

Meeting was called to order by Michael at 3:30pm

Attendance: 21 in person

14 online via Zoom

Treasurer's Report - Mona stated that the budget is a work in progress – thanks the groups for increase of contributions last month! The budget is a first in her history of service to SLAA – Groups please continue to make contributions as we have a few expense-heavy months coming up.

Bottom Line Report – Donald stated that updates have been made and copies are available.

Virtual Meeting Registrar – Manuel reported that he had seventeen (17) communications to groups and members this post month.

Phone Line – Neal reported that he is the male co-chair and Miriam is the female – they jointly received 20-30 calls last month.

Literature – David reported literature sales have been the highest since he's taken the position!

\$1907 ordered and \$911 reorders. He strongly suggests groups consider 2 intergroups ahead when ordering literature to help him keeping on top of things. Often, groups order as late as six days prior to the Intergroup meeting which makes his ability to complete the order extremely challenging.

Also, a new price list is available with the two new publications!

Journal Rep – Lisa reported that this month's question on Anorexia is due 7/15/2024. Members can also answer the daily question by clicking on the journal page of FWS and the icon "Answer Question of The Day". She also reported that there is an online version issue of Journal 192 "People as Drugs" available.

Webmaster/ Registrar – Matt has been very busy redesigning our website! He showed us all a preliminary look at the new design, and it is going to be far more user-friendly! Please be patient as this is a behemoth task, and he's doing his best to make sure all bugs are out prior to launching it to the fellowship as a whole.

What are these changes?

Portals for each committee allowing committee members to access their own and upload their own SLAA data/ reports

There was a question as to whether or not there was a Venmo link tied to “where your contributions go”. The Venmo link is currently posted on the front page of the website.

Spanish Speaking Meetings Liaison – José reported three great items of news!

1. We finally have a completed and FWS approved 1<sup>st</sup> Edition of the Basic Text in Spanish! Publication date unknown at this time.
2. An invitation is being extended from the Spanish Translations Sub-Committee for monolingual and bilingual Spanish speakers to help support translating the SLAA Workbook to Spanish
3. Spanish speaking virtual meetings need to be updated on the website

Workshops – Glen reported that the next workshop will be held virtually only, and will be this coming Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> from 1pm – 4pm. The flyer is on the website home page and the topic is RE-LA-TION-SHIPS.

H&I Liaison – Max reported the meeting for the committee is the first Saturday of every month at 4pm. There is still a need for people to help him with this important outreach service.

Speaker List – Gregory reported that the people who were on the list have all been notified and asked if they still want to be listed. Approximately 8 emails were returned; We currently have 81 names on the list. All respondents who have agreed to stay on have been noted.

AV Committee – Jayk reported that we have had several new mp3 audios added to our library which is accessible to all online. He suggested that groups ask their speakers, especially for virtual meetings, if they would like to be recorded and added to the files we have. Send them to [audios@slaalosangeles.org](mailto:audios@slaalosangeles.org)

He also handed out the flyers for the ABM Town Hall for this Sunday July 21 from noon to 1 pm. We need to hear your voice! Every member of SLAA has a voice, and the delegates are here to listen to and relay yours to the Annual Business Meeting held next month.

Literature Conference Committee – Stephanie is the Vice-Chair and reported that this year there are 10 literature related topics which will be discussed at the ABM.

Steps, Traditions, and Concepts - Suzy reported that the ABM Format was discussed and voted on. Call out to all members – we need Zoom moderators. The ABM is from August 8<sup>th</sup> – Aug 10<sup>th</sup> – you will only need to volunteer for 2-hour increments. The duties include hosting breakout rooms, co-hosting, muting, unmuting, hand-lowering when needed, etc. (general Zoom co-host duties.) If you are available to do so, please email Jayk at [audio@slaalosangeles.org](mailto:audio@slaalosangeles.org)

CPIC (Public Information) - Max reported that we need help with outreach – please sign up and help us help others!

Jayk made a motion to end the hybrid portion of the Intergroup meeting going forward. Mona seconded. He argued that trying to pass on a commitment to this function is not sustainable long term. He also gave three other reasons why hybrid is not sustainable:

- 1) Finding a person to do the commitment is difficult.
- 2) Finding that same person with a high skill level is difficult.
- 3) This just cannot be done for the next five years.

Question – We're enforced to participate, or we lose our meeting listing.

Answer – only new meetings need to have representatives attend Intergroup for their first two months – current meetings, whether in person or online are not affected by this motion.

Question – Is the facility where we meet wheelchair accessible?

Answer – Yes

Question – What about the repost who are currently here and have only been able to attend virtually?

Answer - \_\_\_\_\_

Question - Are you aware of the hybrid meetings which meet weekly – what are they doing that we are not?

Answer - \_\_\_\_\_

PROS and CONS

In Person Pro: I have always felt my anonymity is being potentially compromised

In Person Con: If we go back to a pandemic situation again, we will have to rebuild hybrid.

Online Con: I am in Palm Springs, and we reach people all over the world – this would make it impossible for me to attend Intergroup

In Person Pro: Being in intergroup before, during and after - it really helps me see people live – getting rid of the hybrid portion makes the meeting more fun for all.

In Person Con: I disagree that it's too hard to find someone – I have done it myself. We still have the possibility of another pandemic.

Online Con – Accessibility issues are a major concern as travel is a major issue – combined with affordability.

In Person Pro: I know it would be better for me as a rep to choose to come in person in Silverlake. We all must travel somewhere in SoCal.

Clair called the question – Rebecca seconded

FOR: In Person 16 – Online 3

AGAINST: In Person 3 – Online 10

19 to 13 60% vote – motion approved

Motion to Sell Equipment – passed 20 to 6

Jayk will sell the equipment and give proceeds to SLAA Los Angeles Intergroup.

There was a discussion to extend the hybrid portion through August. It did not pass- 11 for, 15 against.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory J