

American Balint Society
Balint Weekend Committee
Policy on Criteria for Endorsement and Finance Allocation
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I. Criteria for Endorsement of a Balint Weekend

- We welcome any American Balint Society member to host a weekend.
- To receive the "endorsement" of the American Balint Society;
 - The ABS encourages continuing education credit for weekend participants, but does not require it
 - At least one credentialed leader must be in each group and involved in the planning and execution of the weekend.
 - Consultation from the Weekend Committee is required in order for the weekend to be endorsed by the American Balint Society.
 - A report from the Weekend leader summarizing lessons learned and giving feedback to the committee and the Society, including finance report, is requested.
- In return, the host may list the American Balint Society as a sponsor of the Weekend.
- When the planners of a Balint Weekend receive endorsement from the American Balint Society they will have full use of the entire compendium of tools for planning a Balint Weekend and will be helped by the American Balint Society Weekend Committee in recruitment of participants for the weekend.

II. Criteria for Finance Allocation

- Host is expected to plan the Weekend in a low cost manner and to present a budget to the Balint Weekend Committee for approval.
- Standards for running the Weekend;
 - Leaders do not pay registration fee.
 - Leaders may need to pay for their own travel, housing and expenses.
 - Continuing education is advised but not required. The host of a potential weekend should consult early with the Balint Weekend Committee so that the most financially reasonable CME is chosen.
- Circumstances that support a host of an ABS endorsed Balint weekend to ask for financial support from the ABS
 - If there are no acceptable credentialed leaders in close travel distance. With approval of the ABS Council, the Balint Weekend Committee will consider using ABS funds to support at least some travel and housing for up to one credentialed leader per group. This will only be necessary if the budget for the Weekend is unable to support the travel and housing for 1 credentialed leader per group
 - Potential academic projects
- When a Weekend host anticipates or discovers that they have or will have a budget loss, an amount sufficient to cover expenses can be applied for from the pool kept in the American Balint Society treasury supplied by previous Weekends' profits. This will be paid back to the American Balint Society if a profit is made at the Weekend.

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- When a Weekend has made money, 50% of the profit will be returned to the ABS, and the other 50% will be kept by the planners in a manner consistent with the ABS's structure (501 (c) (3) status) to support future Balint activities.