

2019 ABM AGENDA

Motions and Items for Discussion

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

July 23 – July 26, 2019

Second Version – April 19, 2019

Date: April 19, 2019
To: S.L.A.A. members worldwide
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Second Version:

This is the 2019 ABM Agenda Second Version. 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 this Second Version.

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 (April 19, 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.

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.

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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 2019 ABM Agenda contains 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. The First Version is 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.

Third Version

The 2019 ABM Agenda Third Version will be distributed to the Fellowship worldwide on June 8, 2019. The 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. The 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
19o01/18-08	<p>Motion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u> Approve the text of the CHRC pamphlet titled “The Gift of No Contact” as Conference-Approved Literature.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u> The CHRC requests Conference Delegates support to approve the revised pamphlet. Discussion and feedback provided at the 2018 ABC/M when this pamphlet was presented as an IFD were integrated into the attached draft. Additional input from multiple S.L.A.A. members was incorporated into the revised document. The CLC has approved this document. The topic of “No Contact” has not been addressed with prior S.L.A.A. literature. This publication will increase the understanding of withdrawal, continuous recovery, and benefit fellow S.L.A.A. members. Thus, Conference approval of this Motion is requested.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u> Cost and labor for desktop publishing and sales, storage, and shipping administration for this new pamphlet will be incurred by the F.W.S. Office.</p>		<p>2019 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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19n02/19-01	<p>Item for Discussion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u> We are submitting six draft chapters from the S.L.A.A. 12&12 Book, a work in progress. As we continue to work on this project, we would like to hear feedback from the Conference on these six chapters.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u> The intent of this project is to publish a book containing one essay on each Step and each Tradition. We feel the book will be used as a discussion guide in meetings and as a help in understanding and practicing the Steps and the Traditions.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u> There will be no cost and no labor this coming year. Eventually the book will need to be printed, stored, distributed. We do expect sales from this book will offset all costs.</p>		<p>2019 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 5-0-0.</p> <p>Committee Comments: CLC approved this draft (CLC #004).</p>
19n03/19-02	<p>Item for Discussion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u> The HOW Beginners Guide and Step and Sponsorship Guide</p> <p>The Conference Literature Committee and the UK Intergroup request that the following literature relating to the S.L.A.A. H.O.W. way of working the S.L.A.A. program be approved:</p> <p>‘HOW Beginners Guide’ and ‘Step and Sponsorship Guide’</p>		<p>2019 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 5-0-0.</p> <p>Committee Comments: CLC approved this draft (CLC #008).</p>

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<p>19n03/19-02 Continued from previous page</p>	<p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u> The H.O.W. Writing Group would like to present the H.O.W. Beginners Guide and the Step and Sponsorship Guide for discussion and feedback from the fellowship regarding its content and the effectiveness of using it to work the 12 steps in S.L.A.A.</p> <p>Background This document has been successfully used by thousands of people all over the world over a period of 22 years. Many that have used it have found that they are able to maintain bottom-line sobriety and that the structure of the approach has supported them through the pain of addiction and withdrawal to discover new ways of being and living.</p> <p>The approach relies on specific tools of recovery and the message of the importance of these tools is repeated in the preamble at H.O.W. format meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Working the steps with a sponsor ● Maintenance of bottom-line sobriety as agreed with a sponsor ● Making three outreach calls per day ● Attending three meetings per week ● Service ● Prayer and meditation <p>From the beginning, newcomers are encouraged to get a sponsor. We believe that due to the emphasis on sponsorship and the fact that sponsees are supported in becoming sponsors early on in their recovery, this has a great impact on the availability of sponsors, the number of fellows actively working the step and member retention. In the UK, the number of meetings has doubled since the introduction of this approach. Also, the</p>		

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<p>19n04/19-03</p>	<p>Bylaws Motion:</p> <p><u>ENTER how the section of the By-Laws to be changed currently reads. (This is the EXACT text of the By-Laws as it appears prior to any proposed change.)</u></p> <p>Article VII - CORPORATION OFFICERS ... Section 3 - Qualification</p> <p>Each Officer shall be a member and a Trustee. So far as is permitted by law, any two or more offices may be held by the same person. A registered agent shall be designated by the Board of Trustees consistent with Texas Law and may be an accountant or an attorney retained by the Board of Trustees.</p> <p><u>ENTER the new wording, using “strikethrough and underline” format, into the section of the By-Laws proposed to be changed. (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.)</u></p>		<p>2019 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 5-0-0.</p>

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19n05/19-04	<p>Item for Discussion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u> A Service brochure to encourage individuals to either give service or to stay and mentor others into giving Service. It's being referred to as the "Super Service Dog Brochure." The CSC worked on this brochure as an updated version of the Service cartoon brochure from about ten years ago. CSC brought this document to CLC. The CLC Supported and passed on 2/23/19 to move it forward to ARS. We would like to hear feedback from the Conference on the brochure and its content along with the idea for intent.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u> Development of projects is hindered by lack of individuals doing service. This is to encourage individuals to increase service or try service. Input is needed to improve the pamphlet's message. The intent of this project is to offer it as one of the FREE downloadable documents on the FWS Website and possibly including it with all literature orders placed from the FWS Store.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u> There will be no cost if this is a free downloadable document. If it is supported to offer it to include with all literature orders placed with FWS then the cost would only be minimal, based on the amount of orders placed in each year. This draft would continue to follow the Conference Service Manual's Appendix "J" How S.L.A.A. Literature becomes Conference Approved.</p>		<p>2019 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 5-0-0.</p> <p>Committee Comments: CLC approved this draft (CLC #058).</p>

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19n06/19-05	<p>Item for Discussion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u> That the Conference discusses changing the S.L.A.A. 11th Tradition wording, by adding "social media" to the list "...press, radio, TV, film, and other public media."</p> <p>Suggested new wording of the 11th tradition: "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, TV, film, social media and other public media. We need guard with special care the anonymity of all fellow S.L.A.A. members."</p> <p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u> The proposal intends to give guidance regarding S.L.A.A. anonymity. Our spiritual foundation also applies to social media. The use of social media today is so widespread and frequent in society that an addition is motivated</p> <p><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u> Discussing this topic requires no resources from the Fellowship.</p>		<p>2019 ARS: This Item was accepted onto the Agenda by a vote 5-0-0.</p>
19n07/19-06	<p>Motion:</p> <p><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u> Add an 18 month bronze sobriety medallion.</p> <p><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u> Taking a chip or medallion is a tangible way to acknowledge to ourselves and to our fellows that we are sober from our bottom line addictive behaviors. It is also a public way of re-committing ourselves to our Sobriety.</p>		<p>2019 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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19n07/19-06 Continued from previous page	<p>Sobriety in Sex and Love addiction can be difficult to obtain and keep. Our fellowship has nine chips for different lengths of sobriety between the 'newcomer' chip and one year medallion and then nothing between a year and two years. This time of sobriety is a sensitive time and could benefit from the accountability that taking a medallion provides. Seeing others take medallions for long term lengths of sobriety helps newcomers</p> <p><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u> The cost to create a new medallion is a one time \$220 set up fee. This cost will be recouped through the sales of the medallions.</p>		