

April 12, 2015

L.A. Intergroup SLAA—P.O. Box 945, Venice, CA 90294-0945

Chris (secretary) called the meeting to order: 12:30 PM

Serenity Prayer (“We” Version)

- Readings
- 12 Traditions
- Policies
- 30-Second
- Voting
- Timing
- Timer (Lupe) volunteered
- Attendee Introductions

Officer Announcements (3 min each)

Chair Announcement

Chris — welcomed new Intergroup Reps, and encouraged us to find the IG Service Manual here, at meetings, or online. Explained what we do at this meeting—how we donate, purchase literature, vote and conduct motions, etc.

Intergroup Record Keeper

Dave — Read the minutes from last month.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: 40 Minutes approved by a majority vote. Minutes are posted on the website for intergroup reps to use for meeting reporting.

Bottom Line Announcement

Matt — Standard announcement made.

Each meeting is entitled to 10 free copies each month, but may purchase an additional 10 for \$3. Money can be placed inside the mailing envelopes he passes around. On the envelopes, Reps. should write their home address for mailing, and on the bottom left corner, their meeting name/s and how many copies they need for each meeting. Check off any meetings you represent on the clipboard he passes around. Reps. should make sure to write their names, phone numbers and which meetings they represent. If they have changes to what’s printed, they should just cross out the old info and write in the correct info. He needs this information to be written LEGIBLY on the clipboard, so please take care! There is a coding system Red/Yellow/Green.

Phone Line Announcement

Jennifer — **12 calls, one for DA, 5 asking for more information, 3 hang-ups. Is the Malibu meeting still active? El Camino has a mental health month and asked for hospitals and institutions to contact them.**

Literature Announcement

Shari (Suzanne & Riaz) — **16 orders everyone picked up. She checks up to early Sunday morning so late Saturday night orders are okay. A special issue of the Journal will be coming out for the Annual Business Meeting (worldwide**

delegates will get a copy).

Shari is in need of bags, either plastic or paper, and asked the group for their help. Shari passed out flyers regarding SLAA textbook and journals are available on Kindle and e-book forms. Anyone who is starting a new meeting must register with FWS to get an ID, then a group starter kit can be ordered. It's \$85 worth of books for \$36; they also have books with a focus on anoxia for \$8.60. See Shari for more information.

Mailbox Announcements

Dave — **There was only one piece of mail for Focus on Spirituality meeting.**

The Journal Announcement

Linda—Standard announcement made.

Question of the Day: **What lessons/benefits have you gotten from service?**

The Journal is the magazine of SLAA that gets published every other month. Linda is in charge. SLAA meetings and individual members can subscribe. You can contribute stories, poetry, artwork, and answers to the Question of the Day. For more info:

www.slaalosangeles.org/thejournal.htm

Four copies of the Journal are usually available for \$4 each at every other IG meeting, but must be ordered in person (they are not on the order form).

Journal Audiobooks are now also available on the FWS website (www.slaafws.org).

For an extra \$2.50, you can download the book as read by another SLAA Member.

An e-version (with color pictures) of the journal is now available! \$19 per year or \$30 for two years for subscriptions. She has subscription cards available at this meeting.

The new journal question is coming out in a few weeks. Current journal question about sponsorship deadline is March 15th.

Website Announcement

David W—Standard announcement made.

The LA Intergroup website (www.slaalosangeles.org) is a great place to find information and resources for the recovering Sex and Love Addict. Current meeting, new meetings fliers, committee and ABM info. Journal Question of the day, other service information, literature, magazines, and fliers are all available. FWS.org also has more information available.

If you would like to have flyers posted, are experiencing technical problems, or you need to update your information on the website (meeting locations, announcements of new meetings or workshops, events, projects, etc.), please

email webmaster@slaalosangeles.org. There is also now a New Meetings entry-form page on the site.

Intergroup reps confirm your meeting information is correct, especially on the meeting group page, which is downloadable and listed on the bottom lines. If it's not correct, please contact David with corrections.

In March the website had 3506 visitors and received 18 emails.

Once David hears from the H&I Committee as to what they want listed he will add to the website, along with new email addresses.

Workshops & Retreats Announcement

Michael

Upcoming 2015 Workshops

- May 16th – Barriers to Recovery (Overcoming Shame/Guilt, Self-Hatred and Fear)
- July 18th – Signs of Recovery
- September 19th – Focus TBD

Past Workshop

- March 21st- Back to Basics (Steps 1, 2, 3) – 65 attendees

All information is available on website under “events”. Registration for the March 21st Workshop runs from 12:30 to 1:00pm and the Workshop itself runs from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. The fee for each workshop is \$10 and will be collected at the door.

Treasurer Announcement

Newell

If Newell counts a different amount than what’s on your slip, he will politely return it and ask you to re-count. Please make sure money is counted correctly before giving to Newell. Had a few recounts. The SLAA website has past donation information.

Conference Committee Reports

Literature Committee

Lisa

The Conference Literature Committee provides drafts to fellowship for comments and then review for approval at the ABM each year. You can join the conference call on monthly topics, give feedback, or even write a chapter. Completed six chapters. **You can always receive electronic copies to print out and bring to your meetings; ask Lisa.**

Anorexia recovery tools.

Calls for the new 12 & 12 are the second Monday of every month at 6 PM PST.
Dial-In: [\(209\) 255-1000](tel:(209)255-1000), Access Code: 138103#.

Translation Committee

Not present, no announcement made.

Sponsorship Committee

David

Tia may be joining.

David is leaving the committee this month and looking for a replacement – roles include long distance sponsorship, co- and temporary sponsorship. Working to update sponsorship committee pages on the website. Contact committee if interested.

Prison Outreach Committee (POC)

Not present, no announcement made.

FWS ABM Delegates Announcement

Not present, no announcement made.

Old Business

The committee formed to determine what is needed to host the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) and International Recovery Convention (IRC) made its report. (Attached at end) Got the requirements from FWS for the AMB/IRC, LA Convention Bureau can assist with locating a venue, a bid committee would need up to 6 people to work on the proposal. If we win the proposal the planning committee would need about 10 people, the ABM would need 15-30 volunteers, the IRC would need 25-50 volunteers. The costs for the host intergroup would be \$400-500 to stock the hospitality suite and for any trinkets we might want to provide.

New Business

Several New Business Items – Discussion limited to 3 minutes.

1. Motion to form a committee to update language for dealing with disruptions to the meetings

Background - There are ongoing issues with interruptions, members feeling not safe; the 30 seconds of silence have not been effective in dealing with these disruptions. Establish a committee of 2-3 people to review what other fellowships have done, write language and bring a proposal to the Intergroup. If approved the proposal will be read at beginning of meeting.

The committee was asked to bring 3 options to intergroup

Pro – have guidelines

Pro – Group Social Consciousness, conduct business

Question – Why need another rule.

Pro – Multiple programs general rules to take care of disruptive people.

Call to Vote: 37 for, 1 against, the motion passed

Volunteer/Nominees for the committee:

Gene

Linda

Carrol

Kevin

Oliver

Nora

Suzanne

Gene, Linda, Suzanne were elected

2. Motion to reset ABM Delegates, and to change their designation to even year/odd year delegates.

Background- There have been several changes in delegates to the ABM in recent history, delegates are selected to serve 2 years there has been confusion of the term they are filling. This proposal would reset all current delegate terms (with 2 delegates serving in 2015 and 2 delegates serving 2015/2016). The second part would clearly designate (even/odd) the years future delegates would be expected to serve.

Alternates fill in as needed and would not be expected to go to 2 ABM's if they replaced a delegate who had been to one ABM.

Our Intergroup is not sending the full contingent of delegates we are entitled to (12 based on the number of meetings)

[Not part of this proposal]

Call for 30 seconds of silence

Con – Keep better records,

Pro – Add delegate names to agenda and term

Question – Explain what the even/odd delegate designations are.

Two 2015, the odd delegate would serve 2015 & 2016,

The even delegate would serve 2016 & 2017

Con – Problem with drop-out

Con – Clarify the delegates

Comment – Served as alternate then didn't know if it was a 1 or 2 year commitment

Friendly amendment to add language to include the termination date to record.

Call to vote: 7 for, 31 against; the motion failed.

3. Motion to Create Delegate Chairperson.

Background – After some past conventions there were no reports, no audit, there are multiple processes/procedures that new delegates need to learn, the follow-up after ABM has been inconsistent.

Pro- They had a person who filled this role this in the past.

Pro- The role of the ABM creates confusion in meetings and would better to have accountability.

Pro- As a delegate they went in blind, would have been better to have a delegate chairperson.

Pro – Historically had ABM delegates and had agenda to assist with their first ABM.

Con – Unclear of the need for the motion, feel it adds an unnecessary person.

Call to vote: 27 for, 6 against; the motion passed.

Therefore, May's meeting will be held on May 3rd instead of May 10th in observance of Mother's Day. (If the room is available)

Meeting Adjourned: 1:50 PM

"We" Serenity Prayer to Close

Convention Bid Report

Reporting Date: April 12, 2015

Members:

Carmen M
Dave G
Steven S
Trudie F

1. Contacted FSW and got Requirements for the Annual Business Meeting (AMB)/Annual Business Conference (ABC) and International Recovery Convention (IRC)
 - a. Close to Airport
 - b. Main Room that accommodates 50+ (ABC/M), 300+ for (IRC) accessible 24 hours/day
 - c. Audio Visual Equipment for Presentations and to Tape
 - d. Breakout rooms 6–10 (ABC/M) potentially more for IRC
 - e. Affordable Rooms – Singles and Doubles – Not dorm style bathrooms (Including Parking Costs)
 - f. Meals available on site (9–11)
 - g. Meeting rooms for the Board of Trustees (BOT) for a few days prior to ABM/C
 - h. Copier
 - i. Hospitality Suite
 - j. *Internet Access
2. LA Convention Bureau – (888) 733–6952 can assist once we decide to put together the bid. <http://www.discoverlosangeles.com/tourism/meeting-professionals/meeting-services>
They require the following info:
 - a. How big of a space
 - b. How many break out rooms
 - c. How many people expected to attend
 - d. Dates requested
 - e. Price range of hotel rooms
 - f. Any other specifics we might want to add
3. Expected Commitment from Los Angeles Intergroup
 - g. Bid Committee
 - i. Up to about 6 people to:
 1. Coordinate with FWS
 2. Review with previous ABC/M and IRC committees for lessons learned
 3. Coordinate with Convention Bureau
 4. Write and prepare proposal

- h. Local Planning Committee (LPC) (About 10)
 - i. Co-Chairs for planning Committee
 - ii. Location Coordinator (Housing/Food/Meeting Space)
 - iii. Recording Secretary/Communications
 - iv. Signage/Artwork
 - v. Entertainment Coordinator
 - vi. Speaker/Workshop Coordinator
 - vii. Volunteer Coordinator
 - viii. FWS Coordinator
 - ix. Hospitality Suite Coordinator
 - x. Equipment Coordinator
- i. Volunteers during Event
 - i. ABC/M (15-30)
 - ii. Convention (25-50)
- j. Potential Costs
 - i. Seed money for Hospitality Suite (\$400-500)
 - ii. Trinkets for Attendees
 - iii. Scholarships for IRC

Reported By: Dave G.