

Board of Trustees Chair's Message
Prepared for the March 2025 F.W.S. Newsletter

Hello S.L.A.A. Friends!

The 2025 Annual Business Conference/Meeting (ABC/M) will be virtual and held August 7-10, 2025. Although you can register at <https://slaafws.org/abminfo/>, the registration forms are also in this Newsletter for your convenience. The registration fee for a Delegate is \$250^{USD} (\$275^{USD} after June 23, 2025) and for a non-Delegate Observer is \$125^{USD} (\$150^{USD} after June 23, 2025). We also approved a one-time \$20^{USD} coupon voucher for all Delegates registered for the 2025 Virtual ABM to use towards any product in the S.L.A.A. F.W.S. Online Store.

Big shout out to the Individuals, Groups and Intergroups that have been able to send contributions to F.W.S. We haven't seen the boost in individual contributions we hoped for yet, but we're hopeful that our new 1976 Campaign will turn things around. We invite you to be part of the movement and embrace the spiritual experience it can bring. You'll find the campaign's flyer in this newsletter again, and we ask you to share the message with others who might also be inspired to join us! Further, we received a bequest for approximately \$21,490^{USD} from a deceased member. We voted to deposit the entire bequest into the Endowment Fund, moved \$20,000^{USD} to the operating account, and left the remainder in the Endowment Fund until we receive further guidance from the Conference.

Several shorter points here:

1. The 2024 ABC/M minutes have been completed and distributed per the Conference Service Manual, Appendix J.
2. We're continuing to make progress getting Board meeting minutes ready for posting on our website.
3. After a very informative presentation from our Treasurer, Jeff R. (WA), we approved the first quarter of our fiscal year financials.
4. We approved a new membership survey and that should be included in this Newsletter.
5. We raised the free-shipping minimum from \$75^{USD} to \$100^{USD} as of Jan 1st, 2025, to help cover rising costs.
6. James B. (UT) has agreed to be our recordkeeper for our monthly Board of Trustee meetings. A big thank you, James!!
7. We closed our bank accounts at Frost Bank and our bank accounts are now with Wells Fargo.

Best,

Chris D. (CA)
BOT Chair
13 February 2025