

GENERAL INFORMATION

2021 Virtual Annual Business Conference/Meeting (ABC/M)

Tuesday, August 3 – Friday, August 6, 2021

All times based on Central Time (CT) in San Antonio, TX

For more detailed information: <https://slaafws.org/abminfo>

THEME

Seventh (7) Tradition of S.L.A.A.—“Every S.L.A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.”

PURPOSE AND PARTICIPATION

The Annual Business Conference (ABC) is the once a year event at which S.L.A.A. members and other members of our service structure convene to conduct the Annual Business Meeting (ABM). The ABM refers to the business conducted during General Assemblies over a four-day period. This portion of the ABC is where members of the Conference participate in discussing Items (IFDs) and voting on Motions to provide consensus and direction to Fellowship-Wide Services. More importantly, the ABC is dedicated to forming community-wide group conscience and supporting service and recovery within the S.L.A.A. program.

The Conference is the voting body of Delegate members of S.L.A.A. Intergroups/Groups worldwide, members of the Board of Trustees (BOT), members of the F.W.S. Senior and Administrative Staff, the Chair of the Conference Charter Committee and *the Journal* Editor. Every S.L.A.A. member is welcome to attend all Conference functions; however, only Conference members will be allowed to vote during the ABM General Assemblies. If you are planning to attend the ABM, but do not wish to act as a Delegate you may need to pay some Conference fees—see below.

REGISTRATION FEES

DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS	FEE
DELEGATES	Voting Attendees	\$190
NON-DELEGATES/ OBSERVERS	Non-Voting Attendees	\$100
Late registration fee after Sat June 19, 2021	Add	\$ 25
TOTAL		

All Registration Forms must be received by Saturday June 19, 2021

Registrations received after the deadline incur extra fees and will be sent a Digital Binder only.

VIRTUAL PLATFORM

The Virtual ABM will be conducted in a customized platform to facilitate the specific needs of voting and discussion of IFDs and Motions. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

CANCELLATION POLICY

- Cancellation made **by Saturday June 19** will be fully refunded.
- Cancellation made **after Saturday June 19** will not be refunded.

MISCELLANEOUS

ABC/M Binders: The ABC/M Binder contains all the documents you will need to participate in the 2021 ABC/M. Delegates who register before the deadline of June 19 will have a choice of a mailed Print Binder, Digital Binder, or both. Non-Delegate Observers and late registrants after the **June 19** deadline will receive the Digital Binder only. If you are using the Digital Binder ([see a previous example here](#)), a second device is recommended such as a tablet, as you will need to refer to the Binder often while participating in the ABC/M.

Anonymity and Disclosure: The work of the Conference occurs all year long, not only at the ABC/M. During the year, the full Conference and other members of Conference Committees need to communicate with each other. As a member of the Conference, please understand that phone numbers and email addresses are distributed to Conference members and members of Conference Committees only if you sign the Anonymity and Disclosure Statement Form. Please protect the anonymity of all members and do not share this information with those outside the Conference or Conference Committees.

Mentors: Experienced Conference members are needed to work with new Delegates to help them through the ABC/M and its process. The CCC matches experienced and new Conference members prior to the ABC to answer questions and explain the process of the ABC/M. If you are willing to be a mentor and help a new Delegate through the process, please indicate this on the Registration Form.

Conference Charter Committee (CCC): This Conference Committee works with the BOT and the F.W.S. Office to facilitate the ABC/M, create the agenda and information packets for the participants and act as liaison to the Conference Committees. The CCC generally Chairs the ABC/M and is made up of past and current Delegates as well as current and former BOT members and others. To discuss the ABC/M schedule or the ABM Agenda contact the CCC Chair, through the F.W.S. Office.

F.W.S. Office: Any questions, contact the F.W.S. Office at 1-210-828-7900 or email abm2021@slaafws.org.

ABC/M SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - To Be Announced

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