1. **Opening Matters** 
   1. Check-Ins/Sobriety Statements - P.A.K.(TX), Nancy G. (CA), Jay G.(OH), Seth S.(MA), Rick S.(PA), Christina M.(CA), Gabriel G. (CA), Jaclyn P. (MN), Jim B. (CA)
   2. Readings:
      * + [Twelve Concepts](https://slaafws.org/download/core-files/The_Twelve_Concepts_of_SLAA.pdf) - (Non-Chair Member with most seniority) – **Nancy G.**
        + [Twelve Traditions](https://slaafws.org/download/core-files/The_Twelve_Traditions_of_SLAA.pdf)- (Member next most seniority on the BOT) – **P.A. K.**
        + **BOT Preamble** - *Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous is a Twelve Step, Twelve Tradition oriented fellowship based on the model pioneered by Alcoholics Anonymous. The only qualification for S.L.A.A. membership is a desire to stop living out a pattern of sex and love addiction. S.L.A.A. is supported entirely through contributions of its membership and is free to all who need it. The BOT is a business meeting. We are the business arm of our recovery organization. Respecting the Second Tradition, we need to put individual feelings aside when we work for the BOT and focus on what serves the Fellowship best. This is a job. We are trusted servants. We abuse that trust when we do not act professionally in discharging the business of the Fellowship*. – **Jay G.**

**Start Recording (\*9)**

1. **Assign roles**
   1. Facilitator – **Seth S.**
   2. Record Keeper – **Jim B. (non-BOT member - present)**
   3. Timekeeper – **Jaclyn P.**
   4. Spiritual Reminder – **All**
2. **Announcements**
   1. Update on Whistleblower Complaint – **Seth S.** *---The investigators have closed the investigation, and recommended no action be taken. The investigators will send a letter to the whistleblower clearly stating this. Rita (investigator) and Seth will call and talk with whistleblower, but will take no action during the call or as a result of the call. Chris D. (investigator) has stepped down from the position.*

1. **Approval of Today’s Agenda** (***BOT Agenda 5 08 21.docx***) *---approved as revised to reflect March (not April) meeting minutes will be sent to Pam (Action Item b).*
2. **Approval of last Month’s Minutes**

Minutes from April 10, 2021 Meeting. *(****BOT Minutes 4 12 21.docx*** *)*

*---the minutes were BOT approved. They will be posted to the website.*

1. **Monthly Action Items**
   1. Post preliminary Agenda for May 8, 2021 in DropBox – **Seth S** – (DONE)
   2. Forward March 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes to Beth and Pam – **Seth S.** – (PENDING)
   3. Forward new Executive Session policy to Pam. – **Seth S.** – (DONE)
2. **Routine Reports**
   1. Webmaster’s Report (2021-05 Webmaster Report.pdf) *---No questions.*
   2. ED Report and ED Sales Summary – Pam Martin (ED Report to BOT 8May21.docx) *---Update on literature bundles, 25 have been sold so far.*

---*Seth requested update on number of hard copy State of Grace meditation books that were set aside for the archives.*

*---Amazon/Kindle has nominated the S.L.A.A. Basic Text to be a featured book for a period of time. There was a brief discussion on whether to accept the nomination, with a vote afterwards. Vote was 7 for, none opposed, 1 abstention (7-0-1). Pam will contact Kindle and accept the nomination.*

1. **Board Committee Chair Reports**
2. Copyright Translation – **Rick S.**

(BOT BCTC REPORT 0.docx )

*---Jay G. recommended that the copyright information be included on the first page of every draft piece of literature.*

*---Rick S. noted that the Social Media Policy needs updating.*

1. Development – **Seth S.**

(BDC REPORT TO BOT.docx)

*---The BDC will be seeking a replacement for Chris D. since he stepped down as an investigator.*

1. 7th Tradition Committee – **Seth S.**

(B7TC REPORT TO BOT.docx)

*---Jay G. suggested adding the staff appreciation fund to the list of funds on the FWS website platforms. This gives fellows an opportunity to choose it as an option when making a donation. Seth S. will take the suggestion back to the committee for follow up.*

1. Finance – **Jay G.**

(BFC Report to BOT.docx)

*---no questions, no discussion.*

1. HR/Personnel – **Nancy G.**

(BHRPC.docx)

*---no questions, no discussion.*

1. Outreach – **Gabriel G.**

(BOC Board Report.docx)

*---no questions, no discussion.*

1. Programs and Memberships – **P.A. K.**

**ABC/M Planning Committee Update**

(BPMC Board Report.docx***)***

*---no questions, no discussion.*

1. Technology –**Christina M.**

(BTC Report to BOT.docx)

*---no questions, no discussion.*

1. Publications & Distribution – **Christina M.**

**LCEP Subcommittee Update**

(BPDC/LCEP Report to BOT.docx)

*---much appreciation expressed for all the hard work on the Flowchart. More discussion under Item F of Elevated Priority Business.*

1. **Board Liaison Reports**
2. **Nancy –** CLC, CSpC *---Sponsorship committee is looking at virtual meeting sponsorship. Current BOT policy on no matching of sponsors to sponsees is still in effect, and the CSpC is adhering to it.*
3. **PA –** CAC, CDC *---The CDC has stabilized and is in process of creating a workshop on diversity.*
4. **Jay –** CFC, CMRC *---no questions, no discussion.*
5. **Seth –** CCC, Chairs Call *---no questions, no discussion.*
6. **Rick -** CHRC, CSTCC *---no questions, no discussion.*
7. **Christina –** CJC *---no questions, no discussion.*
8. **Gabriel –** CPIC, CTIOC *---no questions, no discussion.*
9. **Jaclyn -** CICC, CBC *---the CICC is not merging with the CSC. The CICC would like the FWS website to have links to individual intergroup websites. Any website requests, uploads, updating, etc. can now go to WMS@slaafws.org. The committee as a whole now takes a look at all suggestions, requests, and directives from Conference Committees and other members to continue to improve and expand our website.*
10. **Dormant –** CSC

**BUSINESS**

**ELEVATED PRIORITY:**

1. Discussion and review of March quarterly financials. – **Jay G.**

(Dropbox Folder –March 2021 Financial)

*---Detailed report provided, with the following highlights:*

* *Contributions are at 40% of revenue, with sales at 60%.*
* *Contributions have grown more than sales have declined.*
* *Sales in April were $16,000, contributions in April were $10,000.*
* *Minimal return on our prudent reserve due to the very low current interest rate.*
* *As of 3/31/21, $376,000 equity. The FWS is in sound financial shape.*

1. Discussion, review and approval of Board Orientation document from the BDC. – **Seth S.** (BOT Orientation 2021 – BDC approved.docx)

*---Document was discussed, with the following details and decision:*

* *The document was created by the BDC as an orientation guide for new BOT members. It will help them to understand the position duties and Board processes.*
* *It was suggested to get input from the CSTCC on it.*
* *It was mentioned that service emails should not have the individual’s last name or professional information.*
* *It was mentioned that an S.L.A.A. FWS email could be obtained by any BOT member. The individual would just need to ask the office for one.*
* *The vote to approve was tabled. BOT members to send suggestions for edits to the BDC, and the BDC will incorporate as applicable. Seth will bring revised version to next BOT meeting.*

1. Discussion of venue and dates for July Face-to-Face BOT meeting. – **Seth S.**

*---Discussion and agreeance on having a July Face to Face meeting. Proposal to meet in LA, but no decision made. Also, no decision made on exact date of the meeting.*

1. Discussion of response (if any) to open issues regarding the Whistleblower Complaint and other related issues. – **Seth S.**

*---Discussion and agreeance to move on from this issue. The BOT decided to close the case and end any further discussion about it. Seth stated that meeting with whistleblower will NOT occur until after the investigator letter has been sent.*

1. Review and discuss technology budget for 2021 ABC/M – **P.A. K / Christina M.***---tabled until next month.*
2. Discussion of LCEP Flowchart – **Christina M.**

(LCEP-2021-and Flowchart Proposal.pdf **and** Timeline for Feedback.pdf)

*---Report provided, with extensive discussion after. Following are details of both:*

* *LCEP has become an effective tool for the BOC in improving communication between the Board, conference and fellowship concerning new literature.*
* *The flowchart is proposed as a new process for getting literature vetted at the concept stage to see what potential it even has.*
* *The new process has a goal of bringing more complete literature to the conference and then to the Board. Ideally this would make less work for the BOT, and improve the quality of new literature being presented.*
* *The flowchart is very much in draft, and open for input / feedback.*
* *BOT members generally supported the flowchart, but had multiple suggestions for improvement or clarity.*
* *It was stated that clarification of Board input /authority is needed*
* *It was pointed out that the flowchart is dependent upon conference help with reviewing draft literature, the CLC has consistently had difficulty getting that help.*
* *It was also pointed out that the BOT is the publisher, and should still have final authority over what gets published.*
* *A request was made to simplify the flowchart and make it more understandable.*
* *It was asked what the BOT sees as the next step for this process and for the LCEP.*
* *BOT requested that the flowchart be revised to address the concerns stated, and brought back for Board review again.*

1. Discussion of YouTube videos attributable to S.L.A.A. and discussion of Social Media Policy for Fellowship. – **Gabriel G.** *---tabled until next meeting.*
2. Discussion and review of temporary “free shipping” program for orders over $75.00. – **Jay G.** *---tabled until next meeting.*
3. CSpC needs an update on BOT’s 2020 stance on “no matching” of sponsors to sponsees by third parties and more generally development of a Safety Statement for the Fellowship. – **Nancy G. and Jay G.** *---tabled until next meeting.*
4. Discussion of Role of Board Liaison to Conference Committees – **Seth S**. *---tabled until next meeting.*

1. Discussion around possible BOT virtual retreat to do strategic planning for the BOT and the Fellowship – **Seth S.** *---tabled until next meeting.*

**REGULAR PRIORITY:**

1. Working with a nonprofit corporation Intergroup – NY Intergroup, Houston and LA

*---tabled until next meeting.*

**Stop Recording** **(\*9)**

**Check-outs:** P.A.K., Nancy G., Jay G., Seth S., Rick S., Christina M., Gabriel G., Jacyln R., Jim B.

**Closing Prayer:**

*Higher Power- make me worthy to serve You through this Fellowship and the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. Help me to be generous with my time and effort, to give without counting the cost, to give back wholly for what I have so freely received without looking for any reward, other than that of knowing I have done your will. Through my service, may I give hope and peace to those who still suffer.* – **Jacyln R.**

**Meeting Schedule for Conference Year 2020-2021**

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| *~~12 Sept 20 – Regular~~* | *~~10 Oct 20 – Interim~~* | *~~14 Nov 20 – Regular~~* |
| *~~12 Dec 20 – Interim~~* | *~~9 Jan 21 – Regular~~* | *~~13 Feb 21 – Interim~~* |
| *~~13 Mar 21 - Regular~~****~~14~~* Mar 20 – Regular** | *~~10 Apr 21 – Interim~~* | *~~8 May 21 – Regular~~* |
| *12 Jun 21 – Interim* | 10 Jul 21 – Regular | F2F (?) |