

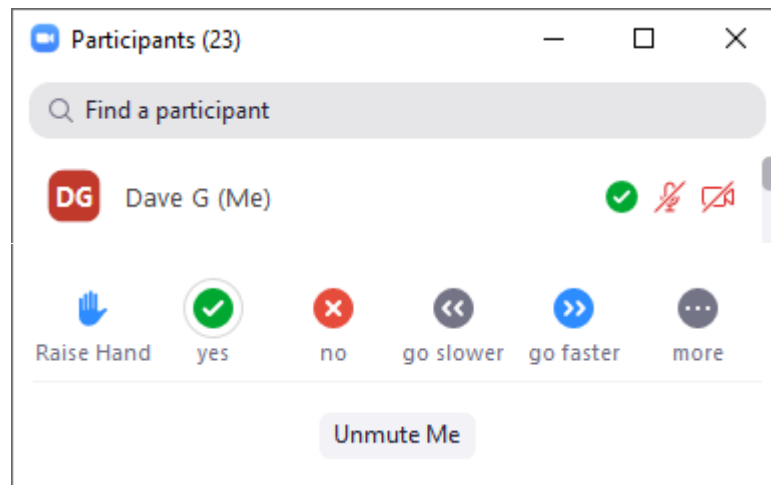
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ZOOM Meeting ID #: 279-342-5243 Password is INTEGRITY4

### ZOOM PROTOCOLS AND ETIQUETTE:

- If you join a meeting with video, please position the view from the shoulders up and webcam at eye level.
- Remember to change your zoom name to maintain anonymity (typically first name or first name first initial).
- Dress appropriately.
- The use of headphones or earbuds may help if you are unable to be in a secluded space.
- Please stay muted unless you are talking.
- If on the web please use the participants window to raise your hand, vote yes or no.
- Please note the host has the ability and prerogative to mute callers if there is too much background noise; change the caller ID to maintain anonymity; and to remove a caller if there is inappropriate behavior.



12:15pm The meeting will now come to order. Welcome to the monthly SLAA Intergroup Meeting. This is strictly a business meeting. We will open the meeting with the “WE” version of the Serenity Prayer.

For this meeting in particular there is significant business to address so we ask that only the following people attend Intergroup Reps + Virtual Meeting Hosts + Intergroup Officers + Intergroup Service Positions.

1. Serenity Prayer
2. Readings:
  - a. Twelve Traditions
  - b. Updated Thirty Seconds of Silence POLICY – The host will have the ability to remove a caller if there is inappropriate behavior.
  - c. Voting Policy (Volunteer for vote counter) -
  - d. Timer Policy (Volunteer for announcing the Time every 15 minutes)
3. Attendee Introductions – I will call on each person individually  
Everyone briefly announces which group they represent and any donations made on behalf of their group. Please also introduce yourself if you are an officer or committee representative.
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.
  - a. There are 46 voting members in attendance

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## 5. Officer & Committee Reports: **Please keep your reports brief**

- a. Chair – (Dave G) Welcome New IG Reps (Email me at [secretary@slaalosangeles.org](mailto:secretary@slaalosangeles.org))
- b. Record Keeper – (Max) Read minutes from last meeting. Vote by simple Yes/No to approve.
  - a. Minutes approved
- c. Bottom Line Editor – (Nicholas)

New Bottom Lines (April- May) updated since last IG meeting and will be posted to website. Copy of digital document?  
Send Nicholas an email
- d. Meeting Registrar – (JayK)
  - a. Please sign in to the meeting sheet.
- e. Virtual Meeting Registrar (Rachel W.)
  - a. Rachel has been receiving emails and texts.
- f. Meeting Security Advisor (Ezra/Derek)
  - a. Security seems to be working well in terms of stopping intrusions.
  - b. Newcomers are reaching out to virtual hosts and are getting access.
  - c. Passwords are the same each week.
  - d. Questions about when should people email the host?
  - e. Planning on putting together a security newsletter in the next week. If you have questions or have issues, please email [virtualecurity@slaalosangeles.org](mailto:virtualecurity@slaalosangeles.org)
- g. Phone Line – (Fabiana)
  - a. New number has been posted on the website. This number also functions for Venmo donations.
  - b. Received four or five calls.
- h. Literature – (Desiree C.)
  - a. Not fulfilling literature orders at this time.
  - b. Digital pamphlets are available on the [slaalosangeles.org](http://slaalosangeles.org) website
  - c. Direct link on the site to FWS to order literature.
  - d. The Big Book is available for purchase online in paperback and e-format
  - e. Free audio on the website on the [slaalosangeles.org](http://slaalosangeles.org) website
  - f. For ordering the digital Big Book, it would be preferable if you go *through* the FWS website
- i. Treasurer – (Julie G./ Katia)
  - a. \$463 donated
  - b. 34 people donated
  - c. Paypal: [donate@slaalosangeles.org](mailto:donate@slaalosangeles.org)
  - d. Venmo: [slaalosangeles](https://venmo.com/slaalosangeles)
- j. Mail Clerk – (Steve)
  - a. Received three letters from prisons
- k. Journal Rep – (Glen F.)
  - a. How do you deal with fear in recovery? Please share experience strength and hope and coping skills.
  - b. Can be submitted online through the website. <https://slaafws.org/thejournal>
  - c. Working on trying to bring down the shipping rates to a realistic level.
- l. Webmaster for S.L.A.A. Website – (Diane H.)
  - a. Over 9000 visitors.
  - b. Suggests recommending going to more than one page on the site, “About”, “Newcomers Section” which has a lot of resources for newcomers.
  - c. Can now donate through PayPal and Venmo. Information is on the site.
  - d. FWS has the lifesaver program – individuals or groups can make monthly automatic donations to FWS and there is a matching program that will match donations dollar for dollar.
- m. Workshops & Retreats – (Beau)
  - a. Steps 1,2,3 workshop that was postponed has been now moved to May 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 -3:30 PST.

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- i. There will be breakout rooms.
    - b. If you need the flyer, e-mail Rachel for more information. Her email address is on the website.
- n. J&T Committee – (Glenn S)
  - a. No announcements
- o. ABM Delegate Announcements
  - a. ABM has been cancelled
  - b. The Convention has been cancelled
  - c. There will be virtual events.
- p. Speaker List Keeper – (Kevin)
  - a. No announcements
- q. Literature Copier – (Nick)
  - a. No announcements
- q. Conference Committees:
  - Literature Committee Conduit – (Lisa C)
    - a. No announcements
  - Sponsorship Committee Conduit – (Chris)
    - a. Updating Pamphlet for Sponsorship
    - b. The SLAA website has answers to questions for people looking for sponsors.
  - Steps, Traditions, & Concepts Conduit – (JayK)
    - a. 12 Concepts of Service is in process.
  - Translation Committee Conduit – (Dana)
    - a. There is an event May 31<sup>st</sup> and Dana is looking for more information there.
    - b. Chapter 4 & 5 have been translated into Spanish and are available for free on the website as are some pamphlets.
  - Diversity Committee Conduit – (Manuel)
    - a. Items for discussion were accepted by ABM
    - b. Are planning a diversity workshop.
    - c. There are positions that will be opening up in the committee.
      - i. Contact Scott F at [scottf.recovery@comcast.net](mailto:scottf.recovery@comcast.net) or 414-477-5377
- r. SLAA Los Angeles, Inc. Board of Trustees – (Diane)
  - No announcements
- s. FWS Board of Trustees – (Christina)
  - Will have an election per the Bylaws
  - Three board seats will be coming up for re-election for a three-year term.
  - Board Technology Committee will happily take applications. The BTC is trying to figure out how to host a virtual ABM.
    - 1. Conference Charter Committee runs the ABM and are trying to host and election as well as identify a platform that can host all of the participants.
    - 2. Privacy and cost are concerns.
    - 3. Will be voting on approving “The Step Questions Workbook” at the next meeting.
    - 4. Contact Christina if interested:
- t. Audio Library Committee – (JayK for Natalie)

The Audio Library Committee is leading an effort to provide a collection of recorded speaker shares from SLAA available free via our Intergroup website.

I am grateful to report we have our first recording online! You can go there to listen to that recording, and to check out the page at [slaalosangeles.org/recordings](http://slaalosangeles.org/recordings)

Already, a couple meetings have taken a group conscience to make the recording of their speaker an option, so that their meeting can contribute to the growing library of audio of SLAA Recovery.

Please bring this up in your group if you'd like to participate. For more information, talk to Natalie and JayK. We also have a flyer which JayK will paste in the chat, or he can email to you, which you can use with your group.

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### 6. Unfinished Business

- a. Max C.: Motion - To get a money/bill counter for LA Intergroup treasurer
  - Has been tabled
- b. Lisa C: Motion - To pay for delegates to attend IRC on condition the volunteer for service.
  - Convention is currently cancelled. Up in the air.
- c. Katie G: Motion – To technically “disband” the Jails and Treatment Centers Committee and replace it with an intergroup rep for the jail meetings and an intergroup rep for the treatment center panels.
  - Has been tabled.
- d. Glenn S: Motion – To rename the Jails and Treatment Centers Committee to Hospitals and Institutions.
  - This is in alignment with other 12 Step Fellowships
  - Makes it easier to communicate with outside institutions.
  - Would combine this with Katie G’s motion (above) to have an intergroup rep.
  - PROS AND CONS
    1. CON- Jails is clear what the type of service is
    2. PRO- Institutions and facilities are familiar with H&I
    3. PRO –Everyone is used to calling it H&I
    4. MOTION CARRIES
- e. Christina: Discussion - Safety in Meetings
  - Tabled
- f. Dave G: Discussion - Rent for normal in-person locations
  - Meeting locations have lost income and it can be up to group conscience to consider still paring rent/supporting these locations

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### 7. New Business

- a. Glenn S: Discussion – Copyright issues. See [S.L.A.A. Intellectual Property and Translation Information](#).
  - Some meetings have been sharing SLAA Copyrighted materials and that is a problem.
  - FWS has a copyright statement.
  - Copyright guarantees FWS can still be financially afloat.
  - Posting anything under copyright at the meeting level goes against traditions as does posting non-conference-approved/ outside literature.
  - Can post it as a screen share but sending a link to a site is in violation of principles and hurts the fellowship
  - Need to implement a way to get electronic versions of our literature to be made available.
  - Would be great if FWS could make e-books available for easier distribution.
- b. Laura S: Motion - To request that FWS make the pamphlets available as PDF's for the duration of the shutdown. That it would not be posted on any website.
  - If you have used some of the “free” literature, please donate to FWS to offset any financial damage done to the fellowship.
- c. Laura S: Motion – To request FWS make the pamphlets be available electronically for purchase via web store
  - Christina will take this sentiment back to FWS
- d. Diane H: FWS has started a “Lifesaver” monthly donation program (flyer attached) they are currently running a gift match. Motion – To authorize a monthly donation from Los Angeles intergroup to FWS” amount of the monthly donation to be determined by intergroup conscious.
  - Suggests \$50 dollars a month which would be matched.
    1. Motion seconded.
    2. Note: Currently we make quarterly donations. Suggests moving this to monthly donations.
    3. Suggests moving this to the next month based on lack of information.

### FOR NEXT MEETING:

- e. Dave G: Some pages of the meditation book were misprinted, pages 231 to 246 are missing and pages 247 to 262 are duplicated.
- f. Rachel W: Motion - To replace “co-ed” with “all-gender” in the meetings list, and that we address any additional gendered language that merits this consideration in future group consciences.

### 8. Final Treasurer Report

### 9. Announcements for the Good of the Order:

**Next Meeting will be the second Sunday of June 14<sup>th</sup> – unless there**

10. Adjournment – adjourn meeting at 1:45 PM PST, unless a vote is called to extend. Close meeting w/ “WE” version of the Serenity Prayer, hand holding is optional.

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### **The Twelve Traditions of S.L.A.A.\***

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon S.L.A.A. unity.
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority -- a loving God as this Power may be expressed through our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
3. The only requirement for S.L.A.A. membership is a desire to stop living out a pattern of sex and love addiction. Any two or more persons gathered together for mutual aid in recovering from sex and love addiction may call themselves an S.L.A.A. group, provided that as a group they have no other affiliation.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or S.L.A.A. as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose -- to carry its message to the sex and love addict who still suffers.
6. An S.L.A.A. group or S.L.A.A. as a whole ought never endorse, finance, or lend the S.L.A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, or prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every S.L.A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. S.L.A.A. should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. S.L.A.A. as such ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. S.L.A.A. has no opinion on outside issues; hence the S.L.A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, TV, film, and other public media. We need guard with special care the anonymity of all fellow S.L.A.A. members.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

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### **30 Seconds of Silence Policy**

The secretary has the responsibility to maintain order and insure a productive business meeting. Therefore, the secretary has sole responsibility to call for a 30-seconds of silence. Also, if a second 30-seconds of silence does not remedy the disruptions, a 5-minute break will be called for by the secretary. This break will begin with a spiritual reminder and a 3-person serenity committee, chosen from volunteers at the start of the meeting, will meet outside the meeting with the disruptive individual - to hear their concerns and provide a gentle reminder of appropriate behaviors with the focus on principles before personalities. If the disruption continues, the secretary can call to close the business meeting immediately and the individual causing the disruption cannot attend the subsequent meeting.

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### **Voting Policy**

Any S.L.A.A. member may attend Intergroup and participate in discussion, but only Intergroup Reps and those holding Intergroup service positions may vote.

Voting is one person — one vote. Even if you represent two or more meetings, you get one vote.



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### Timer Policy

At each meeting we have a volunteer announce the time to the group every 15 minutes, and time for 30 seconds of silence, when necessary. Would anyone like to volunteer to time?

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Introducing the New S.L.A.A.

# LifeSaver Program

To Encourage Automatic Monthly Giving

Now more than ever, F.W.S. needs your 7th Tradition support.

Individuals, Groups, and Intergroups can sign up to make automatic monthly contributions.

## DOUBLE YOUR MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION BY GIVING NOW

DUE TO THE EXTRAORDINARY GENEROSITY OF MEMBERS LIKE YOU, IF YOU JOIN NOW,  
CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE MATCHED DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR UP TO:

**\$101,000 TOTAL**

THIS IS AN UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THE LONG-TERM FINANCIAL SECURITY OF S.L.A.A.

### YOUR LIFESAVER MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS:

- ⇒ Expand outreach materials and programs for the addicts still suffering
- ⇒ Fund new S.L.A.A. technology initiatives
- ⇒ Create and fund new benefits for F.W.S. Employees

Our S.L.A.A. lifesaver logo has long been the beacon of hope for our recovery. Today, it becomes a 7th Tradition call for help.

Members are encouraged to give any amount they can.

*thank you!*

**PLEASE BECOME A LIFESAVER TODAY**

<https://tinyurl.com/slaalifesaver>

F.W.S. Board of Trustees Approved - April 2020

The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc.

Our 7th Tradition states: " Every S.L.A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

This means that only people who consider themselves members of S.L.A.A. can make a contribution.

