

**2021 ABM AGENDA**  
**Motions and Items for Discussion**

**2021 S.L.A.A. Annual Business Meeting,**

**AUGUST 3-6, 2021**

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**To:** S.L.A.A. members worldwide  
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**Subject:** 2021 ABM Agenda First Version Distribution

**First Version:**

This is the 2021 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) Agenda First Version. The First Version contains Motions carried forward from 2019 that were not fully acted upon at the 2019 ABM. The First Version also contains Motions submitted relevant to Items for Discussion (IFD) discussed at the 2019 ABM and any Motions or IFDs that were accepted onto the 2020 ABM Agenda and carried forward from 2020. Finally, the First Version will add Conference Committee feedback to Motions and IFDs appearing on the 2020 Second Version, 2020 Third Version as well as any Motions or IFDs that have been accepted onto the 2021 ABM Agenda since distribution of the 2020 Fourth Version.

Motions submitted relevant to IFDs will retain the same place on the 2021 ABM Agenda as the IFD held on the 2019 ABM Agenda. If by the deadline for the Second Version of the 2020 ABM Agenda (TBD) 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 through this process 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 and Intergroups, prior to the 2021 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 04, 2021 and up to 7:00 pm Central Time, August 03, 2021. 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 2021 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 2021 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.

**Second Version**

The Second Version contains Motions carried forward from 2019 - 2020 that were not fully acted upon at the 2019 - 2020 ABM. The Second Version also contained any Motions submitted relevant to IFDs discussed at the 2019 - 2020 ABM. Finally, the Second Version contains any Motions or IFDs received after 7:00 pm July 30, 2019 and July 31, 2020 that have been accepted onto the 2021 ABM Agenda. Conference Committees have the opportunity to submit comments about Motions and IFDs appearing on this Second Version.

**Third Version**

The 2021 ABM Agenda Third Version adds Conference Committee feedback to Motions and IFDs appearing on the 2019 – 2020 - 2021 Second Version, as well as any Motions or IFD's that have been accepted onto the 2021 ABM Agenda since distribution of the Second Version.

**Fourth Version**

The 2021 ABM Agenda Fourth Version will be distributed on **August 03, 2021**, to those attending the 2021 ABM. This Fourth Version will add Motions and IFD's accepted onto the 2021 ABM Agenda between the time the Third Version was distributed and 7:00 pm Central Time August 03, 2021.

Respectfully,

Jack S.  
2020-2021 ARS Chair

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### Explanation of Agenda Item numbers:

Example: 19o#/18-#

**21o#/20-#** 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.

**21o#/20-#** 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 2020 CCC started on the last day of the 2019 ABM and was active through all but the last day of the 2020 ABM (July 31, 2020). The 2021 CCC started on the last day of the 2020 ABM (July 31, 2020) and will be active through all but the last day of the 2021 ABM (TBD).

### CONFERENCE COMMITTEES (and their abbreviations)

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

**Draft literature related to a Motion or IFD in this ABM Agenda may be found in the ABM Agenda Attachments document.**

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ITEM #	DESCRIPTION/SUMMARY	STATUS	FEEDBACK/DISCUSSION
21n01/20-01	<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 Committee. Please consider what a Core Document is, and who is responsible for designating Core Documents.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b> None</p>
21n02/20-02	<p><b>Item for Discussion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b> 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.</p> <p>The revised 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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21n03/20-03	<p><b>Item for Discussion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b> 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> None</p>

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<b>21n03/20-03</b> Continued from previous page.	<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>  The item has no requirements other than having time set aside for discussion during the Conference.</p>		
<b>21n04/20-04</b>	<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 returned to the CLC so that the manuscript can be improved over the</p>		<p><b>2020 ARS:</b>  A Request for Revision was made by a vote of 3-0-0. The Revision was accepted.</p> <p>The revised 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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21n05/20-05	<b>Item for Discussion:</b>  <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'.  <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.  <b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></b> There is no cost associated with discussing this IFD.		<b>2020 ARS:</b> A Request for Revision was made by a vote of 3-0-0. The Revision was accepted.  The revised item was accepted onto the Agenda by a vote 3-0-0.  <b>Committee Comments:</b> CLC approved this draft
21n06/20-06	<b>Item for Discussion:</b>  <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		<b>2020 ARS:</b> This Item was accepted onto the Agenda by a vote 3-0-0.

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<b>21o07/19-04</b>	<p><b>By-laws 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>  Delegate members are persons who are elected by the Intergroup and general members to attend the Fellowship-Wide Services Conferences and vote as representatives of the Intergroup and general members at such Conferences. Each delegate member shall hold membership as long as she or he remains qualified for membership, as described in Article V, Section 5 of these By-Laws.</p>		<p><b>2020 ARS:</b>  A Request for Revision was made by a vote of 3-0-0. The Revision was accepted.</p> <p>The revised item was accepted onto the Agenda by a vote 3-0-0.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b>  None</p>



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<b>21o07/19-04</b> Continued from previous page.	<p><b>Article X – INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS</b></p> <p>“Any person threatened with or made a party to any action, suit or other proceeding by reason of the fact that she or he, her or his testator or in testate, is or was a Trustee, Officer, employee or other agent of the Corporation or is or was Trustee, Officer, employee or other agent of another organization in which the Corporation directly or indirectly owns or owned shares or of which the Corporation is or was a creditor and in which she or he, her or his testator or in testate, served at the request of the Corporation, shall be indemnified by the Corporation against all liabilities and expenses, including counsel fees reasonably incurred by her or him in connection therewith, except that no indemnification shall be provided for any person with respect to any matter as to which she or he shall have been adjudicated in any proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that the action was in the best interest of the Corporation; provided, however, as to matters disposed of by a compromise payment by such person, pursuant to a consent decree or otherwise, no reimbursement either for said payment or for any other expenses in connection with the matter so disposed of, shall be provided unless such compromise shall be approved:</p> <p>... The Board of Trustees may from time to time authorize the payment by the Corporation of expenses incurred by any such person in defending any such action, suit or other proceeding in advance of the final disposition of such action suit or other proceeding, upon receipt of an undertaking from such person to repay such payment if she or he shall be adjudicated to be not entitled to indemnification under this Article X, or if the matter involved shall be disposed of by a compromise payment with respect to which she or he shall be entitled to indemnification under this Article X.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER the new wording, using “strikethrough and underline” format, into the section of the By-Laws proposed to be changed. (This is the</u></b></p>		

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<b>21o08/19-05</b>	<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</u>, <u>Service in a Meeting</u>, <u>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>		<p><b>2020 ARS:</b> This Item was accepted onto the Agenda by a vote 3-0-0.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b> None</p>

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<b>21n09/20-07</b>	<p><b>Motion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b>  A joint committee of the CLC and BOC will review the 2018 Conference Approved literature and the State of Grace as edited by the BOT to revise the current version to reflect the tone of the 2018 Conference Approved Literature.</p>		<p><b>2020 ARS:</b>  A Request for Revision was made by a vote of 3-0-0. The Revision was accepted.</p> <p>The revised item was accepted onto the Agenda by a vote 3-0-0.</p>

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<b>21o09/20-07</b> Continued from previous page.	<p><b>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</b></p> <p>At the 2018 ABM, text of the State of Grace meditation book was Conference approved. There were 365 days of entries on a topic that contained 3 elements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A quote from S.L.A.A. literature</li> <li>2. A share from an S.L.A.A. member on the topic and</li> <li>3. A statement at the end that was mistakenly called an affirmation. These statements were in fact top line statements, prayers and affirmations.</li> </ol> <p>The book was edited by a professional editor. This took 1 month. The Board Outreach Committee reported in December 2018(recorded CJC call #68) that the book was back from the professional editor. It needed a moderate amount of editing and their goal was to get the book approved by the Board by January. In January, the BOC said it was taking longer than anticipated. The BOC saw the word 'affirmation' in the introduction and over 7 months changed 1/3 of every entry to reflect the idea that it should be a positive present tense affirmation.</p> <p>A committee of 7 members on the CLC looked at the edits in 2019 before it went to the press and asked that the Board open a conversation that this, if printed was not Conference Approved Literature.</p> <p>The Board stated that it wasn't 25% changed so they were moving forward. If 1/3 of each entry changed (183 statements at the end changed slightly, 166 statements at the end were big changes, 16 entries didn't change) this is more than 25% change because it changed the tone.</p> <p>The CLC asked the Board to delete the affirmations before printing until a group conscience could be voted on. The Board declined.</p>		<p>The ARS previously determined this would more appropriately be addressed by another committee(s).The request was made. One of the committees declined to participate. Thus the ARS unanimously voted to pass on to the conference.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b> None</p>

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	<p>If this Motion passes, the CLC and BOC will form a joint committee to achieve a group conscience to restore the tone of the 2018 Conference Approved literature. This may A) keep changes, B) restore original text, and/or C) rewrite each of the statements.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></b> The new printing of the State of Grace will reflect the group conscience of the CLC-BOC committee. Cost will be minimal. We expect all of the first printing to sell before replacing the book with a new printing.</p>			
21n10/21-01	<p><b>Item for Discussion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b> To proceed with preparation of Anorexia 8-9 Booklet for publication.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></b> To receive comments and suggestions from delegates on the text of Anorexia 8-9. This Booklet is a continuation of the Anorexia Series.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></b> As an IFD, no requirements. However, if approved and submitted as a motion there will be cost in the future.</p>			<p><b>2021 ARS:</b> This Item was accepted onto the Agenda by a vote 5-0-0.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b> None</p>
21n11/21-02	<p><b>Item for Discussion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b> The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Basic Text Subcommittee (50-BTS) of the Conference Literature Committee (CLC) is submitting this IFD to determine <u>what changes to make</u>, if any, to the S.L.A.A. Basic Text for a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and/or 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition.</p>			<p><b>2021 ARS:</b> This Item was accepted onto the Agenda by a vote 3-0-1.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b> None</p>

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<b>21n12/21-03</b>	<p><b>Item for Discussion:</b></p> <p><b>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</b>  The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Basic Text Subcommittee (50-BTS) of the Conference Literature Committee (CLC) is submitting this IFD to determine <u>how to make changes</u> to the Basic Text. A few examples are provided showing three versions of edits; none (original), lightly edited, heavily edited.</p> <p><b>ENTER THE INTENT of IFD:</b></p>		<p><b>2021 ARS:</b>  This Item was accepted onto the Agenda by a vote 3-0-1.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b>  None</p>

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