

**2020 ABM AGENDA**  
**Motions and Items for Discussion**

**2020 S.L.A.A. Annual Business Meeting,**

**July 31, 2020**

Third Version – June 13, 2020

**Date:** June 13, 2020  
**To:** S.L.A.A. members worldwide  
**From:** Nora B., 2019-2020 Agenda Review Subcommittee (ARS) Chair  
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**Subject:** 2020 ABM Agenda Third Version Distribution

**Third Version:**

This is the 2020 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) Agenda Third Version. The Third Version contains Motions carried forward from 2019 that were not fully acted upon at the 2019 ABM. The Third Version also contains Motions submitted relevant to Items for Discussion (IFD) discussed at the 2019 ABM. Finally, the Third Version will add Conference Committee feedback to Motions and IFDs appearing on the 2020 Second Version, as well as any Motions or IFDs that have been accepted onto the 2020 ABM Agenda since distribution of the Second Version.

Motions submitted relevant to Items for Discussion will retain the same place on the 2020 ABM Agenda as the IFD held on the 2019 ABM Agenda. If by the deadline for the Second Version of the 2020 ABM Agenda (March 30, 2020) 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 (ARS) 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 2020 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 13, 2020 and up to 7:00 pm July 28, 2020. 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 2020 ABM Agenda. Contact the Conference Charter Committee (CCC) or the ARS for assistance, or if you have any questions. The current ARS Process was distributed as a separate attachment to the 2020 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 2020 ABM Agenda contains all of the items on the 2019 ABM Agenda that were not fully acted upon by the Conference at the 2019 ABM (July 30 – August 02, 2019). Those remaining 2019 ABM Agenda items have been carried forward to the 2020 ABM Agenda. The First Version is distributed to the Fellowship worldwide for discussion of remaining 2019 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 2020 ABM.

**Second Version**

The Second Version contains Motions carried forward from 2019 that were not fully acted upon at the 2019 ABM. The Second Version also contained any Motions submitted relevant to IFDs discussed at the 2019 ABM. Finally, the Second Version contains any Motions or IFDs received after 7:00 pm July 30, 2019 that have been accepted onto the 2020 ABM Agenda. Conference Committees have the opportunity to submit comments about items appearing on this Second Version.

**Fourth Version**

The 2020 ABM Agenda Fourth Version will be distributed on July 28, 2020, to those attending the 2020 ABM. The Fourth Version will add Motions and IFD's accepted onto the 2020 ABM Agenda between the time the Third Version was distributed and 7:00 pm July 28, 2020.

Respectfully,

Nora B.  
2019 – 2020 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 2019 CCC started on the last day of the 2018 ABM and was active through all but the last day of the 2019 ABM (August 02, 2019). The 2020 CCC started on the last day of the 2019 ABM (August 02, 2019) and will be active through all but the last day of the 2020 ABM (July 31, 2020).

### CONFERENCE COMMITTEES (and their abbreviations)

<p>Anorexia (CAC)</p> <p>By-Laws (CBC)</p> <p>Charter (CCC)</p> <p>Diversity (CDC)</p> <p>Finance (CFC)</p> <p>Healthy Relationships (CHRC)</p> <p>Intergroup Communication (CICC)</p> <p>Literature (CLC)</p>	<p>Members Retention (CMRC)</p> <p>Public Information (CPIC)</p> <p>Service (CSC)</p> <p>Sponsorship (CSPC)</p> <p>Steps, Traditions, and Concepts (CSTCC)</p> <p><i>the Journal</i> (CJC)</p> <p>Translation and International Outreach (CTIOC)</p>
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20n01/20-01	<p><b>Item For Discussion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b>            Add the document ‘The Blessings’ to the list of Eight Core Documents of S.L.A.A. increasing the list to nine.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></b>            The Blessings are quotes from our Basic Text. They are included as part of the Pocket Toolkit. Many meetings read non-Conference Approved Literature from other 12 Step fellowships. Having the Blessings as a Core Document provides S.L.A.A. meetings who care to use them with a document that is a part of our history and heritage.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></b>            There is no cost to discuss this item, only time designated for discussion at the ABM.</p>		<p><b>2020 ARS:</b>            This Item was accepted onto the Agenda by a vote 3-0-0.</p> <p>2020 ARS notes the concept of Core Documents was initiated by the BOT. Subsequently, additional Core Documents were designated by the Conference. Please consider what a Core Document is, and who is responsible for designating Core Documents.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b></p>
20n02/20-02	<p><b>Item for Discussion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b>            To publish the Twelve Steps of S.L.A.A. in Simplified English for use by members as they practice the steps.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></b>            We often receive complaints about the reading difficulty of the Basic Text, therefore we feel that members will benefit from a text in Simplified English.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></b>            There will be no cost to discuss. Suggestions from the delegates and others in the Fellowship, will be reviewed and incorporated.</p>		<p><b>2020 ARS:</b>            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><b>Committee Comments:</b>            CLC approved this draft (CLC #003)</p>

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20n03/20-03	<p><b>Item for Discussion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b>            The purpose of this IFD is to discuss the amount of literature submitted to the Conference in recent years. Specifically, if there is too much on the agenda for the Conference to read and evaluate it thoroughly.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></b>            In the last several years, there has been an increase in the number of literature items on the ABC/M agenda. The list below shows the number of items and the total number of pages for these items in the appendix.</p> <p>Some of these items are the same piece of literature submitted in multiple years as an IFD and then a motion, or as a motion and a follow-up motion with corrections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 2015, there were 2 literature items on the agenda for a total of 33 pages.</li> <li>• In 2016, there were 4 literature items on the agenda for a total of 71 pages.</li> <li>• In 2017, there were 6 literature items on the agenda for a total of 443 pages.</li> <li>• In 2018, there were 5 literature items on the agenda for a total of 235 pages.</li> <li>• In 2019, there were 6 literature items on the agenda for a total of 138 pages.</li> </ul> <p>The intent of this IFD is to get feedback from the Conference on whether or not this is too much literature for one ABC/M agenda. Consider the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do delegates to the ABC/M have enough time to read and evaluate literature before voting on motions?</li> <li>• Do intergroups and other members have enough time to read the literature items to give feedback to their delegates?</li> </ul>		<p><b>2020 ARS:</b>            This Item was accepted onto the Agenda by a vote 3-0-0.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b></p>

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<p><b>20n03/20-03</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do delegates feel they have enough information to vote on literature motions or comment on literature IFD's?</li> <li>• Is this amount of literature acceptable, or is it unreasonable to expect delegates to read it all?</li> <li>• What is a reasonable amount of literature for the ABC/M agenda? What is a reasonable number of items and a reasonable number of pages?</li> <li>• If the delegates feel this is too much literature to read and evaluate, what can be done to limit the amount of literature on the ABC/M agenda?</li> </ul> <p><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></b> As an Item for Discussion, the item has no requirements other than having time set aside for discussion during the Conference.</p>		
<p><b>20n04/20-04</b></p>	<p><b>Item for Discussion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b> The creation of a book, The 12 Steps and 12 Traditions of S.L.A.A., was discussed at the 2007 ABM. The manuscript for that book is close to completion with twenty-two of the twenty-four Steps and Traditions completed. The manuscript is submitted here for review by the delegates. It is hoped the current draft will be shared with Intergroups and as many Fellowship members as possible for feedback. Note that six chapters were submitted for review at the 2019 ABM.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></b> Our intent is to receive from the Conference the approval to continue with the creation of this manuscript. It is hoped that the delegates will circulate the draft as it is at this point to their entire constituency so that feedback can be gathered and hopefully excitement generated. We hope the delegates will share the manuscript with those they represent and suggest the manuscript be used as discussion in meetings. We hope feedback will be</p>		<p><b>2020 ARS:</b> 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><b>Committee Comments:</b> CLC approved this draft</p>

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<p><b>20n05/20-05</b></p>	<p><b>Item for Discussion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b> To create a pamphlet on Outreach Calls to sell as a resource for S.L.A.A. The title of the literature is 'The Importance of Making Outreach Calls'.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></b> To help all members of S.L.A.A. who are struggling with making or taking outreach calls. Outreach calls are a fundamental tool of the S.L.A.A. program and, yet, our writing group has found that many newcomers struggle with initiating outreach calls and fear to bother people, and also with members who say will take their calls but never return them. We have also found that members of the program struggle with taking outreach calls from newcomers because the calls drag on or there aren't tools in place to put up healthy boundaries. Even long time members have confessed that they struggle with outreach calls and find that this document is very useful to them. Anorexics will benefit from having guidelines on how to make outreach calls. In isolation and loneliness the disease festers. Outreach calls can make a difference between life and death.. We cannot emphasize enough the need for such a document.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></b> There is no cost associated with discussing this IFD.</p>		<p><b>2020 ARS:</b> 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><b>Committee Comments:</b> CLC approved this draft</p>

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20n06/20-06	<p><b>Item for Discussion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b>            The Conference Diversity Committee (CDC) is seeking discussion and feedback on the CDC Diversity Statement. This brief text is intended to express our Fellowship’s position on inclusion of members from all backgrounds and perspectives, as we work toward our common purpose of sobriety.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></b>            The feedback gained through discussion at the ABM will allow members of the CDC to refine the text and submit it for Conference approval at some point in the future.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></b>            There is no cost or labor required as a result of this IFD. Feedback from the discussion at the ABM will be used to enrich and refine the current draft of the Diversity Statement in our committee discussions during the next conference year.</p>		<p><b>2020 ARS:</b>            This Item was accepted onto the Agenda by a vote 3-0-0.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b></p>
20o07/19-04	<p><b>Bylaws Motion:</b></p> <p><b><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></b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Article III – MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <p><b>Section 3 – Delegate Members</b></p>		<p><b>2020 ARS:</b>            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><b>Committee Comments:</b></p>



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<p><b>20o08/19-05</b></p>	<p><b>Item for Discussion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b></p> <p>The service brochure is simply to highlight a variety of service areas the S.L.A.A. Fellowship has to offer. The brochure has sections to address service for <u>Newcomers, Service in a Meeting, Service within Intergroup and Service Committees</u>. The back panel with the <u>pyramid</u> is the most detailed information breaking it down similar to that of the CSM (conference service manual)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goal is to get attention about service</li> <li>• Be different</li> <li>• Offers a topic and something to talk about with other fellows in recovery, sponsor to sponsee, etc</li> <li>• Approach service the way a service dog does - without expecting anything in return</li> </ul> <p>It's being referred to as the "Super Service Brochure." The CSC worked on this brochure as an updated version of the Service cartoon brochure from about ten years ago.</p> <p>During the 2019 ABM, members shared their support and feedback. The CSC took these comments and have updated several portions of the brochure. In addition, the CSC has purchased stock photos to replace the copyrighted images previously used in the draft 2019 IFD of the brochure.</p>		<p><b>2020 ARS:</b> This Item was accepted onto the Agenda by a vote 3-0-0.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b></p>

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<p><b>20o08/19-05</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<p>The CSC and the CLC have decided that this brochure should be an IFD in the 2020 ABM.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></b> The intent of this project is to offer it as one of the FREE downloadable documents on the FWS Website and include with all literature orders placed from the FWS Store to give back what we freely receive.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></b> There is no cost or labor required as a result of this IFD.</p>		