

Summary of Business Meeting Items Decisions for 2012 ABM

# of the Motion/IFD	Motion or IFD	Result of the Vote	Pass/Fail
12n01/12-01	<p>Motion: Approve the ‘Anorexia 1-2-3: Working the Program and not the Problem” text as Conference approved literature (See Attachment 1)</p>	34-0-4	Passed
12n02/12-02	<p>Motion: To approve the language of the S.L.A.A. draft 12 Concepts and adopt them as the S.L.A.A. 12 Concepts. The attached document includes the draft 12 Concepts (See Attachment 2)</p>	36-0-2	Passed
12n03/12-03	<p>Item for Discussion: The Conference Public Relations Committee would like feedback from the fellowship on their list of Outreach Dos, which are actions that Intergroups and lone groups can do for Public outreach. (See Attachment 3)</p>	IFD	See minutes for summary of discussion
12n04/12-04	<p>Item for Discussion: The Conference Diversity Committee (CDC) would like Conference feedback regarding a proposed S.L.A.A. Statement of Diversity. Specifically the CDC is interested in hearing feedback regarding the language of the statement, as well as possible uses for such a statement.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The S.L.A.A. Statement of Diversity</p> <p>Unity is the First Tradition of Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, and there is unity in diversity. We have different beliefs, affiliations and backgrounds but we are one Fellowship.</p> <p>The S.L.A.A. Preamble states that we “find a common denominator in our obsessive/compulsive patterns.” This is a core principle of our program of recovery: We are better together than alone.</p> <p>Our shared recovery provides a safe, secure and supportive space for all ages, appearances, races and ethnicities, genders and gender expressions and identities, sexualities and sexual orientations, family structures, abilities or disabilities, cultures and national origins, political beliefs and ideologies, religious tenets and spiritual preferences. Your legal, marital, socioeconomic or employment status are not the focal concern of S.L.A.A. Love and tolerance are our watchwords.</p> <p>There opens up a great unknown when we face the truth of our lives through S.L.A.A. You might say the extent to which we do not fully know ourselves is the extent to which we cannot really know others. Please hold a place of awareness for the unknown, which is one aspect of our diversity. How might our actions, words and thoughts impact our own or another’s recovery? How can we be sensitive to others in S.L.A.A., or even develop compassion?</p> <p>We may come to surrender the subtle signs of intolerance specific to our program, such as harboring judgments about our own or another’s sexual behavior and sobriety, or voicing personal bias regarding what is or is not attractive. Every sex and love addict or anorexic deserves the right to sustained, self-defined recovery in a sportive environment.</p> <p>At the meeting level, we might keep diversity in our mind and use respectful language instead of language that is divisive or that</p>	IFD	See minutes for summary of discussion.

	<p>devalues any type of individual. We might set aside time in our meetings for newcomers to share.</p> <p>At the Fellowship-wide level, we can build bridges by considering the work we do from a world-wide perspective where foreign countries have different cultures, customs, laws and, languages, word meanings, even seasons. We support special accommodations to ensure global participation thereby fulfilling our Fifth Tradition in the utmost measure to reach the addicts and anorexics who still suffer.</p> <p>Together we affirm S.L.A.A. diversity as a source of daily strength that invites ever-greater outreach, perspective, healing, relatedness and unity.</p>		
12n05/12-05	<p>Motion: The CDC asks the Conference to approve a revision of the 2nd sentence in the 4th paragraph in <i>The S.L.A.A. Preamble</i>.</p> <p><u>Current sentence:</u> "We find a common denominator in our obsessive/compulsive patterns which renders any personal differences of sexual or gender orientation irrelevant."</p> <p><u>Proposed revision:</u> "We find a common denominator in our obsessive/compulsive patterns; respecting any personal differences, including sexual orientation and gender identity."</p> <p><u>Proposed revision: with friendly amendment</u> "We find a common denominator in our obsessive/compulsive patterns which transcends any personal differences of sexual orientation or gender identity."</p>	31-2-6	Passed as amended
12n06/12-06	<p>Item For Discussion: At the 2008 Annual Business Conference and Meeting (ABC/M) of <i>Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous</i>, the Conference unanimously approved the following motion:</p> <p><i>(Item 08n11) The hiring of professional writers and/or editors on a fee basis, to ensure prompt efficient handling of writing and editorial responsibilities for S.L.A.A. literature projects, is in accordance with the principles of S.L.A.A. and the group conscience of S.L.A.A. Fellowship. (Sponsored by the BOT)</i></p> <p>With this motion in place, the Board of Trustees realized the need to construct a process by which such literature would be requested by the Conference, writers and editors hired and the project completed. This attached proposal, initially drafted by the Writing Process Work Group within the Professional Literature Creation Task Force OF THE Board of Trustees in January of 2010 and further revised by the Board Public Relations Committee in May of 2012, outlines this very process.</p> <p>This proposal is inspired by the awareness that there are some large scale S.L.A.A. literature projects that, when staffed exclusively with volunteers, fall prey to incompleteness – simply because the time demands that the manuscript development and refinement requires (years in some cases) is unsustainable for volunteers over time. Both the original Professional Literature Creation Task Force and the Board Public Relations Committee have sought to allow of participation of the Conference, the Conference Literature Committee, volunteer writers and the Board of Trustees in this process that calls upon the service of fee based writers and/or editors. Lastly, any existing or future literature</p>	IFD	See minutes for summary of discussion

	project may still alternatively, use the existing Conference Literature Committee Flowchart Process as a viable means of creating S.L.A.A. literature (See Attachment 4)		
12n07/12-07	Item for Discussion: The Board Public Relations Committee (BPRC) would like the Conference to discuss whether S.L.A.A. shall continue to participate in or possibly host an upcoming Inter-Fellowship Forum (IFF).	IFD	See minutes for summary of discussion
12n08/12-08	Item for Discussion: Before submitting a bid to host the FWS ABM in the UK in the Autumn of 2014, we want to gauge and discuss the genuine level of interest and potential constraints that delegates envision with holding the ABM in the UK	IFD	See minutes for summary of discussion