

Committee Report to the Delegates for Conference Year 2025-2026

Conference Steps, Traditions and Concepts Committee

For questions/suggestions/motions, please email the CSTCC Chair at cstccchair@gmail.com

Committee Leadership: Chair: Holly A, Vice Chair: Ruquia A (resigned May 2026)

Members: Jim B - QFTF; Ari - Board Liaison; Kevin; Atlanta (resigned Sept 2025); Kathleen G; Julie W; Peter; Dave G; Rita; Lisa S; Brian; Gabriel G.; Sandy; Liz; George; Jack F.; Anne D.

Mission Statement: To promote the study, understanding and application of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts throughout the S.L.A.A. fellowship.

2025-26 Conference Year Accomplishments

This section should reflect projects and accomplishments that have been completed. Ongoing projects should be listed in the next section.

MOTION PASSED October 26, 2025 (No Objection 8+ present)

Language added to the Code of Conduct

Bringing in controversial issues from other meetings, programs, groups or committees is discouraged, whether in the meeting or the google group. Members will request Group Conscience to approve discussion about another meeting, program, group or committee. Mention of other members, committees, programs, etc, should only be made in the spirit of positivity or problem solving. No interrupting another committee member during their round robin comments, unless for the purposes of a spiritual reminder.

MOTION PASSED October 26, 2025 (No Objection 8+ present)

Link to the Code of Conduct added to the Agenda

MOTION PASSED October 26, 2025 (8-1-1)

Add to Committee Standing Rules: A Voting member is someone who has attended the last 3 out of 6 of the last meetings.

MOTION PASSED November 23, 2025 (No Objection)

Motion to Place in Appendix on the Agenda and Post to Chat for Newcomers:

What does being a member of the CSTCC actually entail?

1. Each month this committee meets to discuss and share opinions on various literature and/or anonymous questions that are submitted to the fellowship. Occasionally we deal with other business items such as passing motions or reviewing ABM items and/or preparing a comment to share at ABM.
2. Members have the opportunity to officially submit their individual thoughts on the question via the google group in order to direct the submitter to the applicable steps, traditions, and concepts.

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3. These thoughts will then be recorded anonymously by an appointed member and shared on the SLAA website for anyone in the fellowship to read. This means that the thoughts you submit will not have your name attached to them in any way.

MOTION PASSED December 28, 2025 (No Objection)

1A. CSTCC will prepare a statement to support a position requiring that the CCC seek conference approval within the CSM Revision Review Process. (ABM IFD 25n25/25-25).

1B. A subcommittee of the CSTCC (made up of members of the CCC, that attend CSTCC) will come together to bring a similar MOTION (1b) to the CCC.

MOTION PASSED December 28, 2025 (7-0)

2A - Motion to prepare a statement in advance of the ABM to support the ABM IFD Submission: Conflict Resolution Process (amendment to current process).

MOTION PASSED February 22, 2026 (No Objections)

Motion to add to the Agenda a link to the previous Motions Considered by the CSTCC.

MOTIONS CONSIDERED - CSTCC

MOTION PASSED March 22, 2026 (9-0-1)

Motion that CSTCC will bring an IFD to the ABM:

To change the Voting Process in the CSM From:

counting absentee ABM Voting Participants as ABSTENSIONS in the Vote Tally on a motion

TO:

allowing the present voting members to be the only participants counted in the Vote Tally.

2026 CSTCC IFD Submission: CSM Quorum & Voting Revision

MOTION PASSED May 26, 2026 (3-1-2)

CSTCC Feedback at the ABM:

APPROVED: CSTCC FEEDBACK on ABM IFD 25n25/25-25 IFD - CSM Review Process Revision + Attachment

MOTION PASSED May 26, 2026 (6-0-0)

CSTCC Feedback at the ABM:

APPROVED: CSTCC FEEDBACK on ABM IFD 26n14/26-02 - Revise the CSM Conference Committee Conflict Resolution Process (amendment to current process)

MOTION PASSED June 28, 2026 (5-0-2)

CSTCC Feedback at the ABM:

CSTCC Statement on ABM IFD 26n13/26-01

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Structure and Authority of the CCC

MOTION PASSED June 28, 2026 (5-0-1)
[CSTCC Feedback at the ABM:](#)

CSTCC Statement on ABM Bylaw Change Motion 26o12/24-03

Proposed edits to **The Twelve Recommended Guidelines for Dealing with the Media/Public Relations Opportunities** are shown here in a side-by-side comparison.

Active and Ongoing Projects

Questions From the Fellowship:

[Searchable Q&A database on Steps, Traditions, and Concepts](#)

The CSTCC is a group of volunteers, some of whom were ABM delegates, and others who volunteered out of interest. We do not represent a group conscience of S.L.A.A., but are committed to bringing thoughtful discussion and study of 12 Step Fellowship literature and experience to the questions that are brought to us. We offer this summary as the results of our discussions. We present the major points of concern in the hopes that wider discussion in the Fellowship will help us evolve our customs and practice of the S.L.A.A. program of recovery to better represent the loving guidance of a Higher Power. Always, we affirm the autonomy of each group and the need for each individual to follow her/his own conscience. No decision of this group, or any other, is ever forced upon another, even when we believe a practice is clearly in conflict with the Steps, Traditions, or Concepts.

Questions From the Fellowship - Added to the Database 2025-2026:

Nov 2025

Author Elizabeth Gilbert of "Eat, Pray, Love" fame recently published a new memoir about her recovery in S.L.A.A. in which she names and, very publicly, endorses and guides the reader through her recovery journey. One of our members contacted F.W.S. about this because her women's meeting, one week after the book was released, saw 15 new women show up -- and the group continues to grow.

How might S.L.A.A. members and groups reconcile the immediate benefit of this publicity against the guidelines of the Twelve Traditions?

March 27, 2026

Report Received: 7 Jul 2026

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We are struggling with a dilemma here in my area. The Basic Text states that there should not be separate men's or women's meetings, yet looking at international websites, I see that these gender specific meetings exist almost everywhere. Are these types of meetings in conflict with the Steps and Traditions?

Feb 2026

Does SLAA consider the availability and use of non-religious venues for meetings and events, in order to ensure that members who feel uncomfortable or unsafe in religious settings can fully participate in the Fellowship?

Proposed, Tabled, and Future Projects

TABLED: MOTION THAT THE CSTCC CHAIR (also CCC Member) WILL SUBMIT A MOTION with INTENT TO THE CCC CHAIR ON BEHALF OF THE CSTCC:

3rd and Final Draft Motion to the CCC:

That all recommended revisions to the Conference Service Manual (CSM) shall be submitted to the Conference for approval prior to implementation. The Conference Charter Committee (CCC) or the Conference Service Manual Revisions Working Group (CSMRWG) or the Agenda Review Process subcommittee (AR Process), whether acting independently or as a subcommittee, may bring forward its own Item For Discussion (IFD) and/or motion in support of its recommendations. ~~Any urgent updates required solely to facilitate an upcoming Annual Business Conference Meeting (ABC/M) shall seek approval from the Board of Trustees (BOT) and seek approval from the Conference at the following ABC/M.~~

INTENT:

The Conference Steps, Traditions and Concepts Committee supports establishing a formal process requiring Conference approval of all Conference Service Manual changes at the Annual Business Conference Meeting, and incorporating that process into the Manual itself.

In the interest of fairness, unity, and consistency, changes to the CSM should follow the same democratic standards as the Bylaws, which already require Conference approval. As reflected in Concept 2, the Annual Business Conference is the delegated voice and conscience of S.L.A.A. as a whole. Decisions affecting our service structure and processes rightly belong with that body.

Concept 7 reminds us that while the Conference Charter has legal standing, its effectiveness rests on tradition and the authority granted by the Fellowship. In keeping with Tradition 2, our leaders are trusted servants—they do not govern independently, but remain accountable to the collective group conscience.

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~~Concept 12 calls us to **always be democratic in thought and action**, reaching important decisions through discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, substantial unanimity. Requiring Conference approval for CSM changes aligns with these principles by preventing undue concentration of authority and ensuring careful, inclusive deliberation **avoiding becoming a seat of perilous wealth or power.**~~

Applying this consistent process strengthens transparency, honors the Fellowship's collective voice, and preserves the integrity of our Conference's democratic traditions.

Future: Proposed motion to the ABM to change the text of Concept Twelve to be grammatically accurate.

Submitted by the Chair of the Style Committee Jan 2026

Edit to read as follows: (Strikethrough to be removed: Blue to be added)

Concept Twelve:

The Conference observes the spirit of S.L.A.A. Tradition, **taking care:**

- ~~Taking care t~~That it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power;
- That sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle;
- That it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others;
- That it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity;
- That its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy;

That it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Fellowship it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.