

2024 ABM AGENDA

Motions and Items for Discussion

2024 S.L.A.A. Annual Business Meeting,
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First Version:

This is the 2024 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) Agenda First Version. The First Version of the 2024 ABM Agenda contains the Motions and Items for Discussion (IFDs) on the 2023 ABM Agenda that were not fully acted upon by the Conference at the 2023 ABM. It also provides an opportunity for the Fellowship members worldwide to submit Motions based upon the IFDs that were discussed in 2023 and to encourage submission of appropriate new Motions and new IFDs for the Second Version of the 2024 ABM Agenda.

Motions submitted relevant to IFDs will retain the same place on the 2024 ABM Agenda Second Version as the IFD held on the 2023 ABM Agenda Fourth Version. If by the deadline for the Second Version of the 2024 ABM Agenda (**April 10, 2024**) a Motion is not submitted relevant to an IFD, it will be removed from the ABM Agenda Second Version. 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.

The deadline for submission of items for the ABM Agenda Third Version is **June 10th**, 60 days before the start of the ABM.

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 2024 ABM, submit Motions/IFDs to the ARS as soon as possible. The ARS has limited time to consider Motions/IFDs that are submitted after June 10, 2024 and up to 7:00 PM local time on the first day of the ABM. Please note, for items submitted close to the 7:00 PM deadline, there is little or no time for the ARS to complete the ARS process and those items may not be accepted onto the Agenda Fourth Version as a result.

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Second Version:

The Second Version contains Motions/IFDs carried forward from 2023 that were not fully acted upon at the 2023 ABM. The Second Version also contains Motions submitted relevant to IFDs discussed at the 2023 ABM. Finally, the Second Version contains any Motions or IFDs received between 7:00 pm August 1, 2023 and April 10, 2024 that have been accepted onto the 2024 ABM Agenda. Conference Committees have the opportunity to submit comments about Motions/IFDs appearing on this Second Version.

Third Version:

The ABM Agenda Third Version adds Conference Committee feedback to Motions and IFDs appearing on the ABM Agenda Second Version, as well as any Motions or IFDs that have been accepted onto the current ABM Agenda since distribution of the ABM Agenda Second Version.

Fourth Version:

The 2024 ABM Agenda Fourth Version will be distributed on the second day of the ABM to those attending the 2024 ABM. This Fourth Version will add Motions and IFDs accepted onto the 2024 ABM Agenda between the time the Third Version was distributed and 7:00 pm local time on the first day of the ABM (August 8, 2024).

Respectfully,

Austin H.
2024 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 2023-2024 CCC started on the last day of the 2023 ABM and is active through all but the last day of the 2024 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 and/or supplemental information related to a Motion or IFD in this ABM Agenda may be found in the corresponding ABM Agenda Attachments document.

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24o01/23-12	<p><u>Item For Discussion:</u> This Item seeks Conference discussion on whether the current draft of the 50th Anniversary Basic Text reflects "light editing" of the Basic Text. Following discussion by the Conference in 2021, the Writing Group of the 50th Anniversary of the Basic Text undertook to lightly edit the Basic Text. A light edit would be limited to correcting spelling and grammar and adding additional stories after chapters 1 - 8.</p> <p><u>Intent:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Submitter (Greater Chicago Milwaukee S.L.A.A. Intergroup) is concerned that the editors make substantive changes to the meaning of chapters 1 - 4 of the Basic Text including the personal story of the Founder and others. 2. The current edits to the Basic Text substantially change the meaning of the Basic Text by sanitizing the voice of the original authors and deny the truth of their personal stories. This sanitization weakens the message of the Basic Text. 3. We have included examples of the editing we find are over broad and are actually editing to change the essence of the Basic Text. <p>Please see the Attachment under separate cover for additional information pertinent to this Item For Discussion.</p> <p><u>Requirements:</u> No cost other than the time needed to hold this discussion at the ABM.</p>	Approved for the 2023 ABC/M but not discussed	2023 ARS: The ARS approved this submission 3-0-1.

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24o02/23-13	<p><u>Item For Discussion:</u> Create a Conference Technology Committee.</p> <p><u>Intent:</u> This IFD is for the creation of a Conference Technology Committee. The mission of this Committee is to support the Conference Committees, the FWS office, the BOT, and the Fellowship at large as a supplement to the Board Technology Committee (BTC) on technical issues for the betterment of S.L.A.A..</p> <p>Members of the S.L.A.A. Fellowship have a vast range of technical skills and knowledge and will be encouraged to bring this wisdom together to provide a source of knowledge, support, opinion, and training in technologies to support the S.L.A.A. purpose.</p> <p><u>Requirements:</u> The Committee will be composed of volunteers from the Fellowship. Costs will be like other Committees.</p>	Approved for the 2023 ABC/M but not discussed	2023 ARS: The ARS approved this submission 3-0-1.
24o03/23-14	<p><u>By-Laws Motion:</u></p> <p><u>How the section of the By-Laws to be changed currently reads:</u> ARTICLE VI – Board of Trustees, Section 3 – Duties and Responsibilities:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a. The Board of Trustees shall act as the guardian... especially Tradition 10 and Warranty (e) of Concept Twelve regarding public controversy.</p>	Approved for the 2023 ABC/M but not discussed	2023 ARS: The ARS approved this submission 3-0-1.

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<p>24o03/23-14 Continued from previous page</p>	<p>b. The Board of Trustees shall act as spokesperson for...</p> <p><u>The new wording, using “strikethrough and underline” format, into the section of the By-Laws proposed to be changed:</u></p> <p>ARTICLE VI – Board of Trustees, Section 3 – Duties and Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Board of Trustees shall act as the guardian... especially Tradition 40Ten and Warranty (e) of Concept Twelve regarding public controversy. b. The Board of Trustees shall act as spokesperson for... c. <u>The Board of Trustees shall respond timely, reasonably, and professionally to all communications.</u> <p><u>How the By-Laws will appear if the change is adopted:</u></p> <p>ARTICLE VI – Board of Trustees, Section 3 – Duties and Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Board of Trustees shall act as the guardian... especially Tradition Ten and Warranty (e) of Concept Twelve regarding public controversy. b. The Board of Trustees shall act as spokesperson for... c. The Board of Trustees shall respond timely, reasonably, and professionally to all communications. <p><u>Intent:</u> There has been a disconnect between the Conference and the Board of Trustees. Requests have taken a long time to be responded to. The links on the website to contact the BOT have been broken for months and may still be broken. This has been going on since before the Technology Director</p>		

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<p>24o04/23-15</p>	<p><u>Motion:</u> All future ABC/Ms are required to include an online virtual option, including delegates' ability to vote, in the form of either a hybrid ABM or, if that cannot be planned and/or afforded by the fellowship, a fully virtual online ABM in its place.</p> <p><u>Intent:</u> This motion aims towards full participation of all intergroups at future ABMs by ensuring the option of online digital attendance in order to make the ABM more accessible for worldwide participation from Intergroups around the globe. By including, rather than excluding, we uplift the voices in our fellowship that are otherwise being marginalized and build a healthier group conscience.</p>	<p>Approved for the 2023 ABC/M but not discussed</p>	<p>2023 ARS: The ARS approved this submission 3-0-1.</p>

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<p>24o05/23-16</p>	<p><u>Item For Discussion:</u> The originators seek the conference discusses the implications of: adopting the following statement (“Safety within S.L.A.A. – Maintaining a Spiritual Boundary”) as a recommendation to support safety in the Fellowship and making it one of the free core documents.</p>	<p>Approved for the 2023 ABC/M but not discussed</p>	<p>2023 ARS: The ARS approved this submission 3-0-1.</p>

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<p>24o05/23-16 Continued from previous page</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Safety within S.L.A.A. Maintaining a Spiritual Boundary</p> <p>Twelve Step meetings are generally safe spaces, but it is essential to be aware of potential risks and to take precautions to keep the meetings safe. A person who participates in our Program agrees not to use a Meeting, the Program or Fellowship information to subject another member to unlawful acts, during or between meetings.</p> <p>National and local laws regarding stalking, harassment, sexual harassment, etcetera, apply at our meetings and in society and take precedence over the Traditions, including Tradition Three. Therefore, a person who uses our meetings or our Program to commit unlawful acts during or between meetings, such as stalking, harassment, sexual harassment, etc. is not welcome to participate in Fellowship meetings. That person is asked for their safety and that of others to find other ways for their recovery.</p> <p>It is of utmost importance for our common welfare, which according to our Tradition One should come first, that meetings and Program activities are safe places with healthy boundaries where members can experience recovery without risking exposure to unlawful acts.</p> <p>The requirement not to subject another S.L.A.A. member to unlawful acts - during or between meetings - is a spiritual boundary. <i>The ultimate responsibility for respecting this spiritual boundary lies with the member themselves.</i> The boundary comes into effect the moment an unlawful act is</p>		

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<p>24o06/22-04</p>	<p><u>Item for Discussion:</u> To receive comments and suggestions from delegates on the text of the "Sex and Love Addiction on the Internet" Pamphlet.</p> <p><u>Intent:</u> 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><u>Requirements if IFD is acted upon:</u> 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>This IFD, discussed at the 2023 ABC/M, may be converted to a motion</p>	
<p>24o7/22-05</p>	<p><u>Item for Discussion:</u> 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>This IFD, discussed at the 2023 ABC/M, may be converted to a motion</p>	

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<p>24o08/22-06</p>	<p><u>Item for Discussion:</u> 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: 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’: 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>This IFD, discussed at the 2023 ABC/M, may be converted to a motion</p>	

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<p>24o09/22-10</p>	<p><u>Item for Discussion:</u> 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><u>Intent:</u> 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</p>	<p>This IFD, discussed at the 2023 ABC/M, may be converted to a motion</p>	

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<p>24o09/22-10 Continued from previous page</p>	<p>have worked tirelessly and collaboratively in this past interim year, to extensively edit this document to be publication ready.</p> <p><u>Requirements if Item is acted upon:</u> There are no costs associated with this IFD. Only time to discuss the matter will be required.</p>		
<p>24o10/23-02</p>	<p><u>Item for Discussion:</u> 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 one through eight of the S.L.A.A. Basic Text and provide feedback on the proposed edits.</p> <p><u>Intent:</u> 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, the 50BTS updated the draft of chapters one through four and completed a draft of chapters five through eight. 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</p>	<p>This IFD, discussed at the 2023 ABC/M, may be converted to a motion</p>	

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<p>24o10/23-02 Continued from previous page</p>	<p>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><u>Requirements:</u> There is no cost associated with this IFD. Only time at the ABM to discuss the item is needed.</p>		
<p>24o11/23-06</p>	<p><u>Item for Discussion:</u> To receive comments and suggestions from delegates on the proposed edits to the pamphlet, Anorexia: Sexual, Social, Emotional.</p> <p><u>Intent:</u> 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"> • replacing anorectic with anorexic • replacing and/or rewording obsolete or difficult to read words to improve reading comprehension • removing content regarding the F.W.S. office that no longer applies • updating information about finding or starting an anorexia focus meeting <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>This IFD, discussed at the 2023 ABC/M, may be converted to a motion</p>	

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<p>24o12/23-10</p>	<p><u>Item For Discussion:</u> To discuss the importance of sobriety in the writing and editing of conference approved S.L.A.A. literature.</p> <p>The S.L.A.A. conference ought to consider suspending the new publishing or editing of any S.L.A.A. literature until some kind of sobriety requirements have been established for the CLC and contributing writers and editors.</p> <p><u>Intent:</u> Should sobriety be a requirement for any member who could have a hand in writing or approving official S.L.A.A. literature?</p> <p>Sobriety is a common requirement for many service positions - from the local group up to world service. The board of trustees requires sobriety to serve. Is the writing of conference approved literature a similarly important position?</p> <p>The 5th Tradition message we are tasked with carrying is recovery from sex and love addiction, and that message is best conveyed by fellows who are actively living in sobriety. Obviously, we cannot transmit recovery if we have not recovered ourselves.</p>	<p>This IFD, discussed at the 2023 ABC/M, may be converted to a motion</p>	

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<p>24o12/23-10 Continued from previous page</p>	<p>Right now, we are allowing members of S.L.A.A. who may not be sober to write, edit, and approve literature that is being distributed across the fellowship. This IFD asks the Conference whether we want Conference Approved Literature from members who may be struggling with sobriety.</p> <p><u>Requirements:</u> There is no cost to having this discussion. Only time to discuss the matter at the conference will be required.</p>		