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To: Sacramento ,Sierra, San Juaquin, Stanislas Intergroup

Subject: 2021 Virtual ABC/M Report

First of all, it was a great pleasure to be your representative to this year's ABC/M. Though I admit that there is a lot of interaction that normally occurs at a face to face meeting, much was accomplished that will keep Fellowship Wide Services (FWS) moving in a positive direction.

1. Much of the backlog of Motions and Items for Discussion (IFD) were addressed, leaving only Two carryover issues remaining for next year's agenda.
2. There were 5 candidates for 3 Board of Trustees (BOT) positions
3. Break out sessions worked very well

A. Budget

Though the FWS budget is still solvent, the loss of income from Intergroup contributions was felt. Thanks to "matching funds" and a healthy Prudent reserve, things are looking better as we move into the future.

B. Committee Reports

All committees met three times during the four active days of the ABC/M. In many cases new officers were elected and new members were welcomed. In many cases, I feel this is the most important component of the ABC/M as this is where the people have the most impact. Joining a committee (especially in an area of interest), gives each member in SLAA a voice and a way to develop methods of connection where individual voices find an audience.

I can provide copies of Committee reports (and a list of committees) upon request.

C. The Journal and Newsletter

These are publications which provide vital information as to what is going on in SLAA. I have found the Journal to be very helpful during the COVID era. You can actually have your own meeting, for within its page are the steps, concepts, preamble and charastics. There are also articles of experience strength and hope that may help or encourage you along your recovery path.

D. The Vote

Two items were voted on 1. A Bylaws Change, and 2. A request to rewrite (edit) the State of Grace daily devotional. Both were passed, and both went to a third vote.

There were 14 Items for discussion (IFD's) on the agenda. 12 Of the 14 were addressed and passed on to there next step in the process, Two were carried over to next years ABC/m

Conclusion:

It has been a hard two years for everyone. The hope is that things will continue to get better, but in any event FWS is preparing for any eventuality. The plan seems to be leaning toward a face to face or Hybrid meeting next year. Only time will tell.

Phone and Zoom meetings have changed the face of recovery meetings, and I'm sure somewhere down the line we will find a new "Normal"!

IN SERVICE JOHN S.

