

2019 ABM AGENDA

Motions and Items for Discussion

2019 S.L.A.A. Annual Business Meeting,

July 23 – July 26, 2019

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

This is the First Version of the 2019 ABM Agenda, containing all of the items on the 2018 ABM Agenda that were not fully acted upon by the Conference at the 2018 ABM (July 31 – August 03, 2018). Those remaining 2018 ABM Agenda items have been carried forward to the 2019 ABM Agenda. This First Version is being distributed to the Fellowship worldwide for discussion of remaining 2018 ABM Agenda items. This provides 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 Items for Discussion for the 2019 ABM.

Motions submitted relevant to Items for Discussion will retain the same place on the 2019 ABM Agenda as the IFD held on the 2018 ABM Agenda. If by the deadline for the Second Version of the 2019 ABM Agenda (March 25, 2019) no Motion is submitted relevant to an Item for Discussion, the item 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 through this process are subject to the Agenda Review Subcommittee process.

In order for Motions and IFDs to have the optimal opportunity for discussion and feedback by Conference Committees, as well as Groups and Intergroups, prior to the 2019 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 08, 2019 and up to 7:00 pm July 23, 2019. 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.

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The ARS members are available to assist anyone wishing to submit a Motion or an IFD for the 2019 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 2019 ABM Agenda First Version. It is also available online.

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.

Second Version

The 2019 ABM Agenda Second Version will be distributed to the Fellowship on April 19, 2019. The Second Version contains Motions carried forward from 2018 that were not fully acted upon at the 2018 ABM. The Second Version also contained any Motions submitted relevant to IFD's discussed at the 2018 ABM. Finally, The Second Version contains any Motions or IFD's received after 7:00 pm July 31, 2018 that have been accepted onto the 2019 ABM Agenda. Conference Committees have the opportunity to submit comments about items appearing on the Second Version.

Third Version

The 2019 ABM Agenda Third Version will be distributed to the Fellowship worldwide on June 8, 2019. This Third Version will add Conference Committee feedback to Motions and IFDs appearing on the 2019 Second Version, as well as any Motions or IFD's that have been accepted onto the 2019 ABM Agenda since distribution of the Second Version.

Fourth Version

The 2019 ABM Agenda Fourth Version will be distributed on July 24, 2019, to those attending the 2019 ABM. This Fourth Version will add Motions and IFD's accepted onto the 2019 ABM Agenda between the time the Third Version was distributed and 7:00 pm July 23, 2019.

Respectfully,

Phillip W.
2018 – 2019 ARS Chair

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Explanation of Agenda Item numbers:

Example: 19o#/18-#

19o#/18-# 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.

19o#/18-# 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 2018 CCC started on the last day of the 2017 ABM and was active through all but the last day of the 2018 ABM (August 03, 2018). The 2019 CCC started on the last day of the 2018 ABM (August 03, 2018) and will be active through all but the last day of the 2019 ABM (July 26, 2019).

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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ITEM #	DESCRIPTION/SUMMARY	STATUS	FEEDBACK/DISCUSSION
19o01/18-02	<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> 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>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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<p>19o01/18-02 Continued from previous page</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 change the nomination deadline. <p><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.</p>		
<p>19o02/18-03</p>	<p>Item for Discussion:</p> <p><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</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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<p>19o02/18-03 Continued from previous page</p>	<p>discussion and feedback on the text of this draft booklet. (Draft literature #050 in the Conference Literature Committee. Draft Attached.)</p> <p><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.</p> <p><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 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.</p>		<p>Committee Comments: CLC approved this draft (CLC #050).</p>
<p>19o03/18-08</p>	<p>Item for Discussion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u> The Conference Healthy Relationship Committee has drafted a pamphlet for the Fellowship's review and comments as an IFD. The pamphlet title is "The Gift of No Contact." (Draft literature #049 in the Conference Literature Committee. Draft Attached.)</p> <p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u> The CHRC requests Delegate discussion and feedback on the draft pamphlet. This topic has not been addressed in prior S.L.A.A. literature. It is hoped that publication of this pamphlet will increase the understanding of withdrawal, continuous recovery, and be of benefit to all S.L.A.A. members.</p>		<p>2018 ARS This Item was accepted onto the Agenda by a vote 3-0-0.</p> <p>Committee Comments: CLC approved this draft (CLC #049).</p>

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19o03/18-08 Continued from previous page	<p><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u> If this IFD is acted upon, it is expected that comments, edits, and suggestions will be returned to the CHRC for further action. At this time, no costs would be incurred and no staff labor would be needed to implement.</p>		
19o04/18-09	<p>Item for Discussion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u> To explore the process, impact and associated costs - and present options - for potentially revising the S.L.A.A. organizational and service structure in terms of geographical areas and boundaries.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Context/problem: newcomers have a difficult time finding meetings when a geographical area is served by two or more Intergroups and FWS doesn't always have current and up-to-date meeting information. As S.L.A.A. has grown both nationally and internationally, the needs of individual members, groups, and intergroups has changed. • Solution: An organizational structure based on geographical areas might better serve members. The organizational model pioneered by AA ought to be studied to determine its benefit to S.L.A.A. This structural change may lead intergroups and area service committees to increased access to support and resources from F.W.S. Potential newcomers and members may find it easier to start new meetings in their local areas. • Benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Newcomers will find it easier to find meetings in their local areas. 		<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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19o04/18-09 Continued from previous page	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There would be a potential for reduced burden and costs associated with shipping from FWS. ● To achieve this intent the Conference Intergroup Communication Committee would explore the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ identify and map out the current geographical concentrations of groups and intergroups, both nationally and internationally. ○ investigate the service structure of other 12-step fellowships (e.g. A.A., S.A.A., A.C.A.) ○ develop a number of potential frameworks that will meet the needs of S.L.A.A. (e.g. Areas → Intergroups → Groups / Regions → Areas → Intergroups → Groups, etc.) to present to the fellowship for consideration. This would include an in-depth study of the AA model. <p><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u> As an IFD, there is no direct cost associated with this item.</p>		