1. **Opening Matters** 
   1. Check-Ins/Sobriety Statements - Jay G.(OH), Gabriel G. (CA), Hernan V. (CA), Suzanne D. (TX), Juanita J. (DC), Sam E. (NJ), Julie M. (CA), Phoenix M. (TX), Rick B. (FL), Jim B. (CA – non BOT Record Keeper), Pam Martin (Executive Director)
   2. Readings:
      * + [Twelve Concepts](https://slaafws.org/download/core-files/The_Twelve_Concepts_of_SLAA.pdf) - Concept Nine (Non-Chair Member with most seniority) – **Jay G.**
        + [Twelve Traditions](https://slaafws.org/download/core-files/The_Twelve_Traditions_of_SLAA.pdf)- Tradition Nine (Member next most seniority on the BOT) – **Gabriel G.**
        + **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*. – (Member with the third-most seniority on the BOT) **Hernan V.**

**Start Recording (\*9)**

1. **Assign roles**
   1. Facilitator – **Suzanne D.**
   2. Record Keeper – **Jim B. (non-BOT member)**
   3. Timekeeper – **Juanita J.**
   4. Spiritual Reminder – **All**
2. **Announcements**
   1. Discuss the President of the S.L.A.A. position and duties – **Suzanne D.** *---Suzanne is seeking more information concerning the duties of the position. Gabriel is currently taking on the President position until Suzanne has worked out any potential conflict of interest issues.*
3. **Approval of Today’s Agenda** (***BOT Agenda 09 10 2022***)  *---approved without discussion.*
4. **Approval of last Month’s Minutes**

* BOT Minutes 8-7&8-22, BOT Minutes 08-12-22 *----Agreed to postpone until next month’s Agenda to allow time for edits and member review of the revised minutes.*

1. **Monthly Action Items**
   1. Post preliminary Agenda for September 10, 2022 in DropBox. – **Suzanne D.** – (DONE)
   2. Post June Financial Report to the FWS Newsletter. – **Jay G.** - (DONE)
2. **Routine Reports**
   1. Suggestions to the Board *---None.*
   2. ED Report and ED Sales Summary – Pam Martin *---question raised concerning number of intergroups represented at the ABC/M. Pam will provide that information, with assistance from Jay G.*
   3. Technology Director’s Report *---Stated that the Report is very detailed and informative.*
3. **Board Committee Chair Reports**
4. Copyright Translation – **Julie M.** *---Discussed digital Basic Text from Brazil among other issues. Will be changing meeting time to accommodate member schedules.*
5. Development – **Suzanne D.** *---The BDC has not yet met. Seeking new non-BOT members.*
6. 7th Tradition Committee – **Phoenix G.**  *---Have not met yet. No questions, no discussion.*
7. Finance – **Jay G.** *---Will take inventory of all stock at beginning of October. Accountant may stop by FWS office to witness the process. Information gathered will then be provided to bookkeeper. If a significant discrepancy is noted, a re-count is conducted.*
8. HR/Personnel – **Juanita J.** *---Have not yet met. No questions, no discussion.*
9. Outreach – **Hernan V.** *---Gabriel has rotated off this committee. Four new non-BOT applicants will be presented to the BOT for approval. A Survey to the Fellowship is being completed, and will be submitted to the BOT for review and approval before end of calendar year.*
10. Programs and Memberships – **Gabriel G.** *---Has not met yet.* **T***he ABC/M PC has also not yet met.*
11. Technology – **Gabriel G.** *---Has not met yet. Might meet on Tuesday.*
12. Publications & Distribution – **Sam E.**

**LCEP Subcommittee Update**

*---Posted minutes of the BPDC meeting. Will be reviewing / editing the three pieces of literature that were approved at the ABC/M. Will be working on formatting some literature for digital sales. LCEP has not yet met. Will start meeting every Wednesday (except for BPDC meeting week).*

1. **Board Liaison Reports**
2. **Jay –**  CSC *---Committee has difficulty attracting members. More details in report.*
3. **Gabriel –** CDC *---New chair elected.*
4. **Hernan -** CHRC, CPIC

*---Steven is still the chair of the CHRC. That committee is working on a document that focuses on healthy relationships in meetings.*

*---CPIC has not yet met.*

1. **Suzanne –** CCC, Chairs

*---CCC elected new chair (Nora B.).*

*---Chairs committee meets quarterly for 2 hours. Next meeting will be in December.*

1. **Juanita –** CICC *---CICC has not released minutes yet from the Virtual Intergroup Forum.*
2. **Sam –** CLC, CSTCC

*---CLC is very busy, with about 11 members on it.*

*---CSTCC did not meet in August (other than at the ABC/M).*

1. **Julie –** CJC, CSPC, CTIOC

*---CJC did not meet due to lack of attendance, will try again.*

*---CSPC met and discussed a workshop and PowerPoint document about sponsorship.*

*---CTIOC will meet later this month.*

1. **Phoenix** – CFC, CAC

*---CFC has not met yet.*

*---CAC working on cleanup of booklets. Discussion about fantasy being a form of anorexia. Currently being run by the Vice Chair.*

1. **Rick –** CBC, CMRC

*---By-Law revisions approved at the ABC/M. More revisions were being worked on, and then hopefully will be submitted to the ARS for the next ABC/M. CBC has not met yet. Not clear who will chair the committee.*

*---CMRC has not met yet.*

**---Pam Martin left at the end of this discussion.**

**BUSINESS**

**ELEVATED PRIORITY:**

1. Final action on 2022-23 FWS Budget. – **Jay G.**

*---The BFC started looking at budget in May, and worked on it through July. The preliminary budget was presented to and reviewed by the BOT at the face-to-face meeting in August. The BOT provided approval for certain components, and direction to make changes on others. Revisions were made, and the final budget is complete. Discussion as follows:*

* *Concern that the hybrid ABC/M costs may not be fully included in the budget. Noted that since the fellowship has never done one before, the numbers are only educated estimates.*
* *Further noted that the budget necessarily includes income estimates for 7th tradition contributions and literature sales.*
* *Concern raised about the budget reflecting a loss of $11,000. Question asked on how that would be covered. Response provided that it would come from cash on hand, which is approximately $70,000 at present..*

*---Motion made to allocate $3,000 to the conference committees (instead of $1,500). Motion was not seconded. No further action taken.*

* *Stated that the BOT wants to reduce shipping costs, and that board committees and staff will be looking into ways to accomplish that.*

*---Motion made to approve budget, as proposed, for fiscal year 2022-23. Motion seconded with vote as follows: 7 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstain. Motion passed.*

*---Minority report taken. Concern that lowering the amount appropriated to the conference committee’s is disrespectful to the conference. Also noted that having a deficit budget could lead to financial troubles and is irresponsible. New vote taken, with the following outcome: 5 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstain. Motion passed.*

1. Authorize ABC/M travel assistance reimbursement payments. – **Jay G.**

*---Board approved a travel assistance, but there has been no action taken to make any payments. Seeking board input / approval for the travel assistance, and how much the board is willing to approve ($775 or $1,775) for split between delegates. Discussion as follows:*

* *Support for reaching out to the delegates about this potential refund.*
* *Requested that an email go out to delegates letting them know it is available.*
* *Stated that a deep discount was provided to delegates for registration, which works better than the TEF process.*
* *Question raised about the extra $1,000 raised from the auction at the ABC/M. Stated that monies raised during the auction were typically given entirely to the FWS.*
* *Noted that $775 split between multiple delegates will only provide a small amount to any one delegate.*
* *Noted that there are administrative costs for processing and then sending out these payments.*

***---Hernan V. left the meeting at this point and was not present for the vote.***

*---Motion made to allocate $785.50 to travel assistance as previously determined, and to solicit applications from delegates (who traveled over 500 miles) for the monies, and to allow a reasonable time for their applications to be received. Motion seconded, with vote as follows: 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain.*

***Motion made to extend meeting by 10 minutes. Vote as follows: 6 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstain. Motion passed, meeting extended.***

1. Discuss non-BOT board committee members for approval (specifically Cara L. and Ava H. for BFC). **– Suzanne D.** *---general discussion on the issue as follows:*

* *Concern that non-BOT candidates could be on a committee without approval.*
* *Suggested to vote via email thread.*
* *Recommended that each candidate be reviewed separately.*
* *General consensus that qualified program members (as determined by the BOT) should be supported to be non-BOT members of board committees.*
* *Requesting clarity on what minimum qualifications are needed for board committee service.*
* *Concern that creating a template for board committee service could limit flexibility in choosing individuals to meet specific needs at a specific time.*
* *Requested that the BOT keep an open mind about potential new members.*

*---Motion made to approve Cara L as a non-BOT member for the BFC, subject to a 90-day probation period. Motion seconded, with vote as follows: 8 in support, 0 opposed, 0 abstain.*

1. Review and discuss ABC/M. – **Gabriel G.** *---tabled until the next meeting.*

**REGULAR PRIORITY:**

1. Review of Board Self-Assessment. – **Suzanne D.** *---tabled until the next meeting.*
2. Setting Board Committee Goals. – **Suzanne D.** *---tabled until the next meeting.*
3. ED Access. – **Suzanne D.** *---tabled until the next meeting.*

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

**Check-outs:** Jay G., Gabriel G., Juanita J., Sam E., Julie M., Phoenix G., Rick B., Suzanne D., 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.* – **Rick B.**

**Meeting Schedule for Conference Year 2022-2023**

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| *~~10 Sept 22 – Regular~~* | *8 Oct 22 – Interim* | *12 Nov 22 – Regular* |
| *10 Dec 22 – Interim* | *14 Jan 23 – Regular* | *11 Feb 23 – Interim* |
| *11 Mar 23 - Regular* | *8 Apr 23 – Interim* | *13 May 23 – Regular* |
| *10 Jun 23 – Interim* | 8 Jul 23 – Regular | F2F (TBD) 2023 |