

SLAA Los Angeles Intergroup Agenda

January 12th, 2025, 3:30 P.M



1. **Call to Order - Serenity Prayer**
2. **Readings:**
 - a. Twelve Traditions
 - i. Read by Richard
 - b. Thirty Seconds of Silence Policy
 - i. Volunteers for 3-person Serenity Committee (Max, Glen, Justin)
 - ii. Read by Miriam
 - c. Vote Counter Volunteer & reading of Voting Policy
 - i. Read by Nikita,
 - ii. Nikita vote counter
 - d. Timer volunteer & reading of timer policy
 - i. Eric timer
3. **Attendee Introductions:**
 - a. First name, meeting name, meeting donation amount, new or returning rep
 - b. Quick overview of Intergroup rep responsibilities, resources, and meeting guidelines
 - i. 6-10 new meeting reps present
 - c. Position holders or trustees willing to answer questions after the meeting
 - i. 6 people raised their hands to assist the new reps
4. **Count of Voting Members:**
 - a. Intergroup meeting reps, position holders & committee reps
 - i. 33 voting fellows
5. **Approval of Previous Month's Minutes**
 - a. Majority approved previous month's minutes
6. **Old Business:**
 - a. Elections
 - i. Bottom Line Editor (previous elected person had to step down, 6 months sobriety requirement)
 1. Matt declined nomination.
 2. Nikita volunteered and was elected with majority votes.
 - ii. ABM Delegate
 1. Motion to table to next meeting to clear up confusion around existing delegates.
 - iii. Assistant Treasurer
 1. Rosie volunteered and was elected with majority votes.
 - iv. Audio Library Commitment
 1. Motion to table to next meeting to clear up confusion about service manual description and details.
 - v. Spanish Language Liaison
 1. Motion to table to next meeting to clear up confusion about service manual description and details.
 - vi. Assistant Webmaster
 1. No nominations or volunteers, motion to table to next meeting.
7. **Officer & Committee Reports:**
 - a. Secretary (secretary@slaalosangeles.org) – Matt
 - b. Record Keeper (recordkeeper@slaalosangeles.org) –Miriam
 - c. Treasurer (treasurer@slaalosangeles.org) – Mona, Asst Treasurer – Clair
 - i. Treasurer's report available at the meeting
 - ii. Retreat expenses will be over \$20K (estimate) and added to the annual budget

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- d. Bottom Line Editor (bottomline@slaalosangeles.org) – OPEN
 - i. Open commitment, no update.
 - ii. Nikita nominated during this meeting, update next month.
 - e. Meeting Registrar (registrar@slaalosangeles.org) – Azzurro
 - i. Absent, no update.
 - f. Phone Line – Glen F
 - i. About 9 calls were responded to.
 - g. Literature (literature@slaalosangeles.org) – David , Asst Literature – Dale
 - i. \$1,058 in literature sales last month
 - ii. No reorder from FWS this past month
 - iii. \$2K orders from this month (estimate)
 - iv. Next month's reorder from FWS will be \$3K (estimate)
 - h. Journal Rep (journalrep@slaalosangeles.org) – Lisa
 - i. Current Journal question submissions due January 15th.
 - ii. Google form [here](#)
 - i. Webmaster (webmaster@slaalosangeles.org) – Katrina
 - i. Late to the meeting, no update.
 - j. Spanish Language Liaison (spanish@slaalosangeles.org) – OPEN
 - i. Absent, no update.
 - k. Workshops & Retreats (workshops-retreats@slaalosangeles.org) – Jessie
 - i. Over 60 people attended the Christmas Day mini marathon (ran out of food, need to plan for more next year).
 - ii. 80 people attended the New Year's Day mini marathon.
 - iii. Next in person workshop will be March 15th, additional details to follow next month.
 - iv. Additional events will be finalized by next month's meeting.
 - l. H&I Committee (h-and-i@slaalosangeles.org) – Max B. & David
 - i. Tarzana Treatment Center is providing more resources to their patients such as literature and chips, which are funded by our intergroup, in addition to panel speakers.
 - ii. Seeking Integrity men's sex addiction treatment center is not currently receiving resources but does host panel speakers.
 - m. Speaker List Keeper (speakerslist@slaalosangeles.org) – Gregory
 - i. 81 current speakers, constantly updating it.
 - ii. Email Gregory if you want access to the list or want to be added.
 - n. Audio Library Commitment (audio@slaalosangeles.org) – Jayke
 - i. Requesting more people submit to the audio library.
 - o. ABM Delegates – Max, Gil, Rachel W., Open
 - i. Max: explained the responsibilities of ABM Delegates.
 - p. Alt Delegates – Lenore
- 8. FWS Conference Committees: Alex provided additional information about FWS committee service positions**
- a. Literature Committee Conduit – Richard
 - i. No update (Gregory is offering support)
 - b. Sponsorship Committee Conduit – Azzurro
 - i. Absent, no update
 - c. Steps, Traditions, & Concepts Conduit – Eric D.
 - i. Alex will be providing support to Eric to get access to the meeting.
 - d. Translation Committee Conduit – Alex
 - i. Merging with another committee, name TBD.
 - e. Public Info Committee Conduit – Max B.
 - i. Still looking for a YouTube channel chair (Digital Outreach Chair)
 - ii. Social media and PSA experience necessary
 - iii. Unpaid position, non-negotiable

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9. SLAA Los Angeles, Inc. Board of Trustees

- a. Clair, Dave G., Diane, Glen F., Mona, Jamie P.
 - i. Glen: Board elections will be held in February 2025, separate from the Intergroup meeting.

10. New Business:

Motions:

Submitted by Mona:

- Change the 30 seconds of silence policy to read:
 - "The secretary has the responsibility to maintain order and ensure a productive business meeting. However, anyone attending the meeting may call for 30 seconds of silence at any time. If that happens, everyone will stop what they are doing and honor the call for silence. Ideally, the time will be used to meditate on our higher power's will for us and to maintain or regain our spiritual centeredness."
 - Rationale of motion
 - Pros:
 - The change of language is less adversarial and will improve the atmosphere at the beginning of the meeting.
 - ABM uses this approach and it's useful.
 - 30 seconds of silence is useful enough to regulate the group
 - Cons:
 - The text as is sets a tone where people can reflect on the expectations of appropriate behavior for the meeting.
 - Intergroup gets emotional and the 3 person serenity committee is a good plan of action for when things escalate.
 - Creates a safe environment for the unexpected.
 - Vote outcome:
 - 21 votes for
 - 10 votes opposed
 - **Motion passes with 21 votes**

Submitted by Matt:

- I move to include the responsibility of updating the service manual to be part of the Record Keepers position.
 - Pros:
 - We need someone to update the service manual when motions are passed for service positions.
 - The vague wording gives the person with the commitment autonomy to update the service manual.
 - Digital (not printed) updates means we can update and review when necessary.
 - Cons:
 - Motion is too vague and does not include necessary information for how this responsibility will be managed by the record keeper service commitment.
 - Not a group conscience.
 - Amended motion by Matt: Move to include the responsibility of updating the service manual, per the motions made at intergroup that are approved, to be part of the record keeper's position.
 - 30 seconds of silence called by a fellow
 - Amended motion vote outcome:
 - 20 votes for
 - 10 votes opposed
 - Motion made that the vote not reflect the group conscience as it was an uninformed motion.

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- 30 seconds of silence called by a fellow
- Motion made to extend business meeting 10 minutes
 - Majority voted
- Motion: All in favor that this motion vote as it stands reflects the group conscience
 - Vote outcome
 - 14 for
 - 16 opposed
 - Nullifies vote
- Motion made to table to next meeting
 - Majority voted
- **Motion does not pass**

Submitted by Gregory

- Motion to add an ABM satellite for this years meeting in August
 - Option a: Join work group in San Juan Batiste Aug 7-10,
 - Option b: Create our own in conjunction with OC,SD and/or others intergroups
 - Rationale of motion
 - Motion not addressed, tabled to next month's meeting

11. Announcements

- a. Gregory: organizing audio recordings of the journal
 - i. Email the conference journal chair with the journal submission that you want to record

12. Motion to close

13. "We" version of the Serenity Prayer