Summary of Business Meeting Items Decisions for 2013 ABM

13n01/13-01 Item for Discussion: For the time of the year the ABM is held to be changed; e.g., ABM to be held outside of school holidays and main holiday season such as June or September instead of July or August. 13n02/13-02 Item for Discussion: The Conference Anorexia Committee (CAC) would like Conference feedback regarding designating the What is Anorexia document (see Attachment 1) as a Core Document of S.L.A.A. 13n03/13-03 Motion: To ratify the Board of Trustee's formation, in May 2013, as a Texas nonprofit corporation entitled "The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc.," and for the Board of Trustee's to take all actions proper and necessary to move the state of incorporation from Massachusetts to Texas. 13n04/13-04 Motion: To adopt the attached as the By-Laws of the newly incorporated "The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc.", a Texas non-profit Corporation, which "mirror" the By-Laws of the existing Massachusetts Corporation, except in the title of the Corporation, the references to "Clerk" which have been replaced with "Secretary," and the references to "Clerk" which have been replaced with "Secretary," and the references to "Clerk" which have been replaced with "Secretary," and the references to "Clerk" which have been replaced with "Secretary," and the references to "Clerk" which have been replaced on the Articles of "Organization" which have been replaced with Articles of "Corporation," (see Attachment 2) 13n05/13-05 Motion: To change the By-Laws, to incorporate the "12 Concepts for World Service" into Article 1 - Purpose, Section 4. Section 4 - Twelve Concepts for World Service for use at the Fellowship-Wide service level: 1. Ultimate responsibility and authority for S.L.A.A. world services always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship. 2. The Annual Business Conference, by delegation, is the voice and conscience for our world services and of S.L.A.A. the Conference, the Board of Trustees, staff, and	# of the Motion/IFD	Motion or IFD	Result of the Vote	Pass/Fail
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	policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, including their ability to hire staff. 9. Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership must be assumed by the Board of Trustees. 10. Every service responsibility is matched by equal service authority – the scope of this authority is always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and by-laws. 11. The trustees need the best possible committees, staff, and consultants. 12. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, systems of rotation, and rights and duties are always matters of serious concern. 13. The Conference observes the spirit of S.L.A.A. Tradition, a. taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; b. that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; c. that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; d. that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; e. that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; f. that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Fellowship it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.		
13n06/13-06	 Motion: To change the By-Laws in Article V – The Fellowship-Wide Services S.L.A.A. Conference Charter, Section 8 – Definitions: Deletion of the word "Conference" from "Board Conference Committee" and change the word "Committee" to the plural form to correct an error intended to reference Board Committees. Article VI – Board of Trustees, Section 5 - Regular Meetings: add that regular Board meetings are also held by "telephone conference." Article VI – Board of Trustees, Section 7 - Notice of Meetings: remove notice to Board Members by telegram, and include email notice. 	36-0-1	Passed
13n07/13-07	Motion: To change By-Laws in ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF TRUSTEES Section 2 - Number, Tenure and Qualifications That the numbers of Trustees change to twelve instead of nine. Section 13 - Board Finance and Operating Committee That the Board Finance and Operating Committee become the Board Finance Committee and consist of at least two members of the Board of Trustees and other persons as designated by the Board. The Board Finance Committee would have responsibility for preparing the financial statements	25-12	Tabled

	and serve as the audit committee.		
	That sections 14 and 15 be stricken from the By-laws:		
	Section 14 - Board Governance and Nominating Committee		
	Section 15 - Board Public Relations Committee		
13n08/13-08	Item For Discussion: The Agenda Review Subcommittee (ARS) would like feedback from the Conference regarding what constitutes "S.L.A.A. Literature" that must go through the Conference Literature Approval Process prior to being submitted in a Motion for the Conference approval. The members of the ARS want feedback from the Conference to help guide them in creating a definition or list of criteria for items that must go to the CLC and through the Conference Literature Approval Process.	IFD	See minutes for summary of discussion
13n09/13-09	Item For Discussion: The Conference Finance Committee is submitting the following Item for discussion: Should we raise the maximum amount an individual may contribute directly to the Fellowship-Wide Services general fund in any given fiscal year from \$12,000 to a higher amount?	IFD	See minutes for summary of discussion
13n10/13-10	Item For Discussion: Request discussion on the possibility of canceling the face-to-face Annual Conference and hold a special Conference meeting instead, if the agenda has fewer than five (5) motions.	IFD	See minutes for summary of discussion
13n11/13-11	Item For Discussion: To discuss the possibility of group travel arrangements for any Annual Conference outside of the North American continent.	IFD	See minutes for summary of discussion
13n12/13-12	Item For Discussion: The Greater Delaware Valley (GDVI) submits that the 40 Questions, while an excellent diagnostic tool, no longer accurately reflects the issues that Sex and Love Addicts encounter when addressing our addiction. GDVI suggests that the Questions be reviewed for revision so that they may more accurately reflect both the addiction, and the rationale behind the addiction.	IFD	See minutes for summary of discussion
13n13/13-13	Item For Discussion: The Inspiration Line is a service that has been provided by the Greater Delaware Valley Intergroup (GDVI) to the SLAA Fellowship for over 27 years. The Inspiration Line has become a critical tool of our recovery and growth in the SLAA program. GDVI submits this motion propose that the SLAA Inspiration Line as a conference Approved Service.	*Originally submitted as motion and changed to IFD on the floor	See minutes for summary of discussion