

Workshop Planning Guide

(2021-Dec-23)

Guidelines for presenters and workshop topics:

- Topics should be directly related to the program of recovery outlined in the Big Book of AA – working the Twelve Steps, applying the Twelve Traditions, and AA Twelve Concepts for World Service.
- The presenter should have sufficient program experience and continuous sobriety to share openly, honestly, and frankly about his or her own experience, strength, and hope in recovery as the direct result of following the precise instructions of the Twelve Steps in the Big Book.
- Outside issues such as politics, religion, medical or other approaches to recovery, non-Big Book recovery literature, etc., should not be discussed.
- Recommendations of literature other than any edition of the Big Book of AA should be avoided.
- For BBSI endorsement: At least 24 hours before the next BBSI meeting, send the completed Workshop Planner portion of this Planning Guide to the BBSI Secretary or Chair at this email address: saabigbookstudyintergroup@gmail.com . The BBSI will likely endorse your workshop if your proposal meets the guidelines above.

Workshop Planner

(send this portion of the Planning Guide with your request for BBSI endorsement)

Title: (One Line)			
Description: (50 words)			
Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Open <input type="checkbox"/> Closed	Length: <input type="checkbox"/> 60 Minutes <input type="checkbox"/> 90 Minutes
Subject material: Step(s), Tradition(s), Gen. Topic, Chapter(s), Page(s), Etc. (50 words):			
Goal: (50 words)			
Three Takeaways:	1.		
	2.		
	3.		

Agenda Planner

(optional to send this portion of the Planning Guide for BBSI endorsement)

Main Points

- 1) First x Minutes Overview — Description and Takeaways (from above)
 - a) My two minute story – Hopelessness, Spiritual Awakening, Freedom
- 2) Point A—Next x Minutes
 - Sub point
 - a) Sub point
- 3) Point B—Next x Minutes
 - Sub point
- 4) Point C—Next x Minutes
 - a) Etc.
- 5) Point X—Next x Minutes
 - a) Etc.
- 6) Last x Minutes Summary – Repeat Description and Takeaways (from above)

Q & A (also Questions for Discussion, Personal Story, Puns [*last resort only*], Etc.)

- 1) Any questions?
- 2) Discussion Question: Given that anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, how is anonymity the foundation of Tradition Six?
- 3) ?
- 4) ?

Visual Aids

- 1) Big Book paragraph?
- 2) Enlarged quotes from Big Book?
- 3) Photos to illustrate points?
- 4) ?