

## Minutes of the SLAA Intergroup Meeting, August 7, 2023

### Present:

Mark S chair + interim secretary  
Dan (communications chair)  
Claudia (ABM representative)  
Ava (stand in for Sat 6pm)  
Alicia A (Women's Daily Top Line meeting; ABM representative)  
Tavia (guest)  
Joe P (Thursday 8pm Citylights meeting)  
Stephanie (Brooklyn women's meeting)  
Gregory G (Daily conscious contact)  
Brenton (on phone, just listening, Sat 6pm)

### Communications report

See communications report in agenda.

Dan reported he still needs volunteers for answering voicemails

[literature@slaany.org](mailto:literature@slaany.org) was not working and has been fixed; Joe is the de facto literature chair and receiving new e-mails to that address.

Treasury report: Delayed due to Cara J travelling back from ABM today. Cara to send July report later this week..

### ABM Delegate report

Claudia A gave a report. See attached. See recommends interested fellows to come to the IG meeting if they have questions. There were 47 representatives. 4 of them were from our NY intergroup. Inclusivity of all groups and languages was focused upon, but most members were from English-speaking countries. There is also a new process for approving literature.

Alicia reported that three new board members were elected: Kristi from San Diego, Jack from Australia and Juanita (who was previously an interim member)

### FWS committee reports

Tavia: Member Retention Committee:

This committee is working on literature for long-term members to continue to come to meetings

Focus "articles from the journal" approved booklet by BPMC

Subcommittee that is writing literature on fantasy

Claudia: Process for translation is easier than publishing; the problem with translation is the royalties.

Ava (Board Finance Committee): donations are plummeting; some groups may have withheld donations because of protest over lack of a hybrid ABM

#### Events committee

Joe is speaking with Bond Collective. We will need to come up with a good faith deposit. He will let us know next month about the amount.

#### Requests for new business

Mark S: Anne has requested to be relieved of secretary duties; a new interim secretary will be needed until December.

Dan: What should we do with literature? Joe is holding onto the literature and making sales.

Claudia: Suggested donations.

#### Motions and discussions

##### Interim secretary

Tavia was voted in as an interim secretary. 8 voted yes, 1 abstention

##### Literature discussion

Joe mentioned that IG has run out of many pamphlets/basic texts

He reported some of the history of the literature. In Winter 2022, Nechama was storing it in Riverdale. In Winter 2023, Dan had literature in NJ; no sales except Share-A-DaDay. By spring 2023, there were many requests for literature from members. Dan transferred the literature to Joe. Joe states he now has the "bottom of the barrel" material. Additional ordering would be needed.

Tavia noted that an in-person IG meeting will be an opportunity to purchase literature.

Dan M asks Joe if he is willing to give us a yes or no if he can take the literature position.

Motions tabled until next month.

##### In-person intergroup meeting (tabled from previous months): Discussion

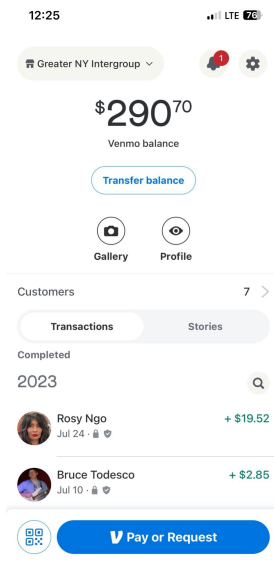
Members discussed that the October IG meeting will be moved to October 8. The Intergroup meeting will be held after the Share-A-Day at 5pm on Sunday. This will allow for interested members to attend to do service. Hybrid option will be available.

Closed at 6:26pm with Serenity Prayer

Next meetings: Sept 10 (due to Labor Day) online; October 8 hybrid meeting

## SLAA NY Intergroup – August Communications Chair

- 1) Between July 1st and today, we received 10 emails, slightly below our monthly average.
  - a) 6 general inquiries
  - b) 1 sponsorship list inquiry
  - c) 7 voicemails on our new number and Google Workspace account. Need volunteers.
  - d) Fixed the Literature chair email and forwarded it to Joe.
  - e) Venmo balance is \$290.70 with 99% of it being added this month from 5 donations.



- 2) Thank you for your help! We now have 18 sponsors on the sponsorship list. Here is the link to the Google sheet. We have one new female sponsor!  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1PAVKT3FgBaT4hHKNDth-yj2nuMHMUPxYdGiz1lhcg7Q/edit#gid=0>

# SLAA ABM 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

NY Intergroup "One Page" Report: Annual Business Meeting SLAA. August 1-4. Costa Mesa, CA.

**Important: if you have questions or suggestions, please attend the next New York Intergroup meeting on the first Sunday of each month at 5pm EST. <https://www.slaany.org/igreps>**

Annual Business Meeting Total Voting Representatives: 47.  
Voting Delegates from the Greater New York Intergroup: 4.

## Spirit of the Conference:

The conference was emotionally sober and balanced. Although the schedule was intense, we worked diligently, using the steps, traditions, and concepts of SLAA to fulfill our primary purpose of helping the addict that still suffers.

The need for inclusivity of all intergroups globally as well as all languages was highlighted and heard. Keep in mind that one of the first motions for 2024 (next year's) agenda (23n28/23-15) is this: *All future ABC/MS are required to include an online virtual option, including delegates' abilities to vote, in the form of either a hybrid ABM or, if that cannot be planned and/or afforded by the fellowship, a fully virtual online ABM in its place.*

## **HIGHLIGHT OF MOTIONS THAT PASSED OR DID NOT PASS IN 2023:**

- 1) To make "What is Anorexia" and "50 Questions for Anorexia Self Diagnosis" part of the core documents of SLAA – **YES, it passed.**
- 2) To approve the Anorexia 10-11-12 booklet – **YES, it passed.**
- 3) To make changes to "State of Grace" to comply with the original approved version and print it after we extinguish our current inventory - **YES, it passed.**
- 4) A new streamlined procedure to write/publish and approve SLAA literature - **YES, it passed.**
- 5) To approve the pamphlet "Making the Most of Meetings" – **NO.** More revisions requested.
- 6) To approve the editing of chapters 1-4 of the Basic Text - **NO.** More revisions requested.
- 7) To Approve "A Framework for Living, SLAA Steps Traditions and Concepts" - **NO.** More revisions requested.
- 8) The above are not all the motions presented. A few by-laws and other internal procedures motions were also voted on. Visit <https://slaafws.org/abminfo/> to read the whole report- Have patience as notes are only now being transcribed.

**IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE DISCUSSIONS JOIN THE NEXT NEW YORK INTERGROUP MEETING ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 5PM EST**  
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