

2018 ABM AGENDA

Motions and Items for Discussion

2018 S.L.A.A. Annual Business Meeting,

July 31 – August 03, 2018

Third Version – June 16, 2018

Date: June 16, 2018
To: S.L.A.A. members worldwide
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Subject: 2018 ABM Agenda Third Version Distribution

Third Version:

This is the Third Version of the 2018 ABM Agenda. The Third Version contains Motions submitted relevant to Items for Discussion (IFD) discussed at the 2017 ABM. This Third Version will add Conference Committee feedback to Motions and IFDs appearing on the 2018 Second Version, as well as any Motions or IFD's that have been accepted onto the 2018 ABM Agenda since distribution of the Second Version.

Motions submitted relevant to IFDs will retain the same place on the 2018 ABM Agenda as the IFD held on the 2017 ABM Agenda. If by the deadline for the Second Version of the 2018 ABM Agenda (April 02, 2018) no Motion is submitted relevant to an IFD, the IFD will be removed from the ABM Agenda. Motions can be submitted by any service body or individual, and multiple submissions are possible. As with all submissions, Motions received are subject to the ARS Process.

In order for Motions and IFDs to have the optimal opportunity for discussion and feedback by Conference Committees, as well as Groups, Intergroups and Lone groups, prior to the 2018 ABM, submit Motions or IFDs to the ARS as soon as possible. The ARS has limited time to consider Motions and IFDs that are submitted after June 01, 2018 and up to 7:00 pm July 31, 2018. There is little or no time for the ARS to work with Submitters, where Motions or IFDs do not meet the ABM Agenda criteria, or to correct clerical errors.

The ARS members are available to assist anyone wishing to submit a Motion or an IFD for the 2018 ABM Agenda. Contact the CCC or the ARS for assistance, or if you have any questions. The current ARS Process was distributed as a separate attachment to the 2018 ABM Agenda First Version. It is also available online.

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The ARS does not take any position on any Motion or IFD in relation to its content and does not make any recommendation for approval or lack of approval by the Conference.

First Version:

The First Version of the 2018 ABM Agenda, dated February 01, 2018, contained all of the Motions and IFDs from the 2017 ABM Agenda that were not fully acted upon by the Conference at the 2017 ABM (July 25 – 28, 2017). Those remaining 2017 ABM Agenda Motions and IFDs were carried forward to the 2018 ABM Agenda. The First Version was distributed to the Fellowship worldwide for discussion of remaining 2017 ABM Agenda Motions and IFDs. This provided the opportunity for the Fellowship members worldwide to submit Motions based upon the IFD's discussed, and to encourage submission of appropriate new Motions and new IFDs for the 2018 ABM.

Second Version

The 2018 ABM Agenda Second Version was distributed to the Fellowship on April 27, 2018. The Second Version contained Motions carried forward from 2017 that were not fully acted upon at the 2017 ABM. The Second Version also contained any Motions submitted relevant to IFD's discussed at the 2017 ABM. Finally, The Second Version contained any Motions or IFD's received after 7:00 pm July 25, 2017 that had been accepted onto the 2018 ABM Agenda. Conference Committees had the opportunity to submit comments about items appearing on this second version.

Fourth Version

The 2018 ABM Agenda Fourth Version will be distributed on August 01, 2018, to those attending the 2018 ABM. This Fourth Version will add Motions and IFD's accepted onto the 2018 ABM Agenda between the time the Third Version was distributed and 7:00 pm July 31, 2018.

Respectfully,

Phillip W.
2017 – 2018 ARS Chair

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Explanation of Agenda Item numbers:

Example: 18o#/17-#

18o#/17-# Current year's ABM Agenda Motion/IFD number is shown before the slash (/).

o designates an ABM Agenda Motion/IFD related to an ABM Agenda Motion/IFD from the previous year.

n designates a new ABM Agenda Motion/IFD submitted for the first time this year.

18o#/17-# Year Motion/IFD originated and order on that year's ABM Agenda is shown after the slash (/)

Explanation of vote tallies:

Example: # – # – #

For – Against – Abstain

Explanation of the Conference Year for Conference Committees:

The 2017 CCC started on the last day of the 2016 ABM and was active through all but the last day of the 2017 ABM (July 28, 2017). The 2018 CCC started on the last day of the 2017 ABM (July 28, 2017) and will be active through all but the last day of the 2018 ABM (August 03, 2018).

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES (and their abbreviations)

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

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18o01/17-13	<p>Motion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u> Motion: To approve the “Meditation Book” as Conference-Approved Literature (Draft literature #018 in the Conference Literature Committee. Draft Attached.)</p> <p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u> Feedback from the 2017 ABM Item for Discussion and from Fellowship-wide has been favorable.</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 of Trustees. This document would be available as a book in both print and electronic formats.</p>		<p>2018 ARS A Request for Revision was made by a vote of 3-0-0. The Revision was accepted. This Motion was accepted onto the Agenda by a vote 3-0-0.</p> <p>Committee Comments: CLC approved this draft (CLC #018).</p>
18n02/18-01	<p>Item For Discussion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u> Whether the deadline to nominate people for election to the Board of Trustees from the floor of the ABC/M should remain at the morning of the day before the election (typically a Thursday morning deadline to make nominations for a Friday morning election) or should be moved up to an earlier deadline such as a Wednesday afternoon deadline to make nominations for a Friday morning election.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></p>		<p>2018 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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18n02/18-01 Continued from previous page	<p>The Conference Service Manual long stated as follows: Nominations may be received at the ABC/M up to the day prior to the scheduled election. This is done for two reasons: 1) to allow for last minute nominations from newly interested members who have had a chance to participate in the ABC/M process; and 2) so that Conference members have a chance to discuss possible candidates among themselves who may not have been considered in the past by the BOT.</p> <p>The BOT and others have proposed to change this deadline (without any vote or feedback of the Conference) to the afternoon of the day two days before the election. The rationale given is that the Board Development Committee (BDC) needs this extra time to interview each person nominated from the floor of the ABC/M and to then present written information on such nominees to Conference members.</p> <p>The intent of this Item is to encourage a discussion of this deadline and related issues. Considerations might include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Whether and to what extent Conference members rely on the BDC interview and written materials when evaluating candidates for the BOT nominated from the floor. 2. Whether the current deadline provides sufficient time for such evaluation. 3. Whether a vote of the Conference should be sought to set or change the nomination deadline. 4. Whether the Conference should vote to amend the By-laws to set or 		

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18n02/18-01 Continued from previous page	change the nomination deadline. <u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u> If the current deadline remains, the BDC would be required to write up information about certain candidates and distribute this information to the Conference on the day before the election. If the Conference decides that it should set and/or change the nomination deadline, then someone such as the BDC and/or the CCC could prepare a Motion or By-law Amendment establishing the deadline to present to the Conference at a future ABC/M.		
18n03/18-02	Item for Discussion: <u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u> Conference Steps, Traditions, and Concepts Committee is submitting the attached booklet “The Twelve Concepts of Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous” as an Item for Discussion at the 2018 ABM. We are requesting discussion and feedback on the text of this draft booklet. (Draft literature #050 in the Conference Literature Committee. Draft Attached.) <u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u> The intent of this IFD is to move toward eventual publication of a booklet for the Fellowship that explains the 12 Concepts as approved by the Conference. The goal is to increase the familiarity and understanding of the Concepts throughout the Fellowship. It is hoped that a publication of a booklet will increase the understanding of the Concepts and be of benefit to all S.L.A.A. members. <u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u> If this IFD is acted upon it is expected that comments, edits, suggestions will		2018 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. Committee Comments: CLC approved this draft (CLC #050).

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18n03/18-02 Continued from previous page	be returned to the CSTCC for further action. At this time no costs would be incurred and no staff labor would be needed to implement.		
18n04/18-03	<p>Motion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u> Approve the text of the “Step Questions Workbook” as Conference-Approved Literature. (Draft literature #015 in the Conference Literature Committee. Draft Attached.)</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 S.L.A.A. 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 of Trustees. This document would be available as a workbook in both print and electronic formats.</p>		<p>2018 ARS A Request for Revision was made by a vote of 3-0-0. The Revision was accepted. This Motion was accepted onto the Agenda by a vote 3-0-0.</p> <p>Committee Comments: CLC approved this draft (CLC #015).</p>

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18n05/18-04	<p>Motion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u> To approve “Anorexia 4-5-6-7: Working the Program and not the Problem” as Conference-Approved Literature (Draft literature #10 in the Conference Literature Committee, Draft Attached).</p> <p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u> To approve “Anorexia 4-5-6-7: Working the Program and not the Problem” as Conference-Approved Literature for sale or other distribution at discretion of the Board of Trustees.</p> <p>“Anorexia 4-5-6-7: Working the Program and not the Problem” is the continuation of “Anorexia 1- 2-3: Working the Program and not the Problem”. It contains an overview of members’ experience, strength, and hope with each Step as it pertains to Anorexia. Anorexia 4-5-6-7, like Anorexia 1-2-3, continues to utilize “Member Shares,” “Discussion Questions,” “Suggestions for Topline Actions,” “Topline Self-Talk,” “Topline Behaviors,” and a meditation relative to each of the Steps.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u> To publish “Anorexia 4-5-6-7: Working the Program and not the Problem”, along with all attendant costs, for sale or other distribution as Conference-Approved Literature at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. This document would be available as a booklet and/or e-document.</p>		<p>2018 ARS A Request for Revision was made by a vote of 3-0-0. The Revision was accepted. This Motion was accepted onto the Agenda by a vote 3-0-0.</p> <p>Committee Comments: CLC approved this draft (CLC #010).</p>

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18n06/18-05	<p>Motion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u> That Fellowship-Wide Services remove the term “Lone Group” from all forms, records, and publications (both print and electronic). Moving forward, three suggested classifications to differentiate groups are the following: Groups, Groups affiliated with Intergroups, Intergroups</p> <p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u> This motion is intended to remove the negative connotation of “Lone Group” from all S.L.A.A. digital and printed materials and forms.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u> The monetary cost of this will be minimal as forms (including the CSM) containing this designation are generally created or updated on an annual basis in conjunction with the ABM/C. The remaining use of this terminology is on the FWS website and does not require any printing.</p>		<p>2018 ARS A Request for Revision was made by a vote of 3-0-0. The Revision was accepted. This Motion was accepted onto the Agenda by a vote 3-0-0.</p>
18n07/18-06	<p>By-Laws Motion:</p> <p><u>ENTER how the section of the By-Laws to be changed currently reads:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article VI, Section 2.</p> <p>Section 2 - Number, Tenure and Qualifications</p> <p>The number of Trustees shall be nine. No Trustee shall serve more</p>		<p>2018 ARS A Request for Revision was made by a vote of 3-0-0. The Revision was accepted. This Motion was accepted onto the Agenda by a vote 3-0-0.</p>

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