



*"The time to relax is when  
you don't have time for it."*

-- Sydney J. Harris

## 2019 NEI Events

### July

**14 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 4-7pm**  
**NOTE EARLIER START TIME**  
**Pizza Served**  
Newton-Wellesley Hospital\*

**19-21 12-Step Retreat (Co-ed)**  
Chester, VT  
**Note: Space still available!**

### August

**11 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5-7pm**  
Newton-Wellesley Hospital\*

### September

**7-9 12-Step Retreat (Co-ed)**  
Focus on Anorexia  
Chester, VT

**8 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5-7pm**  
Newton-Wellesley Hospital\*

\*All S.L.A.A. members, and especially Group Reps, are encouraged to attend NEI meetings either in person or by phone at:

**Newton-Wellesley Hospital**  
2014 Washington St, Newton  
Bowles Conference Room #6  
(Main hospital building)

**Conference call:** (605) 313-4446  
and enter Passcode: 774308#

## July 14<sup>th</sup> NEI Meeting to Cover Topics Presented at the ABM All Welcome – Pizza Served

### **What is the ABM you ask?**

It's the Annual Business Meeting hosted by Fellowship-Wide Services to give S.L.A.A. members the chance to participate in matters affecting S.L.A.A. as a whole. As the name implies, it takes place every year and delegates from Intergroups around the country – and around the world – voice the interests of members back at their local groups. NEI can send two delegates. So far, Seven S. has stepped forward to attend this year's ABM being held in Sacramento, CA from July 23-26.

NEI is eligible to send up to 12 delegates, one delegate for every five groups. Those interested in attending are encouraged to get in touch with NEI ASAP either via the phone number or website noted above, AND attend the next NEI meeting July 14. This meeting (as are ALL NEI meetings) is open not only to Group Reps, but to all interested members of S.L.A.A. The meeting details are at left, but please note it **starts at 4pm**, an hour earlier to accommodate the longer agenda. The intent is to make sure local members know what is being discussed at the Fellowship-Wide level and to make their voices heard. The most current ABM agenda can be viewed at:

[slaafws.org/Conference/ABM2019/2019ABMAGendaThirdVersion.pdf](http://slaafws.org/Conference/ABM2019/2019ABMAGendaThirdVersion.pdf)

You'll notice there are both Motions and Items for Discussion (IFD). The former has been discussed in detail and is ready for a formal vote. The latter is a newer item that will be flushed out in greater detail among the delegates present. It may be modified and presented as a Motion at a future ABM.

Again, the full list of Motions and IFD can be seen online, but highlights include:

**MOTION:** Approve the new pamphlet "*The Gift of No Contact*"

**MOTION:** Add a new 18-month bronze sobriety medallion

**IFD:** Add the word "social media" to the S.L.A.A. 11<sup>th</sup> Tradition

**IFD:** The committee that has drafted the first six chapters of the S.L.A.A. *12&12 Book*, would like feedback from the Conference

The ABM agenda is a fluid document with new IFDs able to be added through the conference itself, provided certain steps are

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## What does your group want discussed at the ABM?

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followed. NEI, for example, has put forward an IFD suggesting the Board of Trustees direct the creation of an Archivist position as part of the FWS staff who would be responsible for collecting, categorizing, and identifying ways to maintain the S.L.A.A. archives to preserve the history of S.L.A.A. and its development from inception to present day.

At the NEI meeting in May, it was voted to set aside \$1,500 to donate to FWS should it decide to move forward with an Archivist Position. Examples like this – a locally generated idea like having an Archivist – can be brought forward by anyone in S.L.A.A. and presented to their local Intergroup. Similarly, groups representative are (as always!) encouraged to attend the monthly NEI meetings, but July's meeting is especially important. Group reps are encouraged to review the proposed Motions and IFDs on the online ABM agenda and discuss them at your group. *What do they want?*

Share these views at the July NEI meeting so that this year's delegate Seven S. can make these voices heard. Of course, Seven, like all delegates is free to vote their conscience, but it will be an informed choice knowing the views of constituents back home.

### Still Room in the Co-ed, 12-Step Retreat in Vermont July 19-21

At the retreat weekends, participants do an intensive study of the 12 Steps – together. Whether you're a veteran of the Steps, or new to the process, all are welcome. The retreat farmhouse is in Chester, Vt. approximately 3 hours from Boston. Cost is \$210, some scholarships available. More info at: [slaanei.org/event/vt-retreat-7-19-19](http://slaanei.org/event/vt-retreat-7-19-19).

# Meeting Updates

**Group Contacts are responsible for completing an updated Meeting Registration Form** and filing it with NEI whenever there is a change to a meeting time, date, address, changes as well as meeting name changes and contact changes. Link to form is: [slaanei.org/meetings/register-or-update-meeting](http://slaanei.org/meetings/register-or-update-meeting). Consider representing your meeting!

#### MONDAYS

**Discontinued Meeting:** NEWTON, MA, 7pm. "Come as you are." Grace Episcopal Church, 76 Eldredge St.

#### TUESDAYS

**Discontinued Meeting:** BARNSTABLE, MA, 7pm. "A Gentle Path." Unitarian Church, Route 6A.

#### FRIDAYS

**Change of location:** NEWTON, MA, 8pm. "Friday Night Steps for a Sober Weekend." Still at Newton-Wellesley Hospital (2012 Washington St., Newton), but now meeting in the main building in Bowles Conference Center, Room #6 (second floor, past the cafeteria.)

#### **STEP OF THE MONTH, STEP 7:**

Humbly asked God to remove all our defects of character.

#### **TRADITION OF THE MONTH, TRADITION 7:**

Every S.L.A.A group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.