

**2022 ABM AGENDA**  
**Motions and Items for Discussion**

**2022 S.L.A.A. Annual Business Meeting,**

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**Date:** February 10, 2022  
**To:** S.L.A.A. members worldwide  
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**Subject:** 2022 ABM Agenda First Version Distribution

**First Version:**

This is the 2022 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) Agenda First Version. The First Version of the 2022 ABM Agenda contains all of the Motions and Items for Discussion (IFDs) on the 2021 ABM Agenda that were not fully acted upon by the Conference at the 2021 ABM. It also provides an 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 IFDs for the Second Version of the 2022 ABM Agenda.

Motions submitted relevant to IFDs will retain the same place on the 2022 ABM Agenda Second Version as the IFD held on the 2021 ABM Agenda Fourth Version. If by the deadline for the Second Version of the 2022 ABM Agenda (**April 11, 2022**) 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.

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 2022 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, 2022 and up to 7:00 pm Central Time, August 9, 2022. 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 2022 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 2022 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.

Second Version

The Second Version contains Motions carried forward from 2021 that were not fully acted upon at the 2021 ABM. The Second Version also contained any Motions submitted relevant to IFDs discussed at the 2021 ABM. Finally, the Second Version contains any Motions/IFDs received after 7:00 pm August 3, 2021 that have been accepted onto the 2022 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 carried forward from 2021 that were not fully acted upon at the 2021 ABM. The ABM Agenda Third Version adds Conference Committee feedback 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 2022 ABM Agenda Fourth Version will be distributed on **August 10, 2022**, to those attending the 2022 ABM. This Fourth Version will add Motions/FD's accepted onto the 2022 ABM Agenda between the time the Third Version was distributed and 7:00 pm Central Time August 09, 2022.

Respectfully,

Jack S.  
2021-2022 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 2021-2022 CCC started on the last day of the 2021 ABM and was active through all but the last day of the 2022 ABM (**August 11, 2022**).

**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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22o01/21-16	<p><b>Item for discussion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b>            The CLC is asking the Conference for approval to proceed with current projects listed in the attachments.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT of IFD:</u></b>            The Literature Creation Editing and Publishing (LCEP) workgroup of the Board Publishing and Distribution Committee has suggested that as part of the S.L.A.A. publishing workflow the Conference be alerted early to work in progress at the CLC, and either endorse or reject that work. Early drafts of this work are attached. Delegates are welcome to add comments. If endorsed the CLC will continue with its work. If rejected the CLC will stop development of the rejected project. We encourage all delegates to read the report from the LCEP in the ABM binder</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS if IFD is acted upon:</u></b>            No additional cost or labor will be incurred as a result of this proposal.</p>		<p><b>2021 ARS:</b>            The ARS approved this submission 3-0-0.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b>            None</p>
22o02/21-17	<p><b>Item for discussion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b>            To create a Conference Committee dealing with fantasy in connection with sex and love addiction</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT of IFD:</u></b>            To identify or create materials pertinent to the fantasy element of sex and love addiction, currently there is a shortage of FWS approved literature, and it appears that there is a growing number of people identifying as fantasy addicts.</p>		<p><b>2021 ARS:</b>            The ARS approved this submission 3-0-0.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b>            None</p>

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<b>22o02/21-17</b> Continued from previous page	<p><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS if IFD is acted upon:</u></b>            There is no cost or labor required as a result of this IFD.</p>		
<b>22o03/21-18</b>	<p><b>Item for discussion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b>            Discussion about current and future issues regarding recovery materials (audio and visual) posted to the Internet.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT of IFD:</u></b>            The CPIC is requesting feedback from the Conference Members and Delegates regarding the attached 18 questions and the need for proper management, establishing or updating recommended guidelines, safeguarding anonymity, etc., with the posting of audio and video recovery recordings on the Internet.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS if IFD is acted upon:</u></b>            Cost and labor will not be known until after the discussion. The comments received will be discussed further in the CPIC, and will either be used in a plan of action or will lead to a Motion at the 2022 ABM.</p>		<p><b>2021 ARS:</b>            The ARS approved this submission 3-0-0.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b>            None</p>
<b>22o04/21-19</b>	<p><b>Item for discussion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b>            In 2020 the BPDC (Board Publishing and Distribution Committee) Chair was tasked by the BOT to populate a working group to conduct a diagnostic review of our current literature process, from creation/inception at the CLC level (Appendix H process) and draft revisions, to final Board publishing (Appendix I process). In response, the BPDC Chair organized the Literature Creation, Editing, and Publishing subcommittee (the LCEP) made up of 2</p>		<p><b>2021 ARS:</b>            The ARS approved this submission 3-0-0.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b>            None</p>

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<p><b>22o04/21-19</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<p>CCC members, 2 CLC members, 2 BOT, and 2 former Board members. The Chair would like to offer our report to the Conference for discussion and to circulate several potential solutions to issues that will be raised in certain IFDs/Motions regarding literature on this year's ABM Agenda. These potential solutions are presented in the draft Flow Chart in the Attachments.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT of IFD:</u></b>  The BPDC Chair has received much positive feedback from several service bodies, including the Board of Trustees, regarding what the LCEP has accomplished this year. We would like to share this work with the entire Conference and offer our experience/strength/hope towards resolving any outstanding conflicts that may have arisen over literature creation/editing/publishing miscommunications over the past few years. We have drafted a new publishing system (in the form of a FlowChart) that would streamline the Appendix H &amp; I process, afford more diversity in literature review, get the BPDC involved earlier in assisting with the publishing process (which would allow better collaboration between the BPDC and the CLC), and suggest a more efficient way of getting literature on the table for Conference review so we do not have an overwhelming list of projects in front of us, which we know Delegates will never have time to properly review. Our hope is by submitting our report with these possible literature solutions, we will provide a beacon of hope for anyone who felt frustrated, overwhelmed, or discouraged by our current process of creating/editing/publishing literature.</p> <p>The flow chart is a draft document. It has not been approved by the Board of Trustees or BPDC or LCEP.</p>		

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<b>22o04/21-19</b> Continued from previous page	<p><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS if IFD is acted upon:</u></b>            No additional cost to implement. LCEP subcommittee will disband after this Conference Year and the next BPDC Chair will continue this work with their members in 2022 based on feedback/guidance from the BOT, Conference (including its Committees).</p>		
<b>22o05/21-20</b>	<p><b>Item for discussion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b>            Provide the PDF version of our S.L.A.A. Basic Text (in all available languages) for free on the FWS website.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT of IFD:</u></b>            Alcoholics Anonymous, the pioneers of 12 step recovery, have their basic texts "Alcoholics Anonymous" aka Big Book, and "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions" aka 12x12, both available for free in PDF form on their website. Our primary purpose is to carry the message to those still suffering, regardless of their financial situation. Open system and trust that Higher Power is abundant. Long-term investment in increasing new membership.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS if IFD is acted upon:</u></b>            Increase in web traffic to our website. Webmaster cost to protect PDF from being edited once downloaded.</p>		<p><b>2021 ARS:</b>            The ARS approved this submission 3-0-0.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b>            None</p>
<b>22o06/20-01</b>	<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</p>		<p><b>2020 ARS:</b>            The ARS approved this submission 3-0-0.</p> <p>2020 ARS notes the concept of Core Documents was initiated by the BOT. Subsequently, an additional Core Document was</p>

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<p><b>22o06/20-01</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<p>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>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> None</p>
<p><b>22o07/20-02</b></p>	<p><b>Motion:</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> To help members of S.L.A.A. ho struggle with the reading difficulty of the Basic Text. We feel members will benefit from the Steps in plain language.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></b> Cost and labor for desktop 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>		<p><b>2022 ARS:</b> The ARS approved this submission 3-0-0.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b></p>
<p><b>22o08/20-03</b></p>	<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>2020 ARS:</b> The ARS approved this submission 3-0-0.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b> None</p>



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<p><b>22o08/20-03</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></b></p> <p>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> <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> </ul>		

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<p><b>22o08/20-03</b> Continued from previous page.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>		
<p><b>22o09/20-04</b></p>	<p><b>Motion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b> <i>Publication of the book <i>A Framework for living: The Twelve Steps, The Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Sex and Love Addicts</i> Anonymous</i></p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></b> The project to create a "12 &amp; 12" of our own was introduced at the 2007 ABM. Input from fellowship members was encouraged and received since then. The manuscript was completed in August 2021. Extensive editing and correction was accomplished in the last half of 2021. Having a text to guide us in our practice of the Traditions and Concepts is sorely needed. Having a variety of perspectives on how to practice the Steps is a positive for our fellowship. This book will be a constructive addition to S.L.A.A.'s literature list.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></b> If this motion is passed publication of this volume will begin. Costs include desktop publishing, e-book creation, printing, and inventory management. Revenue from sales is expected to more than exceed all costs.</p>		<p><b>2022 ARS:</b> The ARS approved this submission 3-0-0.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b></p>

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22o10/20-05	<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.</p> <p>The ARS approved this revised submission 3-0-0.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b>            CLC approved this draft.</p>
22o11/20-06	<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>2020 ARS:</b>            The ARS approved this submission 3-0-0.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b>            None</p>

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<p><b>22o11/20-06</b> Continued from previous page.</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>22o12/19-05</b></p>	<p><b>Motion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b>  Publish the Super Service Star brochure</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></b>  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 Newcomers, Service in a Meeting, Service within Intergroup and Service Committees. The back panel with the pyramid is the most detailed information breaking it down similar to that of the CSM (conference service manual). It has been redone with the SLAA colors and now has a unified "Star", instead of varying other entities, e.g., the dog has been removed.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></b> Cost and labor for desktop publishing, printing, sales, storage, and shipping, and all other administration for this new brochure will be incurred by the F.W.S. Office.</p>		<p><b>2022 ARS</b> The ARS approved this submission 3-0-0.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b></p>

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22o13/21-01	<p><b>Motion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b></p> <p>Publication of this booklet, "Anorexia 8-9; Working the Program and Not the Problem", which was an IFD last year - to sell as a resource for S.L.A.A. members.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT OF ITEM:</u></b></p> <p>To help all members of S.L.A.A. who are struggling with Anorexia to work Steps 8 and 9. This text is a continuation of the very successful Anorexia 12 Step Series.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS IF THE ITEM IS ACTED UPON:</u></b></p> <p>Cost and labor for desktop publishing, printing, sales, storage, and shipping, and all other administration for publishing this booklet will be incurred by the F.W.S. Office.</p>		<p><b>2022 ARS</b> The ARS approved this submission 3-0-0.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b></p>
22o14/21-02	<p><b>Item for Discussion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b></p> <p>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><u>ENTER THE INTENT of IFD:</u></b></p> <p>The intent of this IFD is to obtain a mandate from the Conference as to what types of changes, if any, could be made to the Basic Text for a 50th Anniversary and/or 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Suggestions include the following:</p>		<p><b>2021 ARS:</b> The ARS approved this submission 3-0-1.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b> CAC - The CAC strongly supports the following anorexia-related updates to the basic text and is interested in working with the update committee to help move these changes forward:</p>

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<p><b>22o14/21-02</b> Continued from previous page</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Entire Book</li> <li>2. Stories Only</li> <li>3. Correct Typos, misspelling, grammar, and punctuation</li> <li>4. Add a Forward with History of S.L.A.A.</li> <li>5. Inclusive Language</li> <li>6. Remove Triggering or Suggestive Language</li> <li>7. Change Complex/Confusing Writing</li> <li>8. Simplification, Clarity and Additional Information</li> <li>9. Better Address Romance Addiction and Anorexia</li> <li>10. Other</li> </ol> <p>There appeared to be interest in moving forward with this project after the 2017 ABM as reflected in the discussions in the 2017 ABM Minutes regarding two (2) IFDs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A summary of the discussion of the 2017 IFD: <b>17n15/17-07 Discuss F.W.S. Publishing a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of the S.L.A.A. Basic Text in 2026</b> is provided (see ABM Minutes pages 32-33) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Interest to touch the body of the writing</li> <li>• Keep sacred the main element of the book</li> <li>• Redo the book</li> <li>• Lot of people don't like the writing</li> <li>• Text could have more editorial and lend itself to sprucing up</li> <li>• New version more inclusivity, diversity</li> <li>• Crying out to be changed painful to read</li> <li>• Sentence structure very complicated, not sacrosanct, redo entire book, anorexia</li> <li>• Difficult to understand, not inclusive, anorexia</li> <li>• Women cannot relate to founder's story...why is it the lead; difficult to read-simplify</li> <li>• If change it will change direction-want to see process at the next ABM</li> </ul> </li> </ol>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Anorexia chapter</li> <li>-Stories representing Anorexia recovery</li> <li>-How Steps are addressed by anorexics</li> <li>-A glossary to include Anorexia-related terms</li> <li>-Integrate anorexia concepts throughout the text as needed, such as describing how "withdrawal" may be different for anorexics and acknowledging that difference in the withdrawal chapter</li> <li>-History of anorexia in SLAA - such as where the first anorexia-focus meeting was held and how the anorexia pamphlet came into being. Could be part of an anorexia chapter.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>22o14/21-02</b> Continued from previous page.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunity to take stock of the Fellowship and mission, rarely use it other than Steps part</li> <li>• Preface has 2 very long sentences</li> <li>• Room for change but keep Chapter 5</li> </ul> <p><b>Summary:</b> 3 no changes/ 11 changes</p> <p><b>Stories</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More</li> <li>• Diversity/ polyamory</li> <li>• Update</li> <li>• Diverse</li> <li>• Geographical diversity</li> <li>• Get rid of last story</li> </ul> <p><b>Forward</b> 3 times</p> <p><b>History</b> 1</p> <p>2. And, based on the responses to the <b>2017 IFD: 17n19/17-11</b> <b>Discuss integrating anorexia stories and concepts into existing and future literature projects</b> (see 2017 ABM Minutes pages 44-45)</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS if IFD is acted upon:</u></b>  A motion may be submitted the following year once a group conscience is determined. The publishing of a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and/or 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the <u>S.L.A.A. Basic Text</u> will involve a timeline of 6-7 years and costs will depend on scope of project.</p>		

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22o15/21-03	<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>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><u>ENTER THE INTENT of IFD:</u></b>            To share with Conference members (Delegates, Board of Trustees, F.W.S. and other voting members at the ABM) and the Fellowship ways the Basic Text could be edited. <u>See IFD #2 Attachment</u>            The following five examples show how this could be done and more examples may be considered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Remove triggering or suggestive language</li> <li>2. Make the language more inclusive</li> <li>3. Revise complex or confusing writing</li> <li>4. Simplify, provide clarity, and add educational information</li> <li>5. Add new material to address romance addiction and anorexia</li> </ol> <p>There are three (3) versions of edits for each example above:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Original Version</u> – no edits to text</li> <li>2. <u>Lightly Edited Version</u> – contains corrections of misspelling, grammar, punctuation, and typos (which could include spacing and alignment) as well as edits to remove triggering, suggestive, and exclusive language, and, in some cases, to provide clarifying descriptions.</li> <li>3. <u>Heavily Edited Version</u> – addresses the same concerns as the lightly edited but includes rewritten and new material.</li> </ol> <p>Please note: The editing of the book could include a combination of all these versions of edits.</p>		<p><b>2021 ARS:</b>            The ARS approved this submission 3-0-1.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b>            None</p>



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<p><b>22o15/21-03</b> Continued from previous page.</p>	<p>It is hoped that the Conference will provide direction in how to make changes to the Basic Text (in terms of editing style) as the 50-BTS continues its work with a timeline ending 2026.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS if IFD is acted upon:</u></b>            A Motion will be submitted the following year once the Conference identifies editing version and what changes to make.            The publishing of a 50th Anniversary and/or 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the <u>S.L.A.A. Basic Text</u> will involve a timeline of 6-7 years and costs will depend on the scope of project.</p>		
<p><b>22o16/21-04</b></p>	<p><b>Item for Discussion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b>            The HOW Step and Sponsorship Guide</p> <p><i>The Conference Literature Committee and the UK Intergroup request that the following literature relating to the S.L.A.A. H.O.W. way of working the S.L.A.A. program be approved.</i></p> <p><i>'HOW Step and Sponsorship Guide'</i></p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT of IFD:</u></b>            The H.O.W. Writing Group presents this revised edit of the H.O.W. Step and Sponsorship Guide for discussion and feedback.</p>		<p><b>2021 ARS:</b>            A Request for Revision was made by a vote of 5-0-0. The Revision was accepted.</p> <p>The ARS approved this revised submission 5-0-0.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b>            None</p>

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<p><b>22o16/21-04</b> Continued from previous page.</p>	<p><b>Background</b></p> <p>This base document has been successfully used by thousands of people all over the world over a period of 22 years. Many that have used it have found that they are able to maintain bottom-line sobriety as the structure of the approach has supported them through the pain of addiction and withdrawal to discover new ways of being and living.</p> <p>This is one of the distinctive aspects of this approach. Those who have worked the program in this way have benefited from its clarity, as well as its providing a safe space for the addict to work through their step work.</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p>We have now improved the document in style, flow, referencing and content in order that it can be used and circulated by Fellowship Worldwide Services and become approved S.L.A.A. literature worldwide.</p> <p>We strongly feel that this document would be an asset to the worldwide Fellowship and to anyone suffering from sex and love addiction. Our suggestion is to make it Conference approved literature, and thereby to publish it and distribute it widely, thereby allowing people to benefit from it all over the world. Its approach allows for people in remote areas to access online meetings and outreach call groups and get the recovery they need to fight the deadly pain of sex and love addiction.</p> <p><b><u>ENTER THE REQUIREMENTS if IFD is acted upon:</u></b> As an IFD there is no cost at this time.</p>		

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22o17/21-05	<p><b>Item for Discussion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER how the section of the By-Laws to be changed currently reads.</u></b>            Article III – MEMBERSHIP Section 3 – Delegate Members 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><u>ENTER the new wording, using “strikethrough and underline” format, into the section of the By-Laws proposed to be changed.</u></b>            Article III – MEMBERSHIP Section 3 – Delegate Members Delegate members are persons members 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><u>ENTER how the By-Laws will appear if the change is adopted.</u></b>            Article III – MEMBERSHIP Section 3 – Delegate Members Delegate members are members 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>2021 ARS:</b>            The ARS approved this submission 5-0-0.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b>            None</p>

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<p><b>22o18/21-06</b></p>	<p><b>Item for Discussion:</b></p> <p><b><u>ENTER WHAT THE ITEM IS:</u></b> Increase total democratic involvement in ABC/M by eliminating the delegate registration fee and instead establishing a suggested donation. This item includes a formula to calculate the suggested donation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Intergroup should be prevented from having representation at the ABC/M due to cost.</li> <li>• Improve our alignment with the democratic intent of the Concepts.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>ENTER THE INTENT of IFD:</u></b> The 2021 edition of the CSM states that as of July 2020 SLAA includes 78 Intergroups worldwide and yet the 2020 ABC/M only saw attendance from 29 Intergroups. Only 37% of our Fellowship was represented. Our guidance from the Twelve Concepts includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “...that, like the Fellowship it serves, [the Conference] will always remain democratic in thought and action” (Concept 12)</li> <li>• That the “ultimate responsibility and authority for S.L.A.A. world services always reside in the collective conscience of our <u>whole</u> Fellowship.” (Concept 1)</li> </ul>		<p><b>2021 ARS:</b> The ARS approved this submission 3-0-0.</p> <p><b>Committee Comments:</b> None</p>

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