

SLAA May 2021 Intergroup Meeting Minutes

The May 2021 monthly meeting of the Intergroup of Sex Love Addicts Anonymous NY & Northern NJ was held Sunday May 2, 2021 at 330pm electronically on zoom, the Chair Mark S. being in the chair and the Secretary, Shoky P, being present.

10 Members present + chair: Dan, Vanessa, Daisy, Sam, Anne, Elias, Julie, Lloyd
3 Guests present: Netty, Moishy, Janice L

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Reports were given on

Treasury (Mark reported for Cara):

The ending balance is \$14,541.98

Three installments will be made for Intergroup's 2020 donation.

Literature (by Elias):

Elias mentioned 8 boxes of materials were found. 3 groups picked up boxes. The other boxes will be stored in a safe location in the home of a SLAA member in Long Island. Of those 6 boxes, 2 groups are defunct. One of these groups, the Women's Conscious Contact Meeting, was confirmed to be defunct by Anne.

NY IG Literature Sales totalled \$234.75; There is a cash surplus of \$259.25.

Communications (by Dan):

Dan created the new Meeting Doc which is connected to the NY Intergroup account. Cara reported during the interim period between meeting that it was a liability for the officers for a personal account to be used for hosting the Google meeting doc, and thus a change was made before the next IG meeting. However, there were two problems. One was a problem with the access to the Google Doc on Saturday, which was quickly resolved. A bigger problem was reported by Vanessa. She stated that people who bookmark the old Google meeting doc would not receive needed updates. Vanessa reported that the change should have been made in group conscience during the Intergroup meeting. She reported that the old meeting doc will be updated with a bookmark to the new Google meeting doc under the new account.

There is also an announcement bar added to the web site to send an e-mail to "find a sponsor" more easily.

8 e-mails were sent to the info@slaany.org e-mail requesting sponsors; There are now 12 sponsors on the list.

Ancillary reports

Virtual meeting list (by Vanessa)

In addition to the discussion above, Vanessa reported no opposition to changing the link to the new Google Doc (although she expressed reservations noted above in the communications report). During

discussion related to the new Google Doc, a representative of a group asked if there were bylaws. A point of information was made that a link for the current bylaws exists on the SLAA IG website.

Two new meetings were added to the Google Doc.

Conference Anorexia Committee (by Lloyd)

Conference Finance Committee (Ava):

Ava clarified that two monthly payments are needed for SLAA contributions to meet Lifesaver requirements. Group conscience in April recommended that she make three contributions.

Old Business

A motion the old business on the agenda (Dana's motion) be tabled until June. Motion passed

New Business

Sam motioned for the intergroup to decide how many delegates to send to the 2021 ABM and to prepare the registration forms as soon as possible. The motion also includes the provision that intergroup reimburse the delegates for their registration fees. NY Area Intergroup will send 11 delegates that will make themselves known at the June meeting. The motion passed.

Note on discussion of this motion: NY IG can send 1 delegate for every 5 meetings in our intergroup, or fraction thereof. This number is based on the number of meetings we have listed on the Google Doc. Those who attended last year will be given first opportunity to attend this year, per recommendation by FWS. For rotation of service, it is recommended that no delegate serve more than 4 years consecutively. It was also noted that the early bird registration is June 19th. The cost for each delegate to attend is \$190.

Sam motioned to add a new question to the Google form for new groups to add themselves to the Google Doc of meetings. The text will read "Does your group accept the 12 steps and the 12 traditions of SLAA and acknowledge the bylaws of NY intergroup?" A link to the bylaws will be presented. Motion passed.

Motion passed to have a in-meeting Doodle poll on determining alternate Sunday times for the IG meeting (moving the meeting to a different time than 3:30pm on Sundays). Eight voting members participated in the poll. The poll revealed the most popular start time of the meeting is 5pm (4 of 8 participants voted for it). The current meeting time of 3:30pm was voted on by only 2 participants. A motion further passed to put to a vote in the next meeting (June) for a 5pm Sunday start time to all IG meetings from July 2021 onward.

Vanessa made a motion that was seconded to remove Men/Women (MW) as an item on the "Meeting Format key". She additionally proposed editing LGBTF to LGBTQ+. Vanessa stated that MW is redundant as we have MO and WO and ALL as options. Additionally, she is concerned that it is an outdated designation.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm. Respectfully submitted by Shoky P, Secretary

Take back to meetings information:

1. **New Google Doc meetings link:** Make sure groups know that the Google Doc link has been changed (see Communications report above). If the old Google Doc is bookmarked, it will tell members to update their bookmarks to the new address.
2. **Interest in participation in the ABM:** If members wish to participate in the Annual Business Meeting as voting delegates, they should come to the June meeting. The registration fee will be reimbursed after the June meeting by NY IG. Note that there is a limit of 11 participants and those who attended last year will be given priority.
3. **Sponsorship list:** Continue to remind meetings of the sponsorship list available on the NY IG web site. We encourage those looking for sponsors and those wanting to be added to list of sponsors to contact NY IG.
4. **The next Intergroup meeting** will be June 6. Meeting link is posted on the NY IG web site and through the IG Google group e-mail list.
5. **Service Forum report (from Lloyd F. – see below):**
 - a) The SLAA YouTube Channel added 3 new videos:
 - [International Women’s Speaker Meeting – Emotional Sobriety: Love, Respect and Dignity – LGBTQ+\(Anonymous, Wisconsin\)](#)
 - [What is the HOW Program?](#) (Shane P, Sydney, Australia)
 - [Service as a Tool of Recovery\(CPIC\)](#) – unlisted video for Committee use not available to the general public yet.

b) 2021 ABC/M Information

The [Annual Business Conference](#) (ABM) is the once-a-year event at which S.L.A.A. members and other members of our service structure convene to conduct the Annual Business Meeting (ABM). This year’s ABM will be held online from **2 to 6 August 2021**. Registration is USD190 and scholarships of USD\$100 are available on a first-come-first-served basis. Deadline to register is 19 June.

c) The SLAA Board of Trustees met on 10 April 2021

- A literature bundle package was approved for sale in paperback. Cost is USD \$29.99 with free shipping within the United States (only). The pack is essentially a kit for beginners comprising a Basic Text, short study guide to the Steps and some Pamphlets.
- The current special offer of free shipping for all orders over USD \$75 is still available. Limited time offer so buy now!

- The Board's Publishing and Distribution Committee is still digitizing literature. The daily meditations, [A State of Grace](#), will be the next book to be sold by FWS in digital form and probably on Amazon.
 - The [Sober Dating Literature Package](#) is now available on Amazon with a print-on-demand service for members who want to buy a bound version.
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- d) **The SLAA Audio Library released a new Member Recording thanks to the service of LA Intergroup.**
- e) **Sober Sisters Talk released 4 new SLAA Podcasts** including a [Speaker Share by Olivia, one of the Founders of SLAA](#). Thank you for your Service Elizabeth and MJ (SLAA Houston)
- f) **The SLAA Journal Committee** is seeking member input to the Question of the Day for the July/August Edition : *"Breakdown to Break Through— Do you feel Higher Power demolished your life to build it back up with a stronger foundation? Please share your experience strength, and hope"*. Submit your answer by **May 15**.
- g) **The Lifesaver Program currently has \$39,871.82 target is \$101,000.**
- h) **The SLAA virtual Intergroup Website is up and running**

For information on how to join, visit slaavirtual.org/contact/

i) **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

A. **SLAA Mom's Serenity Speaker/Literature Meeting women only Meeting Friday's**
8:30pm EST. ID 713 6423 7366. Passcode serenity.

B. **International SLAA Women's Speaker Meeting Every Saturday 1:00pm EST;**

Meeting ID237-056-0508, password CORAZON.

C. **A Half Day Zoom event "After Withdrawal: Facing the Challenges of Sobriety Saturday**
May 15 1-4 PST For zoom details email info@slaalosangeles.org

D. **Sex and Love on the Autism Spectrum Saturday's 4PM EDT zoom 850 0995 1076**
For password email to slaa.autism.spectrum@protonmail.com

Please encourage fellow SLAA members to sign up for the service forum.