

SLAA Los Angeles Intergroup Agenda

April 13th, 2025



Intergroup Sign-In

1. **Call to Order - Serenity Prayer - Secretary started meeting at 30**
2. **Readings:**
 - a. Twelve Traditions - read by Jenny
 - b. Thirty Seconds of Silence Policy - read by Darrell
 - c. Vote Counter Volunteer & reading of Voting Policy - ready by Richard
 - d. Timer volunteer & reading of timer policy - Alex volunteered to time
3. **Attendee Introductions:**
 - a. First name, meeting name, meeting donation amount, new or returning rep
 - b. Position holders or trustees willing to answer questions after the meeting?
4. **Count of Voting Members:**
 - a. Intergroup meeting reps, position holders & committee reps - 33 voting fellows in attendance
5. **Approval of Previous Month's Minutes**
6. **Officer & Committee Reports: 20 minutes**
 - a. Secretary (secretary@slaalosangeles.org) – Matt
 - i. Next month's intergroup meeting will be held on Sunday, May 4th instead of the second Sunday due to Mother's day.
 - ii. Welcome new members
 - iii. Roles as delegates with your meetings
 - b. Record Keeper (recordkeeper@slaalosangeles.org) – Miriam, Katrina filling in for Miriam.
 - i. Will need to step down in July - will add to the list for positions in upcoming months.
 - c. Treasurer (treasurer@slaalosangeles.org) – Mona, Asst Treasurer – Rosy
 - i. See written report - provided at end of Agenda. Last year's budget printed out, motion announced for approving budget for next year. Questions: Equipment
 - d. Bottom Line Editor (bottomline@slaalosangeles.org) – Nikita - out with pneumonia
 - e. Meeting Registrar (registrar@slaalosangeles.org) – Azzurro - absent
 - f. Phone Line – Glen F -
 - i. 15 calls this month, most were about questions about meetings. Some requested registrar contact and speaker list.
 - g. Literature (literature@slaalosangeles.org) – David , Asst Literature – Dale
 - i. March reorder was \$1358 - this month had a lot of last minute orders.
 - ii. Frustrations with two systems at the same time, there is a motion.
 - iii. We don't get bulk discounts for workbooks and ran out this month.
 - h. Journal Rep (journalrep@slaalosangeles.org) – Lisa - bi-monthly meeting in a magazine online.
 - i. *ABM Issue* - Sponsorship - What makes it work? What challenges have you faced?
 - ii. Submit to the journal [here](#).
 - i. Webmaster (webmaster@slaalosangeles.org) – Katrina
 - j. Spanish Language Liaison (spanish@slaalosangeles.org) – Roberto
 - i. Got a hold of the email, lots of unresponded emails. Noticed a lot of people coming in for Spanish speaking are court ordered and needing signatures. Needed to know how to get that on the website or how/who they need to go for this. David mentioned there is a position for attendance and they can go there. Most go to SCA for it since there are no in person Spanish SLAA meetings.
 - k. Workshops & Retreats (workshops-retreats@slaalosangeles.org) – Donald
 - i. \$250 donation from last retreat from the retreat center.

- I. H&I Committee (h-and-i@slaalosangeles.org) – Max B.& David
 - i. Thanks for veteran program, need to get it through the bureaucracy. The VA needs to fill out a form. It's a requirement for vaccinations and no court or crimes.
 - ii. H&I - Donald mentioned they have filled all spots . Tarzana location has opportunities for service. If you want to be of service, talk to one of them. Dale mentioned there was a cancellation for a women's speaker for the Wednesday tarzana meeting, see her if you want to speak.
- m. Speaker List Keeper (speakerslist@slaalosangeles.org) – Gregory
 - i. Had 2 requests that were fulfilled. May add something on the list to promote.
- n. Audio Library Commitment (audio@slaalosangeles.org) – Jayk
 - i. Passed out a flyer to everyone, hand them out at your meetings! It's important to maintain, hasn't updated any in months. We haven't received any in months! Get lots of requests to listen but not a lot to give. We don't have a lot, so we encourage you to record yourself and send to the audio library. Bring it up to your meetings. Be sure to print out the waiver for an in person meeting.
 - ii. Question - can we send as wav instead of mp4 - Answer: either is fine but mp4 files are easier.
- o. ABM Delegates / Alt. Delegates – Max, Gregory, Alex
 - i. Usually do a Zoom townhall before ABM in a month or two. There was a venue search results for satellite. First agenda was sent in february

7. FWS Conference Committees:

- a. Literature Committee Conduit – Richard
 - i. Attended March CLC meeting. This group is moving and processing literature for whole fellowship. They have new ideas but need editors and writers. If anyone is interested let Richard or others know. Most recent pamphlet was Anexoria 10, 11, 12. SLAA in Digital age.
- b. Sponsorship Committee Conduit – Azzurro - Absent
- c. Steps, Traditions, & Concepts Conduit – Nikita - Absent
- d. Translation Committee Conduit – Alex
 - i. Last months meeting lots of discussion with communication between other intergroups to be similar to AA.
- e. Public Info Committee Conduit – Max B.
 - i. Two different projects. Most important thing is looking for editors of audio and transcriptions. If you have any skill and want to volunteer, wonderful. Looking into 2026 for Annual Business Meeting for the conference, it will likely be in Pennsylvania. Looking to plan ahead.

8. SLAA Los Angeles, Inc. Board of Trustees - Clair, Dave G., Diane, Glen F., Mona, Jamie P.

- a. No announcements, still looking for the current list. 2 step down, many in the room now and will get a list to get to the CFO. Motion for a new budget was put forward to hopefully pass.

9. Old Business:

- a. ABM Delegates - Venue search results - See page 3.
 - i. Meetings in August for 4 days usually. All virtual but other intergroups like Delaware are doing a satellite version for our intergroup to meet. If LA. Would be an expense to SLAA LA Intergroup. If just LA. \$3200 in Long Beach bed and breakfast 5 rooms. Staybridge \$900-\$1100 per person. Ask for Greg's notes. Staybridge Holiday Inn of the 18th. If other intergroups join, it could be cheaper if they chip in as well. Max looked at 3 places in LA but many required a minimum of 10 people which we can not promise. Jayk mentioned bringing the ideas for the LA area. Have 6 delegates. Would prefer to have it in person but no one is willing on their own. Delegates will get together to get more research done to bring back to the group. Tabled for now. Only 1 has registered and submitted the expense.

10. New Business

Submitted by Max:

- a. **MOTION 1: Establishment of Outreach Committee - 2nd but does not pass.**
- i. Proposed Language for the Service Manual (p. 21, SLAA Los Angeles Intergroup Service Manual: "L.A. Intergroup Committees):
 - 1. See attached Sheet - Questions: Doesn't the sign in cover this? This is covered in the next motion. Clarification - meant for outreach to meetings to be more involved in Intergroup.
 - 2. Con - Jayk - not enough people to fill commitments. Great commitment but worried about it.
 - 3. Pro - Roberto thinks it is beautiful. Thinks it may be more suited to add this to the registrar but loves the connectivity.
 - 4. Con - Glenn, multi levels. For face to face, for you as a new meeting you need to be a meeting at intergroup twice to be added to bottom lines. Virtual meetings suffer with this motion, and see the difficulty of this motion. They are not buying literature so don't tend to attend Intergroup.
 - 5. Con - Mona, we do have a need for checking in on meetings, especially for newcomers.
 - 6. Con - virtual only and has a disability and feels targeted.
 - 7. Call to Question - 0 for passing. Unanimous for not passing.
- b. **MOTION 2: Contact Information Requirement for Active Meetings**
- i. Proposed Language for the Service Manual: "DOES INTERGROUP HAVE ANY RULES? Not many." (SLAA Los Angeles Intergroup Service Manual, pages 6-9)
 - 1. See attached sheet.
 - 2. Question - Autoresponder emails, what is the assumption that they are not receiving emails. How does ADA feel with the lack of Hybrid abilities?
 - 3. Question - Will the person go to the meeting to attend? Clarification, motion 1 was about connectivity. This motion, if you have not been able to get in contact, should be removed. Concerns about inclusions. The intergroup voted out hybrid as a motion and that is separate to this motion and involvement with individual meetings. Mentioned Intergroup as a group is not subject to ADA requirements, but this location does have needs.
 - 4. Max - this is for clarification of who is still active in their meetings, regardless of In Person, Hybrid, Virtual.
 - 5. Secretary - guidelines are 2 meetings in person to be in The Bottom Lines.
 - 6. Put a motion to table this until next month.

Motion to extend the meeting by 5 minutes - Passed

Submitted by David: - Passes

- a. **MOTION 3:** We move that SLAA Los Angeles Intergroup start to use a centralized, secure payment system through our website for all literature purchases, to improve transparency and reduce the manual workload for trusted servants.
- i. See Attached sheet. - streamlines data entry but it does accrue a fee. You can still pay with Venmo but via PayPal. Would add about \$500 cost.
 - ii. Questions - concerns about security since SLAA does not own WIX.
 - iii. Pros - a lot of manual labor
 - iv. Cons - cost to the fellowship
 - v. Pros - cost is nominal compared to the work involved with current policy
 - vi. Cons - how do we know what it would be for the following years.
 - vii. Question - Do we know how I will

viii. Opposed 1 - For - Rest

Submitted by Mona:

- a. **MOTION 4: Motion to accept the proposed 2025 Annual budget**
 - i. See attached sheet.

11. Announcements - Skipped

12. Motion to close with "We" version of the Serenity Prayer - Ends at 5:06

MOTION 1: Outreach Committee: The Outreach Committee shall be a standing committee whose purpose is to support communication, connection, and participation among all in-person, virtual, and hybrid meetings affiliated with the Los Angeles Intergroup through the following Modes of Operation:

1. Active Outreach Mode: When Intergroup identifies a concern about communication or group participation (e.g., a pattern of unresponsive or disconnected meetings, inquiries from members or newcomers regarding inactivity with meetings), the Outreach Committee will:

- Contact meetings via phone, email, or personal meeting attendance to verify or update contact information.
- Encourage engagement in Intergroup and offer connection to service.
- Provide information or links to:
 - The meeting update form
 - Fellowship-Wide Services (FWS) group registration
 - Intergroup service opportunities
- Confirm and assist meeting registrar in maintaining the following:
 - Front-facing contact (for newcomer access)
 - Administrative contact (for Intergroup communications)
 - Make recommendations to the meeting registrar to remove meetings if a meeting does not respond to three outreach attempts or three months of continued attempts to make contact.

2. Ongoing Support Mode: When not addressing active concerns, the Meeting Registrar will forward new meeting registrations and contact info to the Outreach Committee. The committee will then:

- Welcome the new meeting
- Provide helpful resources and fliers
- Invite participation in Intergroup and service opportunities

Rationale: This motion is necessary because many meetings—especially virtual or hybrid—have become disconnected from Intergroup. This limits their ability to receive support and makes it harder for newcomers to find access to recovery. By creating a standing Outreach Committee, Intergroup ensures that support, connection, and accountability are delivered in a spiritual and consistent way.

Tradition/Concepts supporting this Motion:

- Tradition One: Promotes unity by keeping all meetings connected to Intergroup and to one another.
- Tradition Five: Ensures meetings remain accessible to those still suffering by maintaining front-facing contacts.
- Tradition Nine: Supports the creation of service committees to carry out responsibilities without governing.
- Concept One: The Fellowship holds the responsibility to maintain communication with its meetings.
- Concept Three: Trusted servants have the Right of Decision to take appropriate action within their role.
- Concept Eight: Organizational planning includes tools like Outreach to ensure smooth communication.
- Concept Ten: Clear responsibilities matched by service authority empower trusted servants to act with integrity and clarity.

MOTION 2: Meeting Contact Information Requirement

To remain on the Los Angeles Intergroup active meeting list, each meeting—in-person, virtual, or hybrid—must maintain the following:

1. **Front-Facing Contact**
A phone number or email address accessible to newcomers and fellows for meeting questions or access information.
 - If an automated email is used (e.g., an auto-responder with Zoom details), it must be periodically checked to ensure functionality.
2. **Administrative Contact**
A phone number or email address for Intergroup use, including updates from the Meeting Registrar, Treasurer, and committee conduits.
3. It is recommended that each meeting have a representative attend the monthly Intergroup meeting. This ensures the above qualifications are met and provides that meeting a voice in the business of Los Angeles Intergroup.

These contacts may be the same or different individuals, as determined by the group's preference.

Implementation: Three-Month Contact Policy

- When a communication issue is identified, the meeting registrar or the Outreach Committee will attempt to contact the meeting per plans of action outlined in the Outreach Committee portion of the service manual.
- If the meeting does not respond after three outreach attempts or within three months, the meeting will be removed from the active Los Angeles Intergroup meeting list.
- A meeting may be relisted at any time upon submitting the required contact information.

Rationale: This motion is necessary because a number of meetings—particularly virtual or hybrid—have become unreachable, making it difficult for newcomers to find help and for Intergroup to serve its groups. Maintaining current contact information is a minimal and essential requirement for participation in the Los Angeles Intergroup.

Traditions/Concepts Supporting this Motion:

- Tradition One: "Our common welfare should come first." This standard supports group unity through consistent communication.
- Tradition Five: "Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message..." Without contact information, newcomers may never receive that message.
- Tradition Nine: "We may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve." This motion supports that responsibility through clear expectations.
- Concept One: Authority and responsibility rest in the collective conscience of the Fellowship. Groups that wish to participate must remain reachable.
- Concept Four: Groups maintain their "Right of Participation" by being informed and engaged—made possible by communication.
- Concept Eight: Effective service requires up-to-date contact systems for registration, event updates, and communication.
- Concept Ten: Every service responsibility must be matched with service authority. This policy gives Intergroup a clear, fair method to manage group participation and reactivation.

MOTION 3: We move that SLAA Los Angeles Intergroup start to use a centralized, secure payment system through our website for all literature purchases, to improve transparency and reduce the manual workload for trusted servants. This system allows members to pay using:

- Credit or debit cards
- PayPal and Venmo (Venmo is accessed through PayPal's mobile checkout)
- Cash payments as usual

These transactions include a small standard processing fee:

Credit or debit cards: 2.9% + \$0.30 per transaction

PayPal and Venmo: 2.2% + \$0.49 per transaction

Based on the projected literature income for 2025 (\$15,000) the estimated cost will be \$480 in total.

-Please note these are estimations

Rationale: While this transition introduces a modest processing fee, this is a spiritually sound investment in the clarity and sustainability of our literature service. It reduces confusion, lightens the burden on trusted servants, strengthens financial accountability, ensures payments are securely recorded and aligned with nonprofit financial practices, and supports rotation of service by creating sustainable practices.

- The new system automatically tracks payments, orders, and inventory.
- Sends receipts to members along with payment status
- Gives real-time reporting access to trusted servants
- Streamlines the workflow for all involved including the purchasing flow for members
- Will significantly lower the risk of human error.

ABM DELEGATES SEARCH RESULTS

1. BEACHRUNNERS' INN BED AND BREAKFAST
 - a. 231 Kennebec Ave - Long Beach CA
 - b. 5 rooms available
 - c. 2 Queen size - \$175/ night
 - d. 1 King size - \$200/ night
 - e. 1 Full size - \$155/ night
 - f. Plus 13% tax

2. STAYBRIDGE/ HOLIDAY INN - Excellent Location -
 - a. Within 1 to 2 miles (3-5 minutes) to/from Long Beach Airport
 - b. Five minutes from the Long Beach Exchange where guests may find Whole Foods, a variety of restaurants, entertainment and shopping. For more information, you may
 - c. visit their website at: <https://thelongbeachexchange.com>
 - d. Courtesy Shuttle Service to/from Long Beach Airport (subject to availability)
 - e. Complimentary Wireless Internet Access
 - f. Dining & Amenities at Staybridge Suites
 - i. The Studio Suites consist of one (1) King or one (1) Queen Bed with a sitting area and kitchen in the same room.
 - ii. Hot Breakfast Buffet is included in the rate, served daily 6am-9:30am with spacious seating
 - g. Group Rate(s)
 - i. a group rate for 10 to 20 rooms arriving on August 7, 2025, for 4 nights as follows:
 1. Holiday Inn Long Beach Airport at \$179.00 (1 King or 2 Doubles) plus applicable taxes* per room, per night
 2. breakfast included at \$199.00 for a studio (1 King or 1 Queen Bed);
 3. \$229.00 for a 1-bedroom suite (1 King bed with sofa sleeper);
 4. \$249.00 for a 1-bedroom suite (2 Queen beds with sofa sleeper) plus applicable taxes* per room, per night
 5. *Applicable taxes are currently 16% and are subject to change
 - h. We are pleased to offer the following concessions for your group:
 - i. Waived meeting room rental for your meeting using Malibu/Laguna (696 sq ft) for 4 days, with a food and beverage minimum of \$3,000.00, exclusive of 23% service fee and 10.5% taxes
 - ii. For guests in your group staying at the Holiday Inn, our hot breakfast buffet is served in the Sky VUE Restaurant at a reduced rate of \$12.00 per person (regularly \$22.00), exclusive of tax, currently 10.5% and optional gratuity
 - iii. Complimentary parking (savings of \$15.00 per automobile, per night)

3. Hampton Inn Room Rates: \$212.00 Plus 13% Occupancy Tax and 3.20% Mandatory Tourism Fee
 - a. Parking: \$20.00 per night (Comp parking.)
 - b. Complimentary Hot Breakfast Mon- Fri 6 am to 9 am Sat – Sun 7am to 10 am
 - c. Complimentary Guestroom Wi-Fi
 - d. Laundry Facility
 - e. EV Charging Stations
 - f. Walking distance to local restaurants (The LBX – the long beach exchange)
 - g. Complimentary Shuttle to and from the Long Beach Airport. (5 am to 10 pm)
 - h. The Lakewood boardroom rate for a full day is \$900.00.
 - i. This room have doors that open up to the Lakewood patio. I have attached photos to this email. I will also include a personal
 - ii. Wi-Fi for your meeting.

S.L.A.A. Los Angeles, Inc.
Statement of Income and Expenses 2024 / Proposed Budget 2025
Feb. 20, 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting

	PROPOSED BUDGET 2025	ACTUAL TOTAL 2024
INCOME		
Donations		
Unrestricted:		
Intergroup	20,000	18,461
Restricted:		
Annual Retreat Committee	23,000	22,722
Fellowship-Wide Services	1,000	807
Literature Sales	15,000	12,804
TOTAL INCOME	59,000	54,794
EXPENSES		
Program Expenses		
ABM Delegates Expenses	3,000	570
Annual Retreat	23,000	21,998
Donations to F.W.S. from Groups	1,000	798
Donations to F.W.S. from Intergroup	8,200 (1)	10,572
LA Intergroup Committees:		
H & I Committee	1,000	-
Literature Purchases	15,000	14,667
Total Program Expenses	51,200	48,605
Administrative Expenses		
Bank Fees	100	68
Insurance	2,500	2,231
Legal, Tax Preparation, Filing Fees	600	538
Office & Website Expense	500	432
Phone Service, P.O. Box Rental	800 (2)	-
Printing & Duplicating	1,300	1,221
Rent - Meeting Space	600	757
Sales Tax (9.5% prior yr. sales)	1,400	1,238
Total Admin. Expenses	7,800	6,485
TOTAL EXPENSES	59,000	55,090
NET INCOME	-	(296)
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE @ 1/1/2024		27,695
ENDING CASH BALANCE @ 12/31/24		27,398
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted		5,358
Designated - Prudent Reserves		15,000
Restricted - L.A. Annual Retreat		6,942
Restricted - F.W.S. donations		99
TOTAL NET ASSETS		27,398

2025 Budget notes:

Budget is recommended by Board of Trustees for Intergroup to discuss/ adopt

(1) actual amount will depend on surplus after ABM mtg.

(2) includes 2024 costs that weren't reimbursed until Feb '25