

- The free pizza at Intergroup was incredible this past month! Join us next month in person for more free pizza, plus you can pick up literature in person for your meeting, get copies of the Bottom Lines for your meeting, make contributions to the Treasurer and get reimbursements in person, buy chips for your meeting, learn about what's happening in Los Angeles SLAA, and have FUN!

2023 Elections for LA Intergroup are in their second month!

So far, we have elected the following commitments to **start their tenure in January 2023**:

- Secretary of LA Intergroup - Claire C
- Webmaster - Tamera
- Literature - David
- Registrar - Michael
- Virtual Registrar - Lori
- There are a lot of positions left, that's why the **December meeting is going to be zero announcements, all elections and business!!**
- These folks will start doing those commitments in January of 2023. Until then, the current folks will have the commitments!
- Lots more elections next month! For things like Bottom Lines Editor, ABM Delegates, Audio Library Chair, Recordkeeper, Phone Line, Speaker List, and so many more!

Also this month we had an in depth discussion whether Intergroup should be In-Person Only, Zoom Only, Hybrid, or What for 2023. More discussions and motions to be made over next two months.

Summary of discussion over the past two months:

October Discussion:

- Current Secretary and overall operator of the hybrid / Zoom equipment is using \$600-950 worth of equipment to run the hybrid experience himself with sponsee help. In order to continue hybrid experience, we would need a tech expert to take over for him in 2023 and Intergroup to buy equipment to run it.
- Current Secretary feels that hybrid is not a sustainable option, that you need a new tech expert dedicated member to run it each year, and that keeping the same member running it each year is against Tradition 9.
- Current Secretary has been asked by meetings in multiple programs to help them run hybrid and has seen it not be sustainable in any of those meetings. He has experience running a hybrid meeting for 1.5 years and being unable to pass the torch to anyone, even dedicated folks.
- Comments from meeting members included:
 - We should form a committee and keep doing hybrid
 - We should switch back to Zoom Only
 - We need in-person because literature is impossible to distribute without meeting in-person and so many things are only feasible in-person
 - The in-person Intergroup community has been growing and outnumbering the Zoom participants
 - One fellow offered we should have two separate Intergroup meetings at the same time, one in person and one on Zoom
 - One fellow noted that hybrid is sustainable in a location that has the technology built in, and that we should move the Intergroup meeting location from Silverlake to Culver City
- All viewpoints were represented and no consensus was found in this ongoing discussion.

November Discussion:

- Current Secretary reiterated same opinions from October
- Jim B, of the SLAA FWS Board Technology Committee, who is on the Hybrid taskforce for the ABM states "As a former strong supporter of hybrid, I have had a complete change in opinion based on..."
- Other folks commented that hybrid doesn't work.
- Passionate arguments were made about the importance of virtual meetings
- Some folks said could not attend in-person Intergroup
- Some folks said "If there's no equipment and no one to run it, why even discuss this? We have to do in-person only."
- Some folks said we should have two separate Intergroup meetings, one online and one in person
- Some folks suggested we move the Intergroup meeting to a place with built-in hybrid technology like SHARE in Culver City, the AT Center in Silverlake, or Pathfinders in Atwater Village

A decision will be made on 2023 In-Person / Hybrid / Online / Or Both next month in December! Come vote!

Next month we'll:

- Elect as many of the remaining 2023 commitments as we can
- Make a vote on Hybrid/Zoom/In-Person Intergroup Meeting Discussion
- Skip all the out-loud announcements so we can get as much business done as possible.

Reaching out to h-and-i@slaalosangeles.org if you want to be of service bringing meetings of **SLAA to hospitals jails and institutions**. There are people that need our help that can't get out to a meeting! H and I meeting is once a month on Zoom. Email for more info. Especially looking for panel facilitators for panels on first and third Wednesdays of the month. **There is currently a panel on Wednesday evenings in Tarzana and it is really great! Send an email to sign up to speak on the panel!**

Know a **mono-lingual Spanish-speaking SLAA LA member** or interested potential member who needs help connecting with the program? Direct them to spanish@slaalosangeles.org to talk to Julie M who is our **Spanish Language Liaison!**

The 50th Anniversary Edition of the SLAA Basic Text is looking for NEW STORIES for the back of the book, particularly stories from diverse backgrounds. Stories about: Anorexia, sex and the internet, fantasy, etc. Stories from a variety of gender identity, religion, ethnicity, age, etc. The deadline is Dec 15 2022. To find out more about how to submit your share, email secretary@slaalosangeles.org for details on how to submit, and/or look on the website for the flyer which will be up soon.

The **SLAA Inspiration Line** is seeking speakers who have one year sobriety, have worked the steps, and have a sponsor. Email recover.ring12@gmail.com for more info! The 20 minute inspiration line is 215.574.2121 and the 5 minute inspiration line is 215.574.2120 to hear the current shares.

Consider recording your own share on your phone and sending it in to us! Or having your meeting offer the speaker the option to **record their share**. Just record the speaker on your phone and send the mp3 to audio@slaalosangeles.org and secretary@slaalosangeles.org. Your meeting can vote at your business meeting to give the option to record your speaker. Contact audio@slaalosangeles.org to get a nifty release your speakers can sign. **Every other program has speaker mp3s except us, why not us? LA Intergroup has a new library of speaker shares available at slaalosangeles.org/audio and we need more.** You can also simply record your share at home and send it in! Check out the flyer at tinyurl.com/audiolaslaa

Intergroup has an **American Sign Language Support Fund** that can provide funds to meetings who would like help getting an ASL Interpreter in LA. Want to find out more or send a contribution? Email treasurer@slaalosangeles.org

Want to see the **Intergroup Agenda, Minutes, or all the written reports and flyers** from the various commitment holders? Go to bit.ly/intergroup-nov

Have changes to information about in-person or online meetings? Want to view directories of both kinds of meetings? **Go to slaalosangeles.org** for that and pretty much everything else you could possibly want to know about SLAA in Los Angeles!

-The Bottom Line is a very useful magazine put out by LA Intergroup with the directory of meetings in it as well as Recovery Word Searches, Jokes, Stories, Essays and more! If you **attend LA Intergroup in person you can get 10 free copies for your meeting**, and you can also **download the PDF** version from the website slaalosangeles.org or from bit.ly/intergroup-sept in the flyers folder! You can also email bottomline@slaalosangeles.org to try to connect with the commitment holder to pick up a stack of bottom lines!

Good at writing? **Be of service to your fellows by writing down your experience when you answer a Journal question!** Get your experience published in the journal and help others! Visit <https://www.slaalosangeles.org/copy-of-the-journal> to answer the question via Google Form or download the flyer for your meeting. The newest journal flyer is also available at bit.ly/intergroup-nov

Questions and changes with in-person meetings? Email registrar@slaalosangeles.org
Questions and changes with online meetings? Email virtualmeetings@slaalosangeles.org
Want literature or have questions? Email literature@slaalosangeles.org
Need a speaker for your meeting? We have a list of them at speakerslist@slaalosangeles.org

Any issues connecting with any of these folks? secretary@slaalosangeles.org

As of August, our **4 delegates** came back from the **Annual Business Meeting** and they had LOTS to report! Their detailed notes are included, along with all the flyers and other commitment reports, at bit.ly/intergroup-nov The official summary of the motions that passed and failed at the ABM are on the front directory there, and the notes submitted by our delegates are in Old Reports folder and then August Reports and Flyers directory.

An exciting reminder that: Local LA Member **Julie M got elected to the SLAA FWS Board of the Trustees!!** At the ABM this past Aug 9. That's the BOT of the whole world's SLAA! Wowie zowiee!