

**2023 ABM AGENDA**  
**Motions and Items for Discussion**

**2023 S.L.A.A. Annual Business Meeting,**

**August 1-4, 2023**

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**Date:** April 28, 2023  
**To:** S.L.A.A. members worldwide  
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**Subject:** 2023 ABM Agenda Second Version Distribution

**Second Version:**

This is the 2023 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) Agenda Second Version. The Second Version contains Motions carried forward from 2022 that were not fully acted upon at the 2022 ABM. The Second Version also contains Motions submitted relevant to Items for Discussion (IFD) discussed at the 2022 ABM. The Second Version also contains any Motions/IFDs received after 7:00 pm August 9, 2022 that have been accepted onto the 2023 ABM Agenda. The agenda notes which Motions are related to IFDs from 2022. IFDs without a motion were removed from the ABM Agenda Second Version with notes explaining that they were removed.

Conference Committees have the opportunity to submit comments about Motions/IFDs appearing on this Second Version. Committee comments may be submitted using the ABM Agenda Editor contact form at <http://www.slaafws.org/ABMAgendaEditor>. The deadline to submit committee comments to appear on the third version of the ABM agenda is **June 2, 2023**.

The deadline for submissions to be considered for the 2023 ABM Agenda Third Version is also **June 2, 2023**. Items for the ABM agenda should be submitted using the contact form at <http://www.slaafws.org/ABMAgendaEditor>. All submissions 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 2023 ABM, please submit Motions/IFDs to the ARS as soon as possible. The ARS has limited time to consider Motions/IFDs that are submitted after June 2, 2023 and up to 7:00 PM local time on the first day of the ABM (August 1, 2023). There is little or no time for the ARS to work with Submitters, where Motions/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/IFD for the 2023 ABM Agenda. Contact the Conference Charter Committee (CCC) or the ARS for assistance, or if you have any questions. The current ARS Process is distributed as a separate attachment to the 2023 ABM Agenda First Version. It is also available online.

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The ARS does not take any position on any Motion/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 2023 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) Agenda contains the Motions and Items for Discussion (IFDs) on the 2022 ABM Agenda that were not fully acted upon by the Conference at the 2022 ABM. It also provides an opportunity for the Fellowship members worldwide to submit Motions based upon the IFDs discussed and to encourage submission of appropriate new Motions and new IFDs for the Second Version of the 2023 ABM Agenda.

**Second Version:**

The Second Version contains Motions/IFDs carried forward from 2022 that were not fully acted upon at the 2022 ABM. The Second Version also contains Motions submitted relevant to Items for Discussion (IFD) discussed at the 2022 ABM. The Second Version also contains any Motions/IFDs received after 7:00 pm August 9, 2022 that have been accepted onto the 2023 ABM Agenda. Conference Committees have the opportunity to submit comments about Motions/IFDs appearing on this Second Version.

**Third Version:**

The Third Version contains Motions/IFDs carried forward from 2022 that were not fully acted upon at the 2022 ABM. The ABM Agenda Third Version adds Conference Committee comments to Motions/IFDs appearing on the ABM Agenda Second Version, as well as any Motions/IFD's that have been accepted onto the current ABM Agenda since distribution of the ABM Agenda Second Version.

**Fourth Version:**

The 2023 ABM Agenda Fourth Version will be distributed on the second day of the ABM to those attending the 2023 ABM. This Fourth Version will add Motions and IFDs accepted onto the 2023 ABM Agenda between the time the Third Version was distributed and 7:00 pm local time on the first day of the ABM (August 1, 2023).

Respectfully,

David B.  
2022-2023 ARS Chair

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### Explanation of Agenda Item numbers:

Example: 19o#/18-#

**22o#/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.

**22o#/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 2022-2023 CCC started on the last day of the 2022 ABM and was active through all but the last day of the 2023 ABM.

#### **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)
Intergroup Communication	(CICC)	Translation and International Outreach	(CTIOC)
Journal	(CJC)		

**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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<p><b>23o01/22-04</b></p>	<p><b><u>Item for Discussion:</u></b></p> <p>To receive comments and suggestions from delegates on the text of the "Sex and Love Addiction on the Internet" Pamphlet.</p> <p><b><u>Intent:</u></b></p> <p>Very little has been written on this topic and therefore there is great need for guidance in this area. This pamphlet explains how digital and online devices, sites, and apps can accelerate and enable sex and love addiction. For those who are unsure if your online sexual and romantic activities indicate an unhealthy addictive pattern this pamphlet can help provide clarity. This pamphlet offers practical solutions that we have found in S.L.A.A. as well.</p> <p><b><u>Requirements if IFD is acted upon:</u></b></p> <p>As an IFD, there is no direct cost associated with this item. The only requirement for this item would be the need for time to be set aside at the ABC/M for a thorough discussion and capture of the feedback.</p>	<p>Approved for the 2022 ABC/M but not discussed</p>	<p><b>2022 ARS:</b> The ARS approved this submission 3-0-0.</p>
<p><b>23o02/22-05</b></p>	<p><b><u>Item for Discussion:</u></b></p> <p>The purpose of this Item For Discussion (IFD) is to seek guidance from the Fellowship about a section of the By-Laws that are confusing. The By-Laws mention Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc. (F.W.S.) staff in a way that is unclear and needs clarification.</p> <p>To wit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Article V – The Fellowship-Wide Services S.L.A.A. Conference Charter, Section 2 – Composition</li> </ol>	<p>Approved for the 2022 ABC/M but not discussed</p>	<p><b>2022 ARS:</b> The ARS approved this submission 3-0-0.</p>

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<p><b>23o02/22-05</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<p>a. The voting body of the Conference shall be composed of delegate member(s) and members of the Board of Trustees, <u>senior staff as interpreted by the Board of Trustees, members of the F.W.S. Administrative Staff</u>, the Chair of the Conference Charter Committee, and the Journal editor.</p> <p>b. Specifically: “<u>senior staff</u> as interpreted by the Board of Trustees, members of the <u>FWS Administrative Staff</u> and <i>the Journal</i> editor.</p> <p>Section 2 – Composition, needs clarification. This is confusing because the “Staff” is being referred to twice in the same sentence in different ways. And F.W.S. Administrative Staff includes the Office Assistant, yet she has not been considered a member of the Conference. And the Office Assistant has not been sent to an ABM in years even though the By-Laws clearly state that “Administrative Staff” ARE members of the Conference... Perhaps stop at “senior staff as interpreted by the Board of Trustees”. Maybe it would be better to state exactly which “Staff” is being talked about. Such as using Executive Director/General Manager (ED/GM), Webmaster, etc. to make the point.</p> <p><b><u>Intent:</u></b></p> <p>The CBC is looking for guidance from the ABM Conference (Concept 2 – “the voice and conscience of the Fellowship”) on how best to define the F.W.S. Staff in a less confusing or redundant way.</p> <p><b><u>Requirements if IFD is acted upon:</u></b></p> <p>There will be no associated cost for this IFD. Only some time set aside at the ABM to discuss this issue. The CBC will take the input of the ABM Conference and draft a By-Laws Motion to capture all the clarifications that were brought up at the ABM.</p>		
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<p><b>23o03/22-06</b></p>	<p><b><u>Item for Discussion:</u></b></p> <p>The purpose of this Item for Discussion (IFD) is to seek guidance from the Fellowship about a section of the By-Laws that is unclear. The By-Laws mentions how the Annual Business Conference “advises” the Board and the Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc. (F.W.S.) office staff in all matters.</p> <p>To wit:</p> <p>2. Art. V – The Fellowship-Wide Services S.L.A.A. Conference Charter, Section 7 - The Fellowship-Wide Services Conference” General Procedures and Practices, part ‘b’:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. “Advise with the Board of Trustees and <u>office staff</u> upon all matters affecting S.L.A.A. as a whole.”</p> <p>Does the Conference advise the Office Assistant on how to answer phone calls, open mail, or other work? Will the Conference tell the Mail Clerk how to do their job? Or is it just the General Manager/Executive Director (GM/ED) that is being advised on how to do the will of the Fellowship? Maybe it would be better to state exactly which “Staff” is being talked about. Consider using Executive Director/General Manager (ED/GM), Webmaster, etc. to make the point.</p> <p>Or does the Conference want to just leave it alone to keep this part of the By-Laws more open ended? It is the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) Conference that has been delegated the Responsibility and Authority (Concept 1 and Concept 2) to advise office staff.</p> <p><b><u>Intent:</u></b></p> <p>The Conference By-Laws Committee (CBC) is looking for guidance from the ABM Conference (Concept 2 – “the voice and conscience of the</p>	<p>Approved for the 2022 ABC/M but not discussed</p>	<p><b>2022 ARS:</b> The ARS approved this submission 3-0-0.</p>
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<p><b>23o03/22-06</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<p>Fellowship”) as to the best way to explain which Office Staff is being advised in a clear, concise, and/or accurate way.</p> <p><b><u>Requirements if IFD is acted upon:</u></b></p> <p>There will be no associated cost for this IFD. Only some time set aside at the ABM to discuss this issue. The CBC will take the input of the ABM Conference and draft a By-Laws Motion to capture all the clarifications that were brought up at the ABM.</p>		
<p><b>23o04/22-07</b></p>	<p><b><u>By-Laws Motion:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>How the section of the By-Laws to be changed currently reads:</u></b></p> <p><b>Article V – The Fellowship-Wide Services S.L.A.A. Conference Charter, Section 6 - The Fellowship-Wide Services Conference Meetings</b> (only the last sentence):  The Conference will ... pass an issue...  Mail or telephone polls may also be used at any time to render advisory opinions.</p> <p><b><u>The new wording, using “strikethrough and underline” format, into the section of the By-Laws proposed to be changed:</u></b></p> <p><b>Article V – The Fellowship-Wide Services S.L.A.A. Conference Charter, Section 6 - The Fellowship-Wide Services Conference Meetings</b> (only the last sentence):</p> <p>The Conference will ... pass an issue...  Mail, <del>or</del> <u>and email</u> telephone, <u>and email</u> polls may also be used at any time to render advisory opinions.</p>	<p>Approved for the 2022 ABC/M but not discussed</p>	<p><b>2022 ARS:</b>  The ARS approved this submission 3-0-0.</p>

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<p><b>23o04/22-07</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<p><b><u>How the By-Laws will appear if the change is adopted:</u></b></p> <p><b>Article V – The Fellowship-Wide Services S.L.A.A. Conference Charter, Section 6 - The Fellowship-Wide Services Conference Meetings</b> (only the last sentence):</p> <p>The Conference will ... pass an issue... Mail, telephone, and email polls may also be used at any time to render advisory opinions.</p> <p><b><u>Intent:</u></b></p> <p>The intent of this By-Laws Change Motion is to bring this part of the By-Laws in line with current technological practices. IF an advisory opinion is needed, the Board, the Fellowship-Wide Services (F.W.S.) Office, and/or the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) Conference will most likely use an email poll to gain that feedback.</p> <p><b><u>Requirements if the By-Laws change is adopted:</u></b></p> <p>Change the By-Laws.</p> <p>If the By-Laws Motion is accepted, it will take the Webmaster a nominal amount of time to update the F.W.S. website and place the amended By-Laws there. And a small amount of time for the Office Staff to place those By-Laws in the Delegate Binder and the Board Manual. It will also require a bit of time from the Conference Charter Committee (CCC) to place the updated By-Laws into the Conference Service Manual for participants of service.</p>		
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<p><b>23o05/22-08</b></p>	<p><b><u>Motion:</u></b></p> <p>To adopt the following as Core Documents of S.L.A.A.: "What is Anorexia in S.L.A.A." excerpted from the Anorexia Sexual, Social, Emotional pamphlet, and the 50 Questions from the "Are You Anorectic" section of the <b>Anorexia pamphlet.</b></p> <p><b><u>Intent:</u></b></p> <p>A common question when people first hear about anorexia in S.L.A.A. is “what is anorexia?” According to the Anorexia: Sexual, Social, Emotional pamphlet, anorexia can be difficult to recognize, difficult to detect, and difficult to understand. Anorexia can also be an inherent and integral part of sex and love addiction. Because the concept of anorexia in S.L.A.A. is frequently unfamiliar to newcomers, including “What is Anorexia in S.L.A.A.<sup>1</sup>” and “Am I Anorexic? 50 Questions for Self-Diagnosis<sup>2</sup>” in the foundational Core Documents of S.L.A.A. will raise awareness of anorexia within the fellowship, increase understanding of anorexia, and help people to identify as anorexics and know that recovery is available in this program.</p> <p>There is a limited amount of easily accessible, free information on anorexia via the FWS website. What is available is hard to find unless you know:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. that anorexia is an aspect of sex and love addiction,</li> <li>2. what to look for, and</li> <li>3. where to look.</li> </ol> <p>Additional Justification for Core Document Designation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anorexia information is necessary for conducting a meeting (introducing the concept), and for starting an Anorexia meeting, one of the more common “focus” meetings.</li> </ul>	<p>Approved for the 2022 ABC/M but not discussed</p>	<p><b>2022 ARS:</b>  The ARS approved this submission 3-0-0.</p>
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<p><b>23o05/22-08</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The information is not just for people who identify as anorexic - it is helpful for general understanding and awareness - for example sponsoring someone who is anorexic if you are not.</li> <li>• The Anorexia pamphlet itself indicates that Anorexia can be difficult to recognize, difficult to detect, and difficult to understand.</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional information:</b>  Appendix A – “About the documents/History of this motion/History of core documents”  Appendix B – “What Is Anorexia in S.L.A.A.?”  Appendix C – “Am I Anorexic? – 50 Questions for Self Diagnosis”</p> <p>1 <a href="https://www.slaafws.org/kb/general/faqs/what-is-anorexia">https://www.slaafws.org/kb/general/faqs/what-is-anorexia</a> (link as of April 10, 2022)  2  <a href="https://www.slaafws.org/download/CACAmIAnorexic_%2050Questions.pdf">https://www.slaafws.org/download/CACAmIAnorexic_%2050Questions.pdf</a> (link as of April 10, 2022)</p> <p><b><u>Requirements if the Motion is acted upon:</u></b></p> <p>These items would be added to the Core Documents section of the FWS website and would need to be translated into the same languages as the other Core Documents.</p>		
<p><b>23o06/22-09</b></p>	<p><b><u>Item for Discussion:</u></b></p> <p>Article VI – Board of Trustees, Section 7 – Notice of Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> sentences:</p>	<p>Approved for the 2022 ABC/M but not discussed</p>	<p><b>2022 ARS:</b> The ARS approved this submission 3-0-0.</p>

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<p><b>23o06/22-09</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<p><b>Third:</b> Notice sent by mail shall be mailed at least 72 hours before the meeting.</p> <p><b>Fourth:</b> Notice sent by email or given by telephone or by leaving such notice as aforesaid, shall be sent or given as the case may be, at least 24 hours before the meeting.</p> <p>This is not current practice of Board notices (the BOT meeting schedule is decided for the Conference-Year at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting held right after the conclusion of the ABM).</p> <p>The State of Texas statutes dealing with Board of Trustee Notice of Meetings states, “not later than the third day before the date of the meeting”. The S.L.A.A. By-Laws hold a higher standard of “at least 72 hours before”. But, a notice sent by email may be sent “at least 24 hours before the meeting.” There is no distinction between email notice and mail notice in the Texas statutes.</p> <p>Therefore, the By-Laws Committee is looking for input from the ABM Conference about what to do with this section. The CBC recommends aligning the two notices to match the “at least 72 hours before” wording.</p> <p>Legal requirements of ‘notice of meeting’ to Boards of Trustees in Texas law states, “not later than the third day before the date of the meeting”.</p> <p>The CBC recommends have the Mail and Email times line up with the “72 hours before” protocol.</p> <p><b><u>Intent:</u></b></p> <p>The Conference By-Laws Committee (CBC) is looking for direction from the Fellowship about how best to keep the By-Laws looking fair, just, and</p>		
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<p><b>23o06/22-09</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<p>spiritually-centered. The CBC is also looking for a way to keep the By-Laws in line with current technology.</p> <p><b><u>Requirements if IFD is acted upon:</u></b></p> <p>There would be no cost to include this IFD on the ABM Agenda. Just time set aside at the ABM General Assemblies for discussion. With input from the ABM Conference Members, the CBC will be able to draft a Motion if this is what is needed.</p>		
<p><b>23o07/22-10</b></p>	<p><b><u>Item for Discussion:</u></b></p> <p>To receive comments and suggestions from delegates on the text of "Anorexia 10-11-12; Working the Program and Not the Problem", which was an IFD last year - however was tabled due to the Conference running out of time.</p> <p><b><u>Intent:</u></b></p> <p>To help all members of S.L.A.A. who are struggling with Anorexia to work Steps 10-12. This text is a continuation of the very successful Anorexia 12 Step Series.</p> <p>The newly created CLC Style Committee, and the Anorexia Writing Group have worked tirelessly and collaboratively in this past interim year, to extensively edit this document to be publication ready.</p> <p><b><u>Requirements if Item is acted upon:</u></b></p> <p>There are no costs associated with this IFD. Only time to discuss the matter will be required.</p>	<p>Approved for the 2022 ABC/M but not discussed</p>	<p><b>2022 ARS:</b> The ARS approved this submission 3-0-0.</p>

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23o08/21-17	<b>No Motion submitted by deadline. This Motion/IFD has been dropped from ABM Agenda.</b>		
23o09/21-18	<b>A Motion based on the 2022 IFD was received in time for the second version of the ABM agenda, but it was rejected by the ARS.</b>		
23o10/21-19	<p><b><u>Motion:</u></b></p> <p>The Board Publishing and Distribution Committee (BPDC) seeks Conference and Fellowship-wide approval of the report of its Literature Creation, Editing and Publishing subcommittee (LCEP) on the process used to create Conference Approved Literature from the initial proposal through Board of Trustees publishing. The current process is detailed in Appendices H and I to the Conference Service Manual.</p> <p><b><u>Intent:</u></b></p> <p>The LCEP has been working for the better part of three years. The Board of Trustees (BOT) created the LCEP as part of the BOT’s legal and fiduciary responsibility to supervise all publications of the fellowship. The LCEP has reviewed and incorporated comments received at the 2022 ABM on the IFD submitted then. This proposed LCEP process will 1) improve the quality of manuscripts reaching the Conference, 2) build collaboration between all participants in the literature creation and publishing process, 3) ensure that literature presented for conference approval has been edited and meets the style guidelines, and 4) ensures that the editing process does not change the sense or meaning of the literature. We believe rigorous adherence to this process will reduce the peaks and valleys of page volume delegates are required to evaluate each year.</p> <p><b><u>Requirements if Item is acted upon:</u></b></p>	This motion was an IFD at the 2022 ABC/M.	<b>2023 ARS:</b> The ARS approved this submission 3-0-1.

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<p><b>23o10/21-19</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<p>The LCEP Report is in the form of a draft flowchart (included as an Attachment to this Motion) that would replace Appendices H and I should it receive necessary approvals. The LCEP Report also includes as part of the attachments 1) an appeal process; 2) a description of a CLC subcommittee, the Style Subcommittee; and 3) a description of the Production Editor position which are all referenced in the flowchart. If this motion is passed the literature creation process in the CSM (Appendices H and I) would be replaced with this process and the additional descriptions of a Production Editor position, the Style committee and an appeal process would be available in the CSM.</p>		
<p><b>23o11/21-20</b></p>	<p><b>No Motion submitted by deadline. This Motion/IFD has been dropped from ABM Agenda.</b></p>		
<p><b>23o12/22-01</b></p>	<p><b><u>Motion:</u></b></p> <p>The 50th-Anniversary Basic Text Subcommittee (50BTS) of the Conference Literature Committee (CLC) is submitting this Motion that was an IFD last year. The motion seeks approval from the Conference of the first four lightly edited chapters of the S.L.A.A. Basic Text, <i>Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous</i>, which will be used in the 50th-anniversary edition.</p> <p><b><u>Intent:</u></b></p> <p>Feedback from the Conference members at the 2022 ABM (as well as from the broader fellowship during the Conference year) on the first four chapters of the S.L.A.A. Basic Text has been helpful as the 50BTS continues to review, edit, and prepare a 50th-anniversary edition for 2026. We believe that the proposed revisions are now ready to be approved by the Conference for use in the 50th-anniversary edition of the Basic Text. This motion seeks approval by the Conference of the first four chapters.</p>	<p>This motion was an IFD at the 2022 ABC/M.</p>	<p><b>2023 ARS:</b> The ARS approved this submission 3-0-0.</p>

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<p><b>23o12/22-01</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<p>Based upon the feedback received at the 2022 ABM and subsequently from the membership at large, the only substantial change that was made to the text since ABM 2022 was the removal of the quote in Chapter Three that was from an outside source associated with the Jung Foundation.</p> <p><b><u>Requirements if the Motion is acted upon:</u></b></p> <p>If the motion passes, these chapters will become Conference-approved and will become chapters one through four of the 2026, 50th-anniversary edition.</p>		
<p><b>23o13/22-02</b></p>	<p><b><u>Motion:</u></b></p> <p>Publish the "Making the Most of Meetings" Pamphlet, to sell as a resource for S.L.A.A. members.</p> <p><b><u>Intent:</u></b></p> <p>The observations, guidelines, and suggestions in this pamphlet are drawn from our years of attending and chairing S.L.A.A. meetings. We hope they will give new members a preview of what to expect at meetings, and help new members get as much as they can from attending.</p> <p><b><u>Requirements:</u></b></p> <p>Cost and labor for desktop publishing, printing, sales, storage, and shipping, and all other administration for publishing this pamphlet will be incurred by the F.W.S. Office.</p>	<p>This motion was an IFD at the 2022 ABC/M.</p>	<p><b>2023 ARS:</b> The ARS approved this submission 3-0-1.</p>
<p><b>23n14/23-01</b></p>	<p><b><u>Motion:</u></b></p> <p>Approval of the book for Publication, <i>A Framework for Living: The Twelve Steps, The Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous</i></p>		<p><b>2023 ARS:</b> The ARS approved this submission 3-0-1.</p>

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<p><b>23n14/23-01</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<p><b><u>Intent:</u></b></p> <p>The project to create S.L.A.A.'s own "12 &amp; 12" was introduced at the 2007 ABM. Input from fellowship members was encouraged and received since then. The manuscript was completed in August 2021. Comments were received at the 2022 ABM and addressed over the last several months. Those included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed and addressed all "technical edits" from the 2022 Orange County delegate.</li> <li>• Rewrote the objectionable sentence on page 47.</li> <li>• Eliminated the story in the Step Seven chapter that was found confusing by some.</li> <li>• Accomplished close editing and some rewriting of the Concepts.</li> <li>• Reviewed published spiritual principles from a variety of Twelve-Step fellowships (AA, Alanon, OA, CODA, NA) as they relate to the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts. The text of A Framework for Living accurately reflects the spiritual principles of our three legacies.</li> <li>• Addressed miscellaneous individual comments.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Requirements:</u></b></p> <p>Costs include desktop publishing, e-book creation, printing, and inventory management. Revenue from sales will more than exceed all costs.</p>		
<p><b>23n15/23-02</b></p>	<p><b><u>Item for Discussion:</u></b></p> <p>The 50th-Anniversary Basic Text Subcommittee (50BTS) of the Conference Literature Committee (CLC) is submitting this IFD to the Conference so that the fellowship may review edited chapters five through eight of the S.L.A.A. Basic Text and provide feedback on the proposed edits.</p>		<p><b>2023 ARS:</b> The ARS approved this submission 3-0-1.</p>



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<p><b>23n15/23-02</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<p><b><u>Intent:</u></b></p> <p>During the 2021 ABM two items were discussed concerning what to change and how to change the 1986 S.L.A.A. Basic Text. The consensus appeared to be that the first edition of the Basic Text required editing for a 50th-anniversary edition. In 2022, the ABM discussed chapters one through four. Based upon that discussion, work on chapters five through eight has been done. The 50BTS seeks input from the Conference and the membership at large on the proposed edits.</p> <p>Feedback from the Conference at the ABM and other members during the Conference year is helpful as the 50BTS continues to review, edit, and prepare a 50th-anniversary edition of the S.L.A.A. Basic Text for publication in 2026. To prepare for this discussion, Conference members must read and consider the proposed edits and provide written feedback ahead of the ABM or be prepared to discuss the proposed edits at the ABM. Members of the fellowship at large are also encouraged to provide written feedback.</p> <p><b><u>Requirements:</u></b></p> <p>There is no cost associated with this IFD. Only time at the ABM to discuss the item is needed.</p>		
<p><b>23n16/23-03</b></p>	<p><b><u>By-Laws Motion:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>How the section of the By-Laws to be changed currently reads:</u></b></p> <p>Article XIV – Amendments, last sentence:          “Any emergency By-Law adopted by the Trustees must be confirmed by a two-thirds vote of all authorized voters who have checked in at the Annual Business Conference.”</p> <p><b><u>The new wording, using “strikethrough and underline” format, into the</u></b></p>		<p><b>2023 ARS:</b>          The ARS approved this submission 3-0-1.</p>

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<p><b>23n16/23-03</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<p><b><u>section of the By-Laws proposed to be changed:</u></b></p> <p>Article XIV – Amendments, last sentence:          “Any emergency By-Law adopted by the Trustees must be confirmed by a two-thirds vote of all authorized voters who have checked in at the <u>next</u> Annual Business Conference/<u>Meeting</u>.”</p> <p><b><u>How the By-Laws will appear if the change is adopted:</u></b></p> <p>Article XIV – Amendments, last sentence:          “Any emergency By-Law adopted by the Trustees must be confirmed by a two-thirds vote of all authorized voters who have checked in at the next Annual Business Conference/Meeting.”</p> <p><b><u>Intent:</u></b></p> <p>(Identify the problem with the By-Laws as currently written and the objective that the change is intended to achieve, including arguments in favor of the Motion.)</p> <p>There was concern on the By-Laws Committee that this statement was just a bit too vague and needed to be better clarified.</p> <p><b><u>Requirements if the By-Laws change is adopted:</u></b></p> <p>Change the By-Laws.</p> <p>Once the Amended By-Laws are crafted by the CBC, reviewed, and verified for accuracy, the Amended By-Laws will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees to be reviewed and verified for accuracy. Then there will be a nominal amount of time needed by the Technology Director to place the Amended By-Laws on the Fellowship-Wide Services (F.W.S.) website. Finally, the Technology Director will forward these Amended By-Laws to the</p>		
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<p><b>23n17/23-04</b></p>	<p><b><u>By-Laws Motion:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>How the section of the By-Laws to be changed currently reads:</u></b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Article X – Indemnification of Director and Officers [Paragraph ‘c’ only]</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">c. By a majority of the members, not counting as a member any member who is an interested person.</p> <p><b><u>The new wording, using “strikethrough and underline” format, into the section of the By-Laws proposed to be changed:</u></b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Article X – Indemnification of Director and Officers [Paragraph ‘c’ only]</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">c. By a majority of the <del>members</del>-Trustees, not counting as a <del>member</del>-any <del>member</del> Trustee who is an interested person’.</p> <p><b><u>How the By-Laws will appear if the change is adopted:</u></b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Article X – Indemnification of Director and Officers [Paragraph ‘c’ only]</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">c. ‘By a majority of the Trustees, not counting any Trustee who is an interested person’.</p> <p><b><u>Intent:</u></b></p> <p>This is a poorly written sentence. By changing a couple of words, this statement makes much more sense and is more easily understood and matches the language used in Sections a. and b.</p>		<p><b>2023 ARS:</b> The ARS approved this submission 3-0-1.</p>

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<p><b>23n17/23-04</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<p><b><u>Requirements if the By-Laws change is adopted:</u></b></p> <p>Change the By-Laws.</p> <p>Once the Amended By-Laws are crafted by the CBC, reviewed, and verified for accuracy, the Amended By-Laws will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees to be reviewed and verified for accuracy. Then there will be a nominal amount of time needed by the Technology Director to place the Amended By-Laws on the Fellowship-Wide Services (F.W.S.) website. Finally, the Technology Director will forward these Amended By-Laws to the Executive Director for inclusion in the Board Manual, the Delegate Binder, and any other location where the By-Laws are physically placed.</p>		
<p><b>23n18/23-05</b></p>	<p><b><u>By-Laws Motion:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>How the section of the By-Laws to be changed currently reads:</u></b></p> <p>ARTICLE VIII - REMOVALS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Trustees, including persons elected by Trustees to fill vacancies in the Board, may be removed from office with cause by the members or Trustees.</li> <li>b. Officers elected or appointed by the Trustees may be removed from their respective offices with cause by the Trustees.</li> <li>c. A Trustee or Officer may be removed for cause only after a reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard before the body proposing to remove said Officer.</li> <li>d. The Trustees may terminate the authority of any agent.</li> </ol> <p><b><u>The new wording, using “strikethrough and underline” format, into the section of the By-Laws proposed to be changed:</u></b></p> <p>ARTICLE VIII - REMOVALS</p>		<p><b>2023 ARS:</b> The ARS approved this submission 3-0-1.</p>

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<p><b>23n18/23-05</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<p>a. Trustees, including persons <del>elected</del> <u>appointed</u> by Trustees to fill vacancies in the Board, may be removed from office with cause by the members or Trustees.</p> <p>b. Officers elected or appointed by the Trustees may be removed from their respective offices with cause by the Trustees.</p> <p>c. A Trustee or Officer may be removed for cause only after a reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard before the body proposing to remove said <u>Trustee or</u> Officer.</p> <p>d. The Trustees may terminate the authority of any agent.</p> <p><b><u>How the By-Laws will appear if the change is adopted:</u></b></p> <p>ARTICLE VIII - REMOVALS</p> <p>a. Trustees, including persons appointed by Trustees to fill vacancies in the Board, may be removed from office with cause by the members or Trustees.</p> <p>b. Officers elected or appointed by the Trustees may be removed from their respective offices with cause by the Trustees.</p> <p>c. A Trustee or Officer may be removed for cause only after a reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard before the body proposing to remove said Trustee or Officer.</p> <p>d. The Trustees may terminate the authority of any agent.</p> <p><b><u>Intent:</u></b></p> <p>Article VIII – Removals, part “a” says that “persons elected by the Trustees to fill vacancies”, that is called “appointed” in the Fellowship. A Trustee is elected at an Annual Business Meeting (ABM) by the members of the ABM Conference [trustees, senior staff as interpreted by the Board, Delegates, <i>the Journal</i> editor, and the CCC Chair].</p> <p>If there is a vacancy that needs to be filled. The Board may do that by “appointing” a person to address that vacancy. Though it is an election</p>		
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<p><b>23n18/23-05</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<p>process, in Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, it is called ‘appointment to the Board’. So, to keep the By-Laws in line with the processes and practices of the Fellowship, it needs to change to “appointed”.</p> <p>In Article VIII – Removals, part “c” has an omission. At the start of the sentence, it states: “A Trustee or Officer may...” and at the end of the sentence it states: “to remove said Officer.” The term “Trustee” is missing. It is obvious that it refers to ‘Trustee or Officer’, but because the By-Laws are the established framework of the Fellowship, it is best to have as much clarity as possible.</p> <p>The term “Members” has been previously defined in the By-Laws under Article III, Sections 1 -3; And “Agents” under Article VII, Section 3.</p> <p><b><u>Requirements if the By-Laws change is adopted:</u></b></p> <p>Change the By-Laws.</p> <p>Once the Amended By-Laws are crafted by the CBC, reviewed, and verified for accuracy, the Amended By-Laws will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees to be reviewed and verified for accuracy. Then there will be a nominal amount of time needed by the Technology Director to place the Amended By-Laws on the Fellowship-Wide Services (F.W.S.) website. Finally, the Technology Director will forward these Amended By-Laws to the Executive Director for inclusion in the Board Manual, the Delegate Binder, and any other location where the By-Laws are physically placed.</p>		
<p><b>23n19/23-06</b></p>	<p><b><u>Item for Discussion:</u></b></p> <p>To receive comments and suggestions from delegates on the proposed edits to the pamphlet, Anorexia: Sexual, Social, Emotional.</p>		<p><b>2023 ARS:</b> The ARS approved this submission 3-0-1.</p>

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<p><b>23n19/23-06</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<p><b><u>Intent:</u></b></p> <p>The goal of these revisions is to help all members of S.L.A.A. understand and learn about anorexia by improving the readability of the pamphlet and making the language more accessible. No new content was added. Edits in this draft include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• replacing anorectic with anorexic</li> <li>• replacing and/or rewording obsolete or difficult to read words to improve reading comprehension</li> <li>• removing content regarding the F.W.S. office that no longer applies</li> <li>• updating information about finding or starting an anorexia focus meeting</li> </ul> <p>The Clean Up and Clarify subcommittee of the CAC has worked diligently on this revision since 2019. The newly created CLC Style Committee has reviewed this draft and made additional minor edits.</p> <p><b><u>Requirements:</u></b></p> <p>There are no costs associated with this IFD. Only time to discuss the matter will be required.</p>		
<p><b>23n20/23-07</b></p>	<p><b><u>Motion:</u></b></p> <p>Publish the "Twelve Steps of S.L.A.A. in Plain Language" for use by members as they practice the steps.</p> <p><b><u>Intent:</u></b></p> <p>To help all members of S.L.A.A. who are struggling with the reading difficulty of the Basic Text. We feel that members who struggle with the reading level of the Basic Text will benefit from the Steps in plain language.</p>		<p><b>2023 ARS:</b> The ARS approved this submission 3-0-1.</p>

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<p><b>23n20/23-07</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<p>This document was written to make reading the Twelve Steps accessible to all people including those who don't read at a college level.</p> <p>The current version of CLC-003 The Twelve Steps of S.L.A.A. in Plain Language differs from the older version submitted to the 2022 ABM in several respects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Length has been shortened from 33 pages to 27 pages.</li> <li>2. The Conference Literature Committee Style Committee has completed an in-depth review. This resulted in a number of changes:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Punctuation was changed to align with Garner's Modern English Usage.</li> <li>b. A significant number of wording changes were made to sharpen and clarify the language.</li> <li>c. In several instances, long paragraphs have been divided into two to make the text easier to read.</li> <li>d. On occasion, sentences were reordered within a given paragraph to make the ideas easier to follow.</li> <li>e. Words that were deemed inessential to convey the idea being presented were eliminated.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b><u>Requirements if Motion is acted upon:</u></b></p> <p>Cost and labor for desktop publishing, digital publishing, printing, sales, storage, and shipping, and all other administration for this new Book/Booklet will be incurred by the F.W.S. Office.</p>		
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