

SLAA Los Angeles Intergroup Agenda – Sunday, 8 September 2024

3:15 P.M. (Start the Check-ins & Literature pickups)

3:30 P.M. (Meeting comes to Order)

All times in this agenda are Pacific Daylight Time (PDT)

1. Serenity Prayer

2. Readings

- a. Twelve Traditions
 - b. Thirty Seconds of Silence Policy
 - i. Volunteers for 3-person Serenity Committee: Lawrence, Eric, Jose G
 - c. Voting Policy
 - i. Volunteer(s) for vote counter: Roberto
 - d. Timer Policy:
 - i. Volunteer for timing announcements and announcing time every 15 min.: Claire
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3. Attendee Introductions

4. Take Count of Voting Members: 22 voting members

- a. Intergroup reps (representing a meeting)
 - b. Position holders & committee representatives
 - c. People representing multiple meetings or committees count as only one vote
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5. Officer & Committee Reports: (1 min. each)

- a. Secretary (secretary@slaalosangeles.org) – Michael
 - i. No questions asked during announcements. Please email questions to the rep after the meeting.
- b. Record Keeper (recordkeeper@slaalosangeles.org) – Miriam
 - i. No updates.
- c. Treasurer (treasurer@slaalosangeles.org) – Mona
 - i. Claire filling in for Mona.
 - ii. Treasurer's report available in print the day of the meeting.
 - iii. Received \$383 cash donations the day of the meeting.
 - iv. Claire does not have access to Venmo.
 - v. Total income for August: \$14,772.21
 - vi. Expenses for August: \$1,838.77
 - vii. August bank account total is \$41,735.94
 - viii. FWS donation has not been made yet. Donation will be made in October.
 - ix. Zoom account canceled, no more monthly payments.
 - x. Continue to encourage independent meetings to donate to Intergroup.
- d. Bottom Line Editor (bottomline@slaalosangeles.org) – Donald

- i. No meeting updates. Upcoming retreat and workshop information included in this recent edition.
- e. In-Person Meeting Registrar (registrar@slaalosangeles.org) – [OPEN POSITION]
- f. Virtual Meeting Registrar (virtualmeetings@slaalosangeles.org) –[OPEN POSITION]
- g. Phone Line – Miriam and Neil (shared commitment)
 - i. Current. One Spanish speaker being forwarded to Jose who speaks Spanish- Neil
- h. Literature (literature@slaalosangeles.org) – David H.
 - i. \$1,026 in orders sold this month.
 - ii. \$1,366 reorder.
 - iii. Small number of orders this month.
 - iv. Please put your orders in 24 hours in advance of the Intergroup meeting.
- i. Journal Rep (journalrep@slaalosangeles.org) – Lisa
 - i. Free and online at slaafws.org.
 - ii. Journals are archived and there are Audiobooks available.
 - iii. Current journal question due on September 15th.
- j. Webmaster (webmaster@slaalosangeles.org) – Matt
 - i. Website updates will continue as Matt is moving everything to Wix including ordering literature.
 - ii. SEO analytics are integrated and there is more traffic than previous months.
 - iii. Contact clicks up 278%
 - iv. Unique visitors up 21%
 - v. Site sessions up 28%
 - vi. Organic Google searches up 31%
 - vii. Meeting list up 35%
 - viii. If you are a committee rep, please continue to check your email because Matt will be emailing to keep things updated on the website.
- k. Spanish Language Liaison (spanish@slaalosangeles.org) – José G.
 - i. Basic Text Spanish translation is with the Board of Publishing and Distribution.
 - ii. Need volunteers for Step Question Workshop.
 - iii. Meet on Zoom twice a month, first and third Thursday at 10 AM.
 - iv. No emails received, check to make sure that the email is on the SLAA LA website.
 - v. Spanish meetings updated on the website.
- l. Workshops & Retreats (workshops-retreats@slaalosangeles.org) – Jessie
 - i. (4) workshops a year, current workshop information here: <https://www.slaalosangeles.org/>
 - ii. 27th Annual Retreat is filling up fast.
 - iii. Currently only 10 or so rooms remain.
 - iv. Sign up as soon as possible and once it fills up there will be a waiting list.
 - v. Webmaster will be adding the retreat to the SLAA LA website.
- m. H&I Committee (h-and-i@slaalosangeles.org) – Max B
 - i. Absent, update next month.

- n. Speaker List Keeper (speakerslist@slaalosangeles.org) – Gregory
 - i. No updates.
 - o. Audio Library Committee (audio@slaalosangeles.org) – Jayk G.
 - i. Absent, update next month.
 - p. ABM Delegates - Jayk G. (24), Alex (24), Max, Gregory (24), Nikita (24), Roberto (24)
 - i. AMB will be virtual again next year.- Lisa
 - ii. Please join committees to help with the workload for everyone else and continue to make contributions to FWS as individuals as well as a group to maintain non profit status.- Gregory
 - iii. Venmo is now an option to donate directly to FWS in addition to PayPal.- Gregory
 - q. FWS Conference Committees:
 - i. Absent, update next month.
 - r. SLAA Los Angeles, Inc. Board of Trustees – Chris (24), Clair, Dave G., Diane, Glen F., Michael (24), Mona
 - i. No updates.
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6. Old Business:

- a. Fill open service positions:
 - i. Assistant Treasurer: Claire ELECTED with 21 votes (0 opposed, 0 abstained)
 - ii. Meeting Registrar: Katrina ELECTED with 18 votes (0 opposed, 0 abstained)
 - 1. Motion PASSED to waive sobriety requirement: 18 votes (0 opposed, 2 abstained)
 - iii. Phone line: Scott ELECTED with 17 votes (0 opposed, 0 abstained)
 - iv. H&I Committee Co-Chair
 - 1. Service manual needs to be updated/edited with time commitment for this position.
 - 2. Position does not require a background check.
 - 3. No nominations or volunteers, tabled to next month.
 - v. Literature Committee Conduit: Motion PASSED to table to next month
 - vi. Sponsorship Committee Conduit: Motion PASSED to table to next month
 - vii. Translation Committee Co Chair: Motion PASSED to table to next month
 - viii. Diversity Committee Conduit: Motion PASSED to table to next month
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7. New / Future Business:

Motion submitted by Matt S.: I would like to make a motion that in-person and virtual meeting registrar be combined into one position. Reasoning: The intergroup itself is no longer a hybrid meeting. This will streamline the position at intergroup especially in regard to potential hybrid meetings. The database has been simplified into one cohesive database. It will streamline the workflow for both the meeting and the intergroup.

Motion PASSED with 21 votes (0 opposed, 1 abstained)

Q&A:

Q: Is it user friendly for anyone to take the position?

A: It is a streamlined form that makes making meeting changes very easy.

Q: Will it be the same form between hybrid, virtual, and in person?

A: It is (1) list organized by type of meeting, so the form will allow you to specify what type of meeting you are registering.

Q: What is the role of the registrar?

A: It is defined in the SLAA LA Intergroup Service Manual and on the website. Responsibilities include responding to emails sent with requests for changes, updating the database, and taking Intergroup rep attendance at meetings.

Q: Can we remove the Online Meeting Registrar email?

A: Yes.

Q: Why merge the 2 positions?

A: Because it is not a lot of work now that it is streamlined on the website and one person can do the job.

Q: How often are requests for updates coming in?

A: 5-10 emails a month.

Q: How will attendance be taken at the Intergroup meeting?

A: Streamlined with a form on the website where Intergroup reps can confirm attendance.

Q: Will the Intergroup rep registration be mobile friendly?

A: Yes, Wix is mobile friendly.

Q: What if you don't have a phone?

A: The person with the service position will sign you in manually.

Q: Is it user friendly for anyone to take the position?

A: Yes, and Matt is willing to train the person who accepts the position.

Pros:

Great idea to combine (2) roles to make the work more streamlined.

More enticing to fill the position quicker.

Cons:

Too much work for one person.

Motion submitted by Jayk G.:

Motion PASSED to table until next month because Jayke is absent.

- (1) To make the “Audio Library Committee Chair” commitment into simply the “Audio Library Commitment”.
- (2) To add a description of the commitment to the Service Manual, with the duties described below:

Background:

When the Audio Library Committee was created it was three people who probably met twice total before they mostly stopped meeting. Since then, which is at least four years back, the commitment has only really been done by one person. Since there really is no Audio Library Committee, and the commitment is easily doable by one person, the commitment should just belong to one person.

Description of Commitment:

Duties: Periodically check Audio Library email address for newly-submitted audio files. Upload those audio files to the SLAA LA website. Promote both the use of the audio library by listeners, as well as the important necessity for new audio files. The new audio files can be submitted by solo speakers who record themselves at home or at meetings, or by meetings who have decided in their business meeting to add the option to record their speakers. Make sure that a signed waiver is obtained for all uploaded audios.

8. Announcements for the Good of the Order:

- a. This month is Gratitude Month!” Gratitude Month is traditionally practiced by passing the 7th Tradition basket a second time at meetings, with the entirety of the collection from the second basket being contributed to Los Angeles Intergroup.
- b. Orange County has a retreat next weekend and available spots- Gregory.
 - i. More information here: <http://sllaoc.org/retreat/retreat.html>

9. Adjournment:

- a. Adjourn meeting a few minutes for 5:00 P.M.
- b. Close meeting with the “WE” version of the Serenity Prayer.