

## Staying the Course: An Update From the 50BTS

The 50th Anniversary Basic Text Subcommittee (50BTS) of the Conference Literature Committee (CLC) is continuing on its course toward the publication of the Second Anniversary Edition of the S.L.A.A. Basic Text.

Here are some of the things 50BTS has accomplished in 2024:

- Incorporated feedback from the 2023 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) and individual members
- Collaborated with the founder of S.L.A.A. on Chapters 1 and 2 (his personal story)
- Received and edited the founder's new Preface to the Second Edition of the S.L.A.A. Basic Text
- Completed final edits on Chapters 1-8
- Solicited additional new stories for possible inclusion in the Second Edition
- Edited new stories in collaboration with their authors
- Regularly updated the 50BTS web page on the Fellowship-Wide Services (FWS) website
- Published two articles in the Journal:
  - Sharing Our Feelings: An Essential Tool for Recovery by Deb W. and Stephen S.  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/10n3vzx7tcYROpU9HdO7KkirLtdwQxhhUwmqs4du5Msg/edit?usp=sharing>
  - Humbled by His Humility: Conversations with S.L.A.A.'s Founder by Sharon S.  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/10tfINAoM254z4SqM61xr8Q33szA3YQhKvwFFK1uzN20/edit?usp=sharing>

- Wrote and submitted four Items for Discussion (IFD) to the 2024 Annual Business Meeting. They appeared on the 2024 ABM agenda as listed below, but were not addressed this year.

Item #	ABM Agenda #	IFD/Motion	Text	Status
10	24o10/22-01	IFD	Discuss the proposed Second Edition of the Basic Text, (50BTS Attachment A), which includes everything except the Personal Stories portion of the book.	Not addressed at this ABM.
11		24n11/24-01	Discuss the “Personal Stories of Addiction and Recovery” section of the proposed Second Edition of the Basic Text, (50BTS Attachment D).	Not addressed at this ABM.
15		24n15/24-02	Proposed revisions to the S.L.A.A. Preamble	Not addressed at this ABM.
16		24n16/24-03	Proposed revisions to “The Twelve Recommended Guidelines for Dealing with the Media.”	Not addressed at this ABM.

The 50BTS will stay the course — preparing for discussions about the Second Edition of the S.L.A.A. Basic Text at the 2025 ABM. The team will continue to provide regular updates to the Fellowship.

If you would like to read the draft copy of the Second Edition of the S.L.A.A. Basic Text that includes the personal story section, please contact the 50BTS via email: [tmwg50bts@gmail.com](mailto:tmwg50bts@gmail.com).