

# SLAA Los Angeles IG Agenda – November 14, 2021

## √1. Serenity Prayer

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## √2. Readings

- Twelve Traditions
  - Updated Thirty Seconds of Silence POLICY
  - Voting Policy (Volunteer for vote counter)
  - Timer Policy (Volunteer for announcing the Time every 15 minutes)
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## √3. Attendee Introductions

From Registrar (in chat)

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd144hhTEmlg2iZnznzVhb48iK3SyL06v-ZcyDFETI\\_NZ\\_ZMRw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd144hhTEmlg2iZnznzVhb48iK3SyL06v-ZcyDFETI_NZ_ZMRw/viewform)

- people introduced themselves in the room first and then one by one on zoom
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## √4. Take Count of Voting Members

- Voting members are either intergroup reps (representing a meeting) or committee representatives. People representing multiple meetings or committees count as only one vote.
  - There were 37 voting members
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## 5. Officer & Committee Reports

√Secretary – (Mona) – [secretary@slaalosangeles.org](mailto:secretary@slaalosangeles.org)

Welcome Intergroup Reps, old and new! Thank you, as always, for your service to our fellowship!

Intergroup elections, for service positions that will start in 2022, will begin this month. Because we have 25+ positions to fill, and this can be quite a lengthy process, we will forgo verbal announcements this month and next. For all updates, please see the written announcements found in this document, which is also available in the Announcements folder within the Intergroup google drive folder. Until we have finished elevations, I will try to spend roughly half the meeting time on elections and the other half on motions.

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(Due to ongoing confusion about what a “report” is, I have renamed the Reports folder in the google drive, and it is now called the Announcements folder, which is a better description of what it is anyway.)

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### √**Record Keeper – (Katie)**

Minutes from last month were approved.

*See last month's minutes in Google Drive Intergroup folder:  
<https://tinyurl.com/2cxuu6px>*

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### √**Treasurer (Adeline)**

Detailed report here: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/15oul5A65yuSkRS4pfQqKpHSqZKDK\\_wjl](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/15oul5A65yuSkRS4pfQqKpHSqZKDK_wjl)

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### √**Bottom Line Editor – (Jamie)**

Each SLAA LA registered in-person meeting gets 10 copies. The same goes for the H&I Committee. Each SLAA LA virtual meeting gets the digital copy.

My last publication as editor will be the Dec 2021/Jan 2022 edition. The newly elected editor would publish the Jan/Feb 2022 newsletter. Reach [bottomline@slaalosangeles.org](mailto:bottomline@slaalosangeles.org) if you want to understand further what is involved in this role to make The Bottom Lines available to our fellowship. I have found this service experience to be beneficial in my recovery. Let me know about nominations and good luck on today's intergroup election.

I received feedback that the "Focus on Sponsorship" Weekly is no longer a phone meeting. I have edited with their provided Zoom meeting details.

Please email [journalrep@slaalosangeles.org](mailto:journalrep@slaalosangeles.org) for the next Journal question on issue #195. The current publication shows Journal issue #194 with tomorrow's submission entry deadline of 11/15.

The in-person meetings list is dated as of 11/8/21.

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If you're looking for a new topline activity, feel free to submit a joke or cartoon. I have declined a bunch of past incoming submissions that reflected the opposite of recovery from a dark, toxic, or negative side. I appreciated their efforts, yet the work was not appropriate and ready for The Bottom Line. If the joke or cartoon reflects humor that shows the recovery process in a positive and meaningful way, then it would be considered towards the next publication. I know this is a huge challenge to differently express messages of the miracles or benefits that come from working on sex and love addiction however big or small; it may feel like a big project to overcome and channel as an outlet. Utilize available time as an opportunity to creatively express the lighter side such as hopeful messages for our newcomers and old timers to see. Consider highlighting the experience of surrender from sex and love addiction along with how it is to use tools of the program. Bring out what found solutions have been and show it in a funny way. Feel free to reflect on your personal experience, strength and hope. If a submission is well-received, then I would credit your work, however the credit may be marked anonymous if you ask for anonymity. It would be great if we could bring back the "Humor in Recovery" section again.

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### √ Meeting Registrar – (Dave)

Please sign in for your meetings at <https://forms.gle/SK6RHNbtywftjcmM9> or scan the QR Code to the right

If you represent more than one meeting, please fill out the form for each meeting.

The website has a list of the **32** known in-person meetings plus Intergroup at <https://tinyurl.com/NovSLAALAMeetings>

I've had 11 emails from newcomers looking for meetings since the last intergroup.

Got a couple of reports of people having trouble finding the meetings. If you have a confusing location, consider putting up signage or having a greater.

I've added an indoor/outdoor option for the in-person meetings in response to a suggestion. The Friday night Beach meeting has ended until spring when the days get longer.

The Saturday morning Van Nuys meeting has closed due to lack of support.

The Sunday afternoon Woodland Hills meeting has re-opened.

The Monday noon meeting in Santa Monica has reopened.

The Friday morning Women's meeting at the Farmers Market has re-opened.

There is a new in person Men's meeting on Friday evening in the back room of Café Tropical.

If you email me and the webmaster with the in-person meeting information, the spreadsheet will normally be updated with 24 hours.

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### Virtual Meeting Registrar – (Matt)

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### √ Phone Line – (Kev)

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### √ Literature – (Claire)

-Literature orders (for meetings or personal) can now be picked up at the:

In-Person Intergroup Meeting, 3:30PM, 2nd Sunday of every month, 2930 Hyperion Ave Church in the large room (NOV. 14TH, & DEC 12TH. 2021)

\*Please pre-order your literature orders to expedite the process here:

<https://www.slaalosangeles.org/copy-of-order-literature>

-Please arrive a little early to pick up your order so as not to disrupt the meeting once it starts. -You can pay via Venmo or Cash.

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### √ Journal Rep – OPEN

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### √ Webmaster – (Jayk)

Do you want the latest news on in-person meetings, special SLAA events, and further goings-on in our community? Check out the [slaalosangeles.org](http://slaalosangeles.org) website, it's a special place, and it has a thorough directory of all our meetings.

With in-person meetings opening back up, there is now a consistently updated spreadsheet of new in- person meetings on the website. We edit it every day. I created a Google Sheet and filled it in with all the information we have, and then gave Registrar Dave access to edit it, so currently both he and I are updating information as information changes.

Have you tried to visit an in-person meeting and it's not there? Let us know. Email me and the registrar and let us know right away. Please email [registrar@slaalosangeles.org](mailto:registrar@slaalosangeles.org) and [webmaster@slaalosangeles.org](mailto:webmaster@slaalosangeles.org) .

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If your in person meeting wants to be listed on the SLAA Los Angeles website, email us, and it will get listed. But also please make sure to attend the Intergroup meeting, as our original way of verifying meetings was having them attend the Intergroup meeting at least twice.

You can go to the SLAA Los Angeles website for copies of the Intergroup minutes, the most recent issue of the Bottom Lines, and to find the latest Journal question, as well as to find a directory of audio recordings of speaker shares! Got any questions or want to add/change anything? Email me at [webmaster@slaalosangeles.org](mailto:webmaster@slaalosangeles.org)

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### **√Workshops & Retreats – (Gil)**

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### **√H&I Committee – (Rachel W)**

The H&I Committee would like to suggest that individual meetings elect an H&I rep as a new service position. This service person can attend the committee meeting (anyone can attend!) each 2nd Sunday once a month and keep the meeting updated on H&I happenings and the importance of H&I. And to please share this announcement at their meetings each week:

**My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a Sex and Love Addict.**

**H&I stands for Hospitals and Institutions. We are a subcommittee of SLAA. We bring the message of SLAA recovery into places where there are addicts who cannot get to meetings.**

**Anyone can come and join the committee. It's a great way to be of service, practice the 12<sup>th</sup> step, and carry the message. You can get involved with this committee by attending the H&I Committee meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month at 2pm on ZOOM, right after intergroup. See me after the meeting for the link or I'll post it in the chat.**

Topic: H&I Committee Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting Every 2nd Sunday at 2:00 PM after intergroup

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81735567176?pwd=Yzd3UE5GUlUxRzZPMVJ0SC90bG14dz09>

Meeting ID: 817 3556 7176

Passcode: service

Thank you for letting me be of service.

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We are open to suggestions for H&Is to reach out to and are looking for people willing to participate in Zoom as well as in person SLAA panels!

Email [slaahic@gmail.com](mailto:slaahic@gmail.com) to get involved and also attend the meeting on zoom!

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### **√ Speaker List Keeper – (Matthew)**

Stats for the month:

- 6 contacts to [speakerslist@slaalosangeles.com](mailto:speakerslist@slaalosangeles.com)
- 3 requests for speakers list
- 3 new speakers added
- 0 volunteer removed from list

How reps can help support this program at your meetings:

- Please make an announcement at every meeting that meetings need speakers and there is no time requirement! They can volunteer or get the list at <https://www.slaalosangeles.org/volunteers-speakers-list>.
  - Share the flyer in chat on zoom or pass around at live meetings.
  - Also, if they need a list of available speakers, they can send a request to: [speakerslist@slaalosangeles.org](mailto:speakerslist@slaalosangeles.org) Thank you for your support!
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### **Literature Copier – (open)**

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### **Audio Library Committee – (open)**

You can go to the SLAA Los Angeles website and click on the “Audio” tab to find the Recovery Audio recordings. You can also find information there about how to submit your own share to the library.

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√ **ABM Delegates – (Glenn S, Jayk, Dianne, Gil, Robin (alternate), Rachel (alternate))**

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**FWS Conference Committees:**

**Literature Committee Conduit – OPEN**

**Sponsorship Committee Conduit – (Kev)**

Work continues on the sponsorship pamphlet. The committee is working in tandem with the literature committee. Recent discussions included revisions of table of contents, the different types of sponsorship and reasons to seek one. Lastly, sober dating guidance is being included.

**Steps, Traditions, & Concepts Conduit – (Noah)**

- Group is reviewing the Concepts and reviewed Concept Eight.
- Confirmed date of next meeting with the oncoming holidays. Date is set for Sunday - Nov 28, 2021 at 5:00 pm EDT.
- Discussed potential “breaches” of traditions with SLAA Australia. The Copyright Committee is looking into the issue.

**Translation Committee Conduit – Jennifer**

**Diversity Committee Conduit – (Forest)**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Representing and honoring the considerable diversity of patterns and forms of

sex and love addiction inside and outside S.L.A.A.

Honoring and helping diverse groups within S.L.A.A get their recovery needs met in the Fellowship.

Supporting groups in creating formats to carry the S.L.A.A. message to other sex and love addicts.

Carrying the S.L.A.A. message to broader groups of people around the world.

**CURRENT PROJECTS**

Get Diversity Statement through Item For Discussion(IFD) at 2021 ABM.

Goal to review stories in the Diversity Focus Booklet with Conference Literature Committee.

Refine Conscious Inclusion Presentation via Workshop Subcommittee.

Explore outreach work in Hispanic/Latinx Subcommittee.

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Increase awareness on accessibility tools through Live Captions for Zoom Subcommittee.

WE WANT TO HEAR PEOPLE'S VOICES.

CONTACT VIA WEBFORM AT SLAAFWS.ORG/COMMITTEE/CDC OR LEAVE VOICE MAIL AT FWS OFFICE, 1-210-828-7900. Use webform for the updated Zoom info.

### CDC MEETING

**First Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM Pacific Standard Time**

**WORKSHOP SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING Third Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM Pacific Standard Time**

Email Forrest at forrestxii@gmail.com if interested in coming to the CDC meeting. First Saturdays 9am pacific

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### SLAA Los Angeles, Inc. Board of Trustees – (Dave G, chair)

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PIrHlpMKdtYW5zX19B\\_6CDILVpeo2TRv/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PIrHlpMKdtYW5zX19B_6CDILVpeo2TRv/view)

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### 6. New Business

- A. ELECTIONS - see SLAA Los Angeles Intergroup Service Manual for descriptions of service commitments.
  - a. Secretary - Jayk was nominated and accepted the nomination. Eileen was nominated and declined the nomination. Jayk was voted in.
  - b. Record Keeper - Danny volunteered for this position and was voted in.
  - c. Bottom Line Editor - Eoin Thomas was nominated, accepted, and was voted in.
  - d. In-Person Meeting Registrar - Matthew was nominated but could not accept. Michael was nominated, accepted, and was voted in.
  - e. Virtual Meeting Registrar - Kelsey was nominated, accepted, and was voted in.
  - f. Phone Line Person - Sarah S. volunteered and was voted in.
- B. MOTION: In order to be listed in the SLAA Los Angeles meeting directory, groups must agree to abide by the 12 Traditions. (Kelsey)
  - a. Questions
    - i. Glenn asked Kelsey to speak on their motion and they spoke to the fact that this motion was coming from their own experience of meetings attempting to ban them from attendance due to their qualifier's presence in the meetings.
    - ii. Lisa asked who decides if a meeting is abiding by the traditions. Kelsey's idea would be that if it was brought to intergroup it would be voted on at intergroup.

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- iii. Glenn S asked how a meeting that was removed would be able to re-enter the directory. Kelsey said it would be decided on a case by case basis.
  - iv. Jayk asked whether we would be asking meetings explicitly when they are in the act of being registered if they agree to abide by the traditions. He was also asking if we are to send out a message to existing registered meetings asking them to agree.
  - v. Mona clarified that the process of bringing the actions of a specific meeting to intergroup's attention is not defined in the motion and we would have to further clarify it later.
  - b. Pros and Cons
    - I. con that it's a good idea but the concept isn't drawn out enough and there needs to be more specificity in the wording
    - ii. glenn s gave a pro that it is uncomfortable to remove people in the meetings and can be detrimental to people and their recovery
    - iii. pro that the only requirement for recovery is a desire to stop living out a pattern of sex and love addiction
    - iv. pro that the motion is simply to advise the meetings, that a lot of meetings were started during the pandemic without a regard for the traditions and now we have an opportunity to remind everyone of what the traditions are
    - V. mixed pro and con, even if this passes we need to accept that there are other addicts in the meeting that we can't change, we have to decide for ourselves which meetings we can go to
    - Vi. con, we shouldn't pass motions that don't really add anything, the traditions already inherently apply to all meetings
  - c. Voting
    - i. There was not a substantial majority in the vote either way, the motion did not pass.
- C. MOTION: Los Angeles Intergroup will submit an application to SLAA FWS to host the ABM in 2022 (Christina)
- see google drive folder for application and supporting information
  - a. Questions
    - i. Christina clarified that even if the motion were to pass it doesn't mean necessarily that we would be hosting in LA. She mentioned there is a push against having an in-person meeting at all.
    - ii. Jayk clarified that the ABM planning committee voted to advise the board to have the meeting in Sacramento.
  - b. Pros and Cons
    - i. Pro that it would be great to host the ABM. LA has the resources, more members than most cities in the country, and we could do a great job.
  - c. Voting
    - i. Motion passes

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### **7. Announcements for the Good of the Order**

- A. Lisa announced a Tuesday night sober dating meeting on Zoom.
  - B. Julie announced several Zoom meetings in need of service on the East side:  
Mondays 7pm - 8pm PST  
Topic: SLAA Life after Rock Bottom  
(ALL GENDER - OPEN)  
Wednesday 5:15-6:15 pm (but Time will be voted to change)  
Topic: SLAA Love Avoidance and Anorexia
  - C. Registrar announced to please sign in.
  - D. Glenn L. announced that we didn't have a workshops and retreats report this month but he wanted to make sure everyone knows that the Thanksgiving retreat is full and the waiting list is long. If people are attending, they must present proof of vaccination, proof of a negative test within 72 hours, fill out a health questionnaire upon arrival, and wear a mask indoors.
  - E. Claire announced that there is now physical literature available for pickup at the intergroup. She will be selling the literature from 3:15-3:30 before the Intergroup meeting. You can pay cash, paypal, or venmo. We do still have in-person Literature Reps. All the information is on the website at [slaalosangeles.org](http://slaalosangeles.org).
  - F. Jayk announced the importance of the recordings in the audio library on the SLAA website and encouraged people to keep submitting.
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### **8. Adjournment**

Meeting was ended at 5:05 PM PST. Close meeting w/ "WE" version of the Serenity Prayer.

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