

## Summary of ABM Agenda IFDs/Motions July 9, 2019

**Acronyms:**  
 Fellowship-Wide Services (FWS)  
 Board of Trustees (BOT)  
 Conference Literature Committee (CLC)  
 Board Outreach Committee (BOC)  
 Conference Healthy Relationships Committee (CHRC)  
 Honest, Open, Willing (H.O.W.)  
 Conference Service Committee (CSC)  
 Board Fellowship Self-Supporting Committee (BFSC)

	# of the Motion/IFD	Motion or IFD  <b>Votes: First number is for /2nd number is against /3<sup>rd</sup> number is abstaining from vote</b>	Result of the Vote  <b>51 possible votes</b>	Approved or Not Approved
1	19o01/18-08	<b>Motion</b> Approve the text of the CHRC pamphlet titled “The Gift of No Contact” as Conference-Approved Literature	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vote 45/4/1</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vote 42/7/1</b>  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Vote none</b>	<b>Motion passed, binding on the Board</b>
2	19n02/19-01	<b>Item for Discussion (IFD) Discussion only, no vote</b> We are submitting six draft chapters from the S.L.A.A. 12x12 Book, a work in progress. As we continue to work on this project, we would like to hear feedback from the Conference on these six chapters.	<b>Overall, Conference unanimously supportive of it</b> <b>Feedback from the Conference Members:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Use less pejoratives</li> <li>○ Use more: ‘most of us’, ‘some of us’</li> <li>○ Use less jargon – perhaps use glossary?</li> <li>○ Endeavor for wider perspective of experience</li> <li>○ Acknowledge A.A.’s contribution</li> </ul>	
3	19n03/19-02	<b>Item for Discussion (IFD) Discussion only no vote</b> The HOW Step and Sponsorship Guide.  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:  ‘HOW Step and Sponsorship Guide’	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Overall, supportive of it, however:</li> </ul> <b>Feedback:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It’s good to have many ways to work the Steps</li> <li>○ It should be “the Program” not “the HOW</li> </ul>	

**H.O.W. literature discussion Continues**

- Program” because otherwise implies that there is more than 1 “Program”.**
- **Use of “Holy Bible” infers exclusivity. There are many “holy writings”.**
  - **Use of “the Way” implies it’s the only “Way”; instead, should say “a way” not the only “way”.**
  - **There may be quite a few copyright infringement s of A.A. literature. Needs citations on all direct quotes.**
  - **There are too many questions.**
  - **It’s too disciplined and rigid, like bootcamp.**
  - **Too controlling, remove “musts”.**

4	19n04/19-03	<p><b>By-Laws Motion</b>  <b>ENTER how the section of the By-Laws to be changed currently reads. (This is the EXACT text of the By-Laws as it appears prior to any proposed change.)</b></p> <p>Article VII - CORPORATION OFFICERS  ...  Section 3 - Qualification  Each Officer shall be a member and a Trustee. So far as is permitted by law, any two or more offices may be held by the same person. A registered agent shall be designated by the Board of Trustees consistent with Texas Law and may be an accountant or an attorney retained by the Board of Trustees.</p> <p><b>ENTER how the By-Laws will appear if the change is adopted. (This is the same section of the By-Laws, reflecting the proposed change.)</b></p> <p>Article VII - CORPORATION OFFICERS  ...  Section 3 - Qualifications  Each Officer shall be a member and a Trustee. In accordance with the Traditions and Concepts, no two offices may be held by the same person. A registered agent shall be designated by the Board of Trustees consistent with Texas Law and may be an accountant or an attorney retained by the Board of Trustees.</p>	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Vote 14/33/4</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vote 25/21/5</b>  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Vote None</b></p>	<p><b>Motion Failed to pass</b></p>
5	19n05/19-04	<p><b>Item for Discussion (IFD) Discussion only</b>  A Service brochure to encourage individuals to either give service or to stay and mentor others into giving Service. It's being referred to as the "Super Service Dog Brochure." The CSC worked on this brochure as an updated version of the Service cartoon brochure from about ten years ago. CSC brought this document to CLC. The CLC Supported and passed on 2/23/19 to move it forward to ARS. We would like to hear feedback from the Conference on the brochure and its content along with the idea for intent.</p>	<p><b>Objectionable because:  Dog may offend others of different cultures. Otherwise brochure looks very good. Lots of good-natured laughter at suggestions of using a "Llama" instead of dog.</b></p>	
6	19n06/19-05	<p><b>Item for Discussion (IFD) Discussion only</b>  That the Conference discusses changing the S.L.A.A. 11th Tradition wording, by adding "social media" to the list "...press, radio, TV, film, and other public media."</p>	<p><b>Most were in favor, but then all the already existing S.L.A.A. literature would have to be amended, could be costly and take time</b></p>	
7	19n07/19-06	<p><b>Motion</b>  Add an 18 month bronze sobriety medallion.</p>	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Vote 50/1/0</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vote</b>  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Vote</b></p>	<p><b>Motion majority approved.</b>   <b>Passes</b></p>
8	19n08/19-07	<p><b>Item for Discussion (IFD): Discussion only</b>  To discuss the project development and budgeting process for Conference Committees.</p>	<p><b>Suggestions of automatic budgets and better guidelines</b></p>	

9	19n09/19-08	<p><b>Item for Discussion (IFD): Discussion only</b>  Discussion of amending the Conference Service Manual in order to limit editing of Conference-Approved Literature to no more than 3% of content.</p>	<p><b>Heated debate. A spiritual reminder was called for.</b></p> <p><b>Many impassioned for allowing the BOT latitude to make best decisions for us as our elected officials. Many felt literature should not be changed but published as is at the time the conference approves it. Most agreed the BOT and CLC need to work together better. One individual on the BOC even apologized and said he could have done better. He suggested that the CLC sit on the BOC, and BOC sit on CLC committee. Some said 10% editing would be meeting in the middle.</b></p>	
10	19n10/19-09	<p><b>Item for Discussion (IFD): Discussion only</b>  The Conference By-Laws Committee (CBC) is looking for direction from the Conference as to the wording to use in portions of the Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous (S.L.A.A.) By-Laws. "He" or "she" is used in only a few places. Specifically, in Article III (Membership), Section 3 (Delegate Members), last sentence: "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", and in much of Article X (Indemnification of Directors and Officers). Usually "person", "member" or "individual" is used.</p>	<p><b>Many were in favor of "they" as all businesses are moving towards this too.</b></p>	
11	19n11/19-10	<p><b>Motion or (IFD) Discussion only</b></p> <p><b>BOT be directed to create an Archivist position as part of FWS Staff</b></p>	<p><b>Questions: centralized? Full-Time, or Part-time?</b></p> <p><b>Conference mostly supportive. Suggestion to make Archivist a BFSC giving category (member could make donations towards this). Archivist should be at Office for posterity's sake. GDVI (Greater Delaware Valley</b></p>	

			Intergroup pledged donation of \$1500	
12	19n12/19-11	<b>Motion or (IFD) Discussion Only</b> Glut of Literature coming in to be read by Delegates /Lack of Organization of Literature and guidelines to prevent overwhelm from Greater Chicago & Milwaukee Intergroup	Began discussion of this but reached no conclusions. Just noted that everyone was exhausted and there was too much literature to read...there should be some sort of cut-off point to submit literature for the ABM. CLC would like it noted, there is not a strong buy-in by members. CLC is sending lit out for feedback, but it's not coming back to the CLC. Why?	
13	19n13/19-12	<b>Motion or IFD Motion</b> Approved "Steps Question Workbook" which had previously been submitted to Conference in 2017 and 2018 for reworking. More SLAA literature was added to it, dating plan taken out of it.	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vote 40/6/4</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vote 37/9/4</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Vote none</b>	<b>Motion Passes, and is binding on the Board</b>
14	19n14/19-13	<b>Motion or IFD Discussion only</b> Should dating plan (removed from Steps Question Workbook) be developed into a pamphlet?	<b>Strong support.</b> <b>Yes it is needed</b>	