b>          To approve the "Anorexia Recovery Tools" text as Conference-approved literature (Draft Literature #009 of the Conference Literature Committee, draft attached)</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></b>          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 recovery, and our hope is that many members of S.L.A.A. find 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> <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><b>17n10/17-02</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<p>thoughtful awareness, suggestions and sensitivity encouraged within this booklet helpful.</p> <p>This booklet was written by recovering anorexics with careful consideration given to the needs and challenges faced by many recovering anorexics. It provides suggestions and tools to facilitate and support our work of the Twelve Steps for anorexia recovery. It is suggested that you review the tools first, then reflect and discuss how best to apply them to Twelve Step work. The Anorexia Recovery Tools booklet is intended to be compatible with and used with other S.L.A.A. Twelve Step recovery literature. This booklet may also be read and discussed at meetings.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></b></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>		
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17n11/17-03	<p><b>Item For Discussion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b> Identify methods and resources that can substantially improve both the S.L.A.A. FWS budgeting process and the resulting budget itself.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></b> 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><b>17n11/17-03</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<p>allocated \$2,500. For the 2016 fiscal year, Conference Committees requested a total of \$15,060 and the BOT allocated \$12,000. An exception was 2015, about which the then Chair of the Conference Finance Committee wrote “for the first time in recent memory the BOT has fully funded the requests made this year.”)</p> <p>Each of the following offers a possible solution to one or more of the foregoing, either alone or in combination with others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changing the fiscal year to begin December 1 or to a calendar year;</li> <li>• Requiring the BOT to present to the Conference at each ABC/M a final BOT approved budget for the upcoming fiscal year;</li> <li>• Requiring the BOT to obtain Conference approval of that budget at the ABC/M;</li> <li>• Requiring the BOT to obtain Conference Finance Committee approval of the BOT’s budget;</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Insisting that the BOT create a fund to receive contributions designated for Conference Committees and allocated among Conference Committees by the Conference Finance Committee, using the designated giving procedure approved by the Conference in 2016 and later implemented by the BOT;</li> <li>• Conference Members advocating that their respective</li> </ul>		
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<p><b>17n11/17-03</b> 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"> <li>● 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;</li> <li>● Requiring that such earnings be earmarked for Conference Committees and allocated among Conference Committees by the Conference Finance Committee.</li> </ul> <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><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></b></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><b>Item For Discussion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b></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>	<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><b>17n12/17-04</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></b> 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><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></b> 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><b>Item For Discussion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b>          Discuss the text of the “Meditation Book” (CLC reference ID# 018) to take the next step to move towards a motion to approve as Conference-approved Literature</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></b>          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</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><b>17n14/17-06</b></p>	<p><b>Motion to Amend By-Laws:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER HOW THE SECTION OF THE BY-LAWS TO BE CHANGED</u></b></p> <p><b><u>CURRENTLY READS:</u></b>          (This is the EXACT text of the By-Laws as it appears prior to any proposed change.)</p> <p><b>ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <p><b>Section 1 – Classes of Members</b>          There shall be two classes of members.</p> <p><b>ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF TRUSTEES</b></p> <p><b>Section 2 - Number, Tenure and Qualifications</b>          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><b>Section 3 - Duties and Responsibilities</b>          a. The Board of Trustees shall act as the guardian of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, ensuring ...</p> <p><b>Section 4 - Election</b></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><b>17n14/17-06</b> 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><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF THE PROPOSED CHANGE:</u></b> (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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<p><b>17n15/17-07</b></p>	<p><b>Item For Discussion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b>          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 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of the Basic Text of S.L.A.A. in the year 2026.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></b>          To have a dialogue between the BOT (Board of Trustees), F.W.S. and the Fellowship about whether a 50<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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>	<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>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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17n16/17-08	<p><b>Item For Discussion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b> Discussion as to whether the wording of the 11th sign of recovery should be amended to be more inclusive.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></b> 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><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></b> 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</p> <p>The Item was accepted onto the Agenda “as-is” by a vote of 3-0-0.</p>
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17n17/17-09	<p><b>Item For Discussion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b>          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><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></b>          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><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></b>          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><b>Motion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b>          Make the S.L.A.A. Basic Text available as an audiobook in electronic format on a popular and accessible platform.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></b>          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><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></b>          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>	2017 ARS The Item was accepted onto the Agenda “as-is” by a vote of 3-0-0.
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17n19/17-11	<p><b>Item For Discussion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b>            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><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></b>            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><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></b>            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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#### COMMENTS SECTION

<b>Item:</b> 17n11/17-03	<b>Comments:</b>	<b>Author:</b>
	<p>CFC discussed the IFD in their meeting on May 7.</p> <p>After the Designated giving process is in place CFC is 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"><li>• Changing the fiscal year to begin December 1 or to a calendar year;</li><li>• Requiring the BOT to obtain Conference approval of that budget at the ABC/M;</li><li>• Requiring the BOT to obtain Conference Finance Committee approval of the BOT's budget;</li></ul> <p>CFC recognizes the BOT's fiduciary responsibility and trusts the board members decision. We also</p>	CFC

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