

July 12, 2015

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

**Glen F (filling in for Chris) (secretary) called the meeting to order: 12:30 PM**

Serenity Prayer (“We” Version)

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

**Officer Announcements (3 min each)**

**Chair Announcement**

Glen F— 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**

Tia —Read the minutes from last month.

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: 40. Minutes approved by a vote of 34.** Minutes are posted on the website for intergroup reps to use for meeting reporting.

**Bottom Line Announcement**

**Kevin (filling in for 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**

**We had nine messages on phone line, three hang-ups, with the rest inquiring about meetings and workshop information.**

**Literature Announcement**

Shari (Suzanne & Riaz) — **Shari explained the procedure to all new IG reps. There were two orders not picked: 1. “Focus on Healthy Sexuality” – Women’s Stag**

(7:30am) 2. Top Line Behavior, Hancock Park (8:00pm). Current journal sold out but there are three back issues available, which are \$4 each. Flyers are also available for pickup after the meeting. Please order next month's literature early as Riaz will be filling in for Shari will be out of town. Glen also recommended that all new reps to pick up a free Intergroup Service Manual at the literature table after the meeting as it provides a detailed job description for IG reps.

### Mailbox Announcements

Dave — We received a bill from the post office regarding our bill and payment, which included late fees – according to Newell the bill has been paid.

### The Journal Announcement

Lisa (filling in for Lynda)— Standard announcement made.

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](http://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](http://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-year subscription. She has subscription cards available at this meeting.

**The latest edition of the journal, “benefits of service” is sold out of hardcopy, yet it’s available for single purchase via the digital editions.**

### Website Announcement

David— Standard announcement made.

The LA Intergroup website ([www.slaalosangeles.org](http://www.slaalosangeles.org)) is a great place to find information and resources for the recovering Sex and Love Addict. The current meeting list, meeting fliers, ABM and conference committee info, the Journal Question-Of-The-Day, other information on service, literature, magazines, and more are all available. [slaafws.org](http://slaafws.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 go to <http://slaalosangeles.org/contact>. There is also now an add/change meeting entry form on the New Meetings page on the website.

Intergroup reps should confirm that their meeting information is correct, especially on the current meetings page, and on the downloadable PDF, which is included with the Bottom Line. If it’s not correct, please contact David with corrections.

**The SLAA website had 4030 visits in June and about 7 emails, including one person requesting information about meetings. Information on the journal was added to [www.slaalosangeles.org](http://www.slaalosangeles.org); the list of Los Angeles Intergroup Annual**

**Business Meeting (ABM) Delegates** was updated, along with additional information about the ABM, including request for ideas/questions/proposals, etc on main page. An IG motion about disruptive behaviors was added to the website. David will confer with Newell regarding payment for our domain name, as it's expiring next month.

### **Workshops & Retreats Announcement**

Michael

Upcoming 2015 Workshops

- **July 18th – Signs of Recovery – flyers were passed out during meeting.**
- **September 19th – Relationship with Self**

Past Workshop

- March 21st- Back to Basics (Steps 1, 2, 3) – 65 attendees
- May 16th – Barriers to Recovery (Overcoming Shame/Guilt, Self-Hatred and Fear)

All information is available on website under “events”. Registration for the July 18th 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

**First quarter summary was passed out to all IG reps. Newell suggested that all reps review their meeting names, times, locations and donation amount on the website for accuracy.**

### **H&I Committee**

Trudie

**The motion to elect a Chair Person continues to be tabled. Once a person is elected, he/she will then form a sub-committee**

### **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. **Lisa asked that if anyone wrote on the meditation book topics from last month, that they bring to next month's meeting. Also there are four literature committee items on this year's ABM agenda. They are as follows: 1. To release the copyright of all SLAA literature - 60% of our income for FWS is through literature. 2. To buy for a literature committee conduit to go to the ABM each year and have FWS pay their expenses 3. Anoxeria Recovery Tools pamphlet, which is a piece of draft literature that they want to discuss 4. A motion to change the 40- questions for**

self diagnosis pamphlet –to updated it to include cyber and internet porn questions. Lisa passed around a copy of the draft literature motions for both numbers 3 & 4 for reps to review. She also encouraged reps to speak with her after the meeting with any questions. She further explained that these, and all other ABM motions, are available on the 90-page ABM agenda at [www.slassfws.org](http://www.slassfws.org).

#### **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**

Not present, no announcement made.

#### **LA ABM/IRC Committee**

Trudie

Los Angeles is bidding to host the 2018-2019 ABM/IRC. If you want to be part of the bidding committee, please see Trudie after the meeting. If anyone is interested in putting in a motion and/or have an interest in changing SLAA on any level, please write one of your ABM delegates. Go to [www.slaalosangeles.org/contact/](http://www.slaalosangeles.org/contact/) and pull down drop down box for “ABM Delegate”.

#### **FWS ABM Delegates Announcement**

Suzanne

There will be a 50-item audition during the ABM meeting to raise funds for FWS. If you have anything that has an LA flair and that can fit in a suitcase, please give to Suzanne, Kevin, Trudie or Madeline.

#### **Old Business**

Gene, Suzanne & Lynda

Discussion and vote on the following new 30-seconds of silence options:

***Proposal 1*** – After the “30-seconds of silence” recitation we add the following language:

“if a member disrupts the 30-seconds of silence or continues to disrupt the orderly operation, a second time during the meeting, that member shall be subject to exclusion from one or more regularly scheduled subsequent meetings. If, after multiple exclusions, the conduct continues such that business cannot be conducted in an orderly fashion – the group, after a discussion on the member’s disruptive behaviors, elect a committee immediately, to come up with the next appropriate actions to address the

member's continued behaviors.

If any member verbally assaults or attacks another member, that member shall be subject to a three meeting exclusion after the first incidence and possible extended exclusion thereafter.

If any member physically confronts or threatens by gesture or language, harm to any other member, that conduct may result in permanent exclusion from intergroup business meetings and their meeting will be informed in order to replace their intergroup representative.

***Proposal 2*** – The secretary has the responsibility to maintain order and insure a productive business meeting. Therefore, the chairperson has sole responsibility to call for a 30-seconds of silence. Also, if a second 30-seconds of silence does not remedy the disruptions, the secretary will call for a 5-minute break. This break will begin with a spiritual reminder and a 3-person serenity committee, chosen from volunteers at the start of the meeting, will meet outside the meeting with the disruptive individual – to hear their concerns and provide a gentle reminders of appropriate behaviors with the focus on principles before personalities. If the disruption continues, the secretary can call to close the business meeting immediately and the individual causing the disruption cannot attend the subsequent meeting.

***Proposal 3*** – As stated in the Robert's Rules of Order, "All remarks must be directed to the Chair. Remarks must be courteous in language and deportment – avoid all personalities, never allude to others by name or to motives". If a member or members violate this rule with disruptive behaviors or discourteous comments, a 30-seconds of silence will be called. If further behaviors continue to disrupt the meeting, a call for a group conscientious will be taken, following a discussion not to exceed 7-minutes, where motions for appropriate remedies are made to address the situation. Prior to this discussion, the secretary will give the disruptive individual or individuals the choice to step outside the meeting while this process completes, or remains silent during the discussion and vote.

The record keeper was asked to re-read June's minutes as a point of clarity with regards to proposal distribution for review, discussion and voting.

A motion to table this discussion and move to the election of an ABM Chairperson failed at 12:20.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided that we, as a group, vote only on the proposal we would like passed. The voting went as follows: Proposal #1: 13 votes; proposal #2: 16 and proposal #3: 1.

Therefore, proposal #2 passed as our new 30-seconds of silence policy.

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A motion to extend the meeting 10 minutes passed 24:5. An additional five - minute extension was passed at 25:3.

### **New Business**

The following business has been tabled due to time constraints until subsequent meeting(s):

1. **Designate an ABM Delegate Coordinator (can be a delegate or not) to shepherd the delegates from beginning to end of the ABM process.**
2. **Electing SLAA H&I positions:**
  - **Chairperson**
  - **Vice Chairperson**
  - **Facility Liaison**
  - **Intergroup Rep/Treasurer**
  - **Mail Coordinator**
  - **Meeting Secretaries**
  - **Panel Coordinator**
  - **Public Information Coordinator**
  - **Panel Leaders Committee Conduit a voting position**
3. **Create an Executive Committee – headed by Vice-Chair, includes IG Chair, Treasurer, Workshops & Retreats, H&I Chair, Public Information and Delegate Chair.**
4. **Include summary of the IG meeting minutes in the Bottom Line.**
5. **Create a Vice IG Chairperson – creates orderly succession, responsible for policy reviews and oversees Executive Committee.**
6. **Create an Assistant Treasurer / Trainee position.**
7. **Election of a new Sponsorship Committee Conduit.**
8. **Motion to make the Literature Committee Conduit a voting position.**

**Meeting Adjourned: 2:05 PM**

“We” Serenity Prayer to Close