

SLAA Los Angeles Intergroup Meeting Minutes

February 9th, 2025, 3:30 P.M



1. **Call to Order - Serenity Prayer**
2. **Readings:**
 - a. Twelve Traditions
 - b. Thirty Seconds of Silence Policy
 - c. Vote Counter Volunteer & reading of Voting Policy
 - d. Timer volunteer & reading of timer policy
3. **Attendee Introductions:**
 - a. First name, meeting name, meeting donation amount, new or returning rep
 - b. Position holders or trustees willing to answer questions after the meeting
4. **Count of Voting Members:**
 - a. Intergroup meeting reps, position holders & committee reps
 - i. 25 voting members
5. **Approval of Previous Month's Minutes**
 - a. Approved by voting members
6. **Old Business:**
 - a. Elections
 - i. ABM Delegates & Alternates - 4 seats & 2 Alternates
 1. Virtual ABM August 11-18th, 2025
 2. Deadline soon (June 23 or \$500)
 - ii. Audio Library Commitment
 1. Term: 1 year
 2. Sobriety Requirement: TBD
 3. Duties:
 - a. Monitor the Audio Library email for new speaker submissions.
 - b. Upload approved audio files to the SLAA Los Angeles website.
 - c. Organize and maintain the online library.
 - d. Promote the availability of speaker recordings within the fellowship.
 - e. Ensure all uploaded audio files have a signed waiver from the speaker.
 - f. Maintain a record of waivers for compliance
 4. Jayk will continue serving in this position.
 - iii. Spanish Language Liaison
 1. Term: 1 year
 2. Sobriety Requirement: 6 months
 3. Duties:
 - a. Assist Spanish-speaking members with meeting and literature information.
 - b. Ensure translated SLAA materials are accessible.
 - c. Serve as a bridge between Spanish-speaking members and Intergroup.
 4. Roberto was elected for this service position.
 - iv. Assistant Webmaster
 1. 1 year term; 6 months sobriety, must be computer literate

- a. Assists Webmaster in posting and following up with inquiries.
 - 2. Dave G elected for this service position.
- v. Steps, Traditions, & Concepts Conduit
 - 1. See additional sheet for details
 - 2. Nikita was elected for this service position.

7. Officer & Committee Reports:

- a. Secretary (secretary@slaalosangeles.org) – Matt
 - i. Agenda will be posted as early as possible. All position holders please add your bulleted announcements by the Friday before meeting
 - ii. May Intergroup Meeting will be May 4th due to Mother's day.
- b. Record Keeper (recordkeeper@slaalosangeles.org) –Miriam
 - i. Absent, no report
- c. Treasurer (treasurer@slaalosangeles.org) – Mona, Asst Treasurer – Rosy
 - i. See full printed report.
 - ii. Under budget for income and expenses.
 - iii. With Venmo contributions, don't check box for purchase.
- d. Bottom Line Editor (bottomline@slaalosangeles.org) – Nikita
- e. Meeting Registrar (registrar@slaalosangeles.org) – Azzurro
 - i. No report.
- f. Phone Line – Glen F
 - i. 9 calls, all meeting related questions.
- g. Literature (literature@slaalosangeles.org) – David , Asst Literature – Dale
 - i. See report
 - ii. Large order placed, chip orders are slow
- h. Journal Rep (journalrep@slaalosangeles.org) – Lisa
 - i. Current journal question: Life Stressors and Grief: How do you cope with grief and other large life stressors while living sober?
 - ii. Submit [here](#).
- i. Webmaster (webmaster@slaalosangeles.org) – Katrina
 - i. Audio Library was reformatted and is now live.
 - ii. New Literature is now hosted on our Website & optimized for desktop & mobile
- j. Spanish Language Liaison (spanish@slaalosangeles.org) – Roberto
 - i. Spanish translation of Basic Text is under approval process.
- k. Workshops & Retreats (workshops-retreats@slaalosangeles.org) – Donald
 - i. March 15, 2025, "Powerless to Surrender: Steps 1, 2, 3"
 - ii. Flyer [here](#).
- l. H&I Committee (h-and-i@slaalosangeles.org) – Max B.& David
- m. Speaker List Keeper (speakerslist@slaalosangeles.org) – Gregory
- n. Audio Library Commitment (audio@slaalosangeles.org) – OPEN
- o. ABM Delegates – Max, Gregory, Alex
- p. Alt Delegates – OPEN

8. FWS Conference Committees:

- a. Literature Committee Conduit – Richard
- b. Sponsorship Committee Conduit – Azzurro
 - i. No Report wasn't aware this was my position happy to learn more
- c. Steps, Traditions, & Concepts Conduit – OPEN
- d. Translation Committee Conduit – Alex
- e. Public Info Committee Conduit – Max B.

9. SLAA Los Angeles, Inc. Board of Trustees - Clair, Dave G., Diane, Glen F., Mona, Jamie P.

- a. Board of Trustee Elections -

- i. Dune in Atwater
- ii. February 20th - 7PM
- iii. See additional sheet for role, responsibilities, and requirements

10. New Business:

a. Motions:

i. **Submitted by Gregory:**

- 1. Motion to add an ABM satellite for this years meeting in August - Create our own in conjunction with OC,SD and/or others intergroups
- 2. Rationale of motion - the Annual Business Meeting is not only the “business” of the fellowship, but the unity of the fellowship, which is best exemplified in person. While our Intergroup made the unfortunate exclusionary decision to eradicate hybrid meetings, this type of conference is essential for our world-wide fellowship to meet. Having a local satellite meeting would have a significant positive impact on all who are able to attend.
- 3. Amended motion by Jayk, Max accepted:
 - a. Motion to create an exploratory committee to reach out to other Intergroups to explore the idea of working together to make a hybrid satellite meeting that could participate in the All Virtual ABM. That exploratory committee would bring costs and other facts back to SLAA LA Intergroup so that the group could vote on whether or not to move forward with that idea.
 - b. Motion passed.

ii. **Submitted by Jayk:**

- 1. When LA SLAA Intergroup makes changes to the LA SLAA Intergroup Service Manual via motions passed during meetings of LA SLAA Intergroup, the person holding the Recordkeeper commitment will update the LA SLAA Intergroup Service Manual solely to reflect those voted upon changes.
- 2. Motion passed,

Proposed Addition to the Service Manual (Record keeper Responsibilities): *“Updates the LA SLAA Intergroup Service Manual solely to reflect motions passed by LA SLAA Intergroup. The Recordkeeper may not modify, interpret, or rephrase the approved language in any way.”*

Note: This motion does not include details about how the Service Manual will be distributed, where it is kept, how often it should be updated, or any other similar details. If the fellowship feels these details should be hashed out, subsequent motions may be made to define them.

11. Announcements

12. Motion to close “We” version of the Serenity Prayer

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (ABM) DELEGATES

(2-year term; 10 months sobriety at time of the ABM)

Just as Intergroup Reps are the conduits between meetings and Intergroup, so ABM Reps are the conduit between Intergroup and the Annual Business Meeting coordinated by S.L.A.A. Fellowship-Wide Services

F.W.S. permits 1 delegate for every 5 meetings in an Intergroup.

- **Term of Position: 2 Years (2 terms suggested for institutional memory)**
- **Number of Positions: 4**
- **Election Period: Staggered terms, 2 elected each year**

ABM Delegates have three primary responsibilities:

- 1.) Prepare for and attend the Annual Business Meeting (ABM), generally held on a Tuesday through Friday during the summer at some location in the U.S. requiring air travel.**

- Read and understand the Conference Service Manual (CSM) in advance of the ABM.
 - Make travel and registration arrangements for the ABM in advance enough of the ABM that any price breaks are received.
 - Read the ABM Agenda and form an initial impression on the issues to be discussed and voted on at the ABM.
 - Bring ABM topics of discussion to the LA Intergroup for discussion prior to the ABM
 - Attend the ABM and each business-related session, at least.
 - At the ABM, present a good impression of the Los Angeles recovery community to the international S.L.A.A. community.
- 2.) Join and actively participate on at least one Conference Committee for the entire duration of term as delegate.
- Conference Committees typically meet via conference call, with varying degrees of frequency. Some committees do work between calls. There are different types of committees to appeal to varied interests. View the list: www.slaafws.org/conference
- 3.) Serve as an informational link between F.W.S. and the L.A. area.
- Attend every LA Intergroup meeting.
 - Attend local meetings, as requested, to answer questions and make presentations regarding the ABM, F.W.S., and international service.
 - Stay informed on F.W.S./Conference-related happenings via Conference Committee activity and F.W.S. news publications.
 - Act as an informational resource or mentor to new or potential delegates.
- If Delegates need support to fulfill their administrative tasks only (such as paperwork), they shall have the autonomy to request assistance from whomever they deem appropriate.

ABM ALTERNATE DELEGATES

(2-year term, 10 months sobriety at time of the ABM)

Term of Position: 2 Years. **Number of Positions:** 2 (at least 50% of the number of currently elected delegates).

Election Period: Staggered terms, 1 elected each year (at least - see above). If there is a need to elect 2 delegates during the same term there will be a 1-year alternate delegate and a 2-year alternate delegate elected to maintain the staggered terms requirement.

Suggested Candidates: Prior delegates are ideal (although not necessary), for ease in stepping into role without training or notice
ABM Alternate Delegates have two primary responsibilities:

- 1.) Be available to assume the role of Delegate, should an emergency arise, and complete the remaining portion of that Delegate's term.
 - Attend the ABM, plus any preparations necessary to do so (flight/registration arrangements and CSM/Business Item Meeting Summary preparations.)
 - Participate on at least one Conference Committee.
 - Serve as informational link between F.W.S./Conference Community and Los Angeles Area.
- 2.) Attend LA Intergroup meetings every month.