

**S.L.A.A. Los Angeles Intergroup  
P.O. Box 945, Venice, CA 90294-0945  
Meeting Minutes 8/9/2015**

**Meeting called to order: 12:30 PM**

**Welcome Announcement**

**Serenity Prayer** ("We" Version)

**Reading of The 12 Traditions**

**Reading of the UPDATED 30 Seconds of Silence Policy** (Matt, Oliver, Lynda volunteered as the 3 Serenity Volunteers)

**Reading of the Voting Policy**

**Reading of the Timer Policy** (Elizabeth volunteered as Timer)

**Attendee Introductions**

**Officer and Committee Reports (3 min each):**

**Secretary (Chris)**

Encouraged IG reps to find IG Service Manual and read position description. Discussed **new 30 seconds of silence policy**: don't ask for 30 seconds, just raise your hand. The new policy states: "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."

**Record Keeper (David filling in for Tia)**

- \* Read the minutes from last month. Minutes are also posted on the LA IG website.
- \* Vote Counter volunteered: (Nick) Voting members present: 30
- \* Approval of minutes: **Minutes were approved** (by a vote of 24-0).

**Bottom Line Editor (Matt)**

- \* Apologized for not being here last month.
- \* Asked IG reps to grab an envelope and fill out address (last name not needed), then return it to him. Also fill in their contact info on sign-in sheet on clipboard. **If meeting doesn't sign in, eventually it will be removed from the meeting list in the Bottom Line and on the website.**
- \* Please add or update all contact info (name, email, phone). Some copies of the August Bottom Line are still available by request. He also purchased new return address stamp.

**Phone Line Announcement (Newell filling in for Jennifer)**

There were 18 phone calls: 5 seeking meeting info and 13 hang-ups.

**Literature (Riaz )**

Thanked the IG reps for being orderly.

**Mailbox Announcements (Matt filling in for David G)**

There was no mail.

**The Journal (Lynda)**

- \* The Journal is available as a hard copy (\$24/yr, \$40/2yr) or online (\$19/yr, \$30/2yr). Ask Lynda if interested.
- \* **The Journal Question Of The Day (QOTD)** for the next month, due 9/13 is: "How were you able to move from victimhood into responsibility? If you weren't able to do so, what do you think is blocking you?"

**Website Announcement (David)**

- \* 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 website contains information about current meetings, new meetings, meeting and event fliers, committees, the Annual Business Meeting, the Journal Question Of The Day, service opportunities, literature, magazines, and more.
- \* The Fellowship Wide Services website (**[www.slaafws.org](http://www.slaafws.org)**) has additional information about the program.

- \* Statistics for July 2015: Analytics counted 3890 users, 7395 sessions on the website, and about 8 people asked about meetings. Also, the website was down for a reported 1 minute 26 seconds.
- \* There is now a section on the Intergroup Information page listing pending (and previous) Intergroup motions, so you can see what we'll be talking about in the future (and what we decided in the past).
- \* You can use the form on the "Contact Us" page to contact any IG officer (or all officers).

#### Workshops & Retreats Announcement (Michael, Glenn)

- \* The "**Signs of Recovery**" workshop was very successful. We had 58 attendees.
- \* The next workshop will be "**Relationship With Self**" on 9/19. It will be \$10 at the door.
- \* **On 11/27, we will have the "19th Annual Spiritual Recovery Retreat.** It sells out quickly, last year it sold out around the end of October. Until 11/1, prices will be \$220 for a shared double, \$280 for a single room. After 11/1, prices will be \$240 and \$300, respectively. This includes all meals, and activities. The event is limited to 80 people. All info should be on the flyer, which was passed out (and will also be on the website "Events" page). The usual FAQs will be posted on the website. If you have any questions, send an email to the address on the flyer. The event is open to Sex and Love Addicts only.

#### Treasurer Announcement (Newell)

- Still **looking for an assistant** who is willing to volunteer. An apprentice type of position, they would be 'trained' in preparation to run for office for next year, or even sooner if possible. Also want to create an assistant/trainee treasurer position (see motions under New Business below).

#### Literature Committee (Lisa)

(Not present, no announcement made.)

#### Translation Committee

(Not present, no announcement made.)

#### Sponsorship Committee

(Not present, no announcement made.)

#### H&I Committee

(Not present, no announcement made.)

#### ABM/IRC committee

(Not present, no announcement made.)

#### FWS ABM Delegates (Chris, Glen F)

- **Kevin stepped down, and Dave G was elected and attended the ABM in his place.** Because of time constraints, the election was done by email to IG officers only. Delegates will report on the ABM and IRC next month.

### Old Business

#### Election of ABM Delegate Chair (Carroll)

(Not present, tabled until next meeting.)

### New Business

#### H&I Positions (Trudie)

(Not present, **tabled** until next meeting by a vote of 19-2)

- \* Positions will be: Chair, Vice-Chair, Facility Liaison, IG Rep / Treasurer, Mail Coordinator, Meeting Secretaries, Format Committee, Panel Coordinator, Public Information Coordinator, Panel Leaders.
- \* Meetings are still happening on Saturdays, but committee is not yet formed. Only the Chair will get a vote at IG meetings. People will volunteer for positions after a Chair is voted in.

#### Motion to make the Literature Committee Conduit a voting position (Lisa)

(Not present, **tabled** until next meeting.)

#### Create a Vice IG Chair (Carroll)

(Not present, **tabled** until next meeting.)

- Intent is to create an orderly succession. Will be responsible for policy reviews and to oversee Executive Committee.

#### Create an Assistant Treasurer/Trainee position (Newell)

- \* Newell wants to quit as soon as someone can be trained and will step up to the Treasurer position.
- \* The position would have voting privileges. The assistant would have read-only access to wells fargo accounts, but no check writing. The intent is not that the assistant would take over the Treasurer position, but this year, it probably would be the case, BUT it would still require a vote to elect the person in the Assistant position into the Treasurer position. Duties would be to fill in when treasurer is not able to attend IG meetings. There would be a requirement of 6 months of sobriety and 1 year in program. The only money handling done by the assistant would be when filling in for the Treasurer at the IG meetings, and taking the deposit to the bank. The person should be good with excel and good with money, and should be willing to be a trusted servant.
- \* A friendly amendment to make the sobriety requirements the same as for the Treasurer was refused.
- \* 3 pros and 1 con was put forth, and **the motion passed by a vote of 24-2.**

#### Create an Executive Committee (Carroll)

(Not present, **tabled** until next meeting.)

- Would be headed by Vice Chair, include IG Chair, Treasurer, Workshops & Retreats Chair, H&I Chair, Public Information, Delegate Chair.

#### Election of a new Sponsorship Committee Conduit

(**Tabled** due to ambiguity.)

- Position is not defined in IG Service Manual. A new motion will be made at a future date.

#### Motion to include a summary of the IG Meeting minutes in the Bottom Line (Matt)

- \* Meeting summary was included in the most recent issue of Bottom Line
- \* **It is stated in the IG Service Manual that a summary of IG meeting minutes will be included, but he just had stopped including them, but will now resume.**
- \* **The motion was considered resolved by the Secretary.**

### Announcements For the Good of the Order

#### Chris

- He requested that anyone who has a new motion, or one that has not been addressed yet and is not currently on the agenda, please **send the motion to the secretary** through the contact form on the website.

#### Alicia

- \* **The date of the women's retreat has changed to October 23rd-25th.**
- \* We have gotten a lot of response from phone meetings.
- \* The dates were changed because of a mixup at the Serra Center (Jenny is back, and she had a boy).
- \* We are adding a commuter rate and a one day rate.
- \* Unfortunately the Dating Workshop was cancelled this year, but there will be a dating mini-workshop on Saturday, during the Retreat in October.
- \* **An updated flyer will be posted on the IG website.**

#### Newell

- The Treasurer's receipts will be laid out on the table because of time constraints.

#### David

- \* **Many service opportunities are available, not only in meetings**, and you can find some of them on the "Conference Committees" page on the website. The committees serve the fellowship in a variety of ways, from developing new literature, to informing members about sponsorship, to matching sponsors and sponsees, to translating literature, to doing outreach to prisons and hospitals, to responding to information requests from the media, and so on...
- \* **Please take some time to seek out an opportunity to give back to the SLAA community what you continue to freely receive.**

**Motion was made to close the meeting** (The motion passed by a vote of "Looks good!")

**Meeting Adjourned** (at approximately 1:30 PM)

**Serenity Prayer** ("We" Version) to close