

## GENERAL INFORMATION

for the *Virtual* 2025 Annual Business Conference/Meeting (ABC/M)  
Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (U.S.)  
All times based on U.S. Central Time (CT) in San Antonio, TX  
(location of the F.W.S. Office) - For your local time, use [www.worldtimebuddy.com](http://www.worldtimebuddy.com)  
For more detailed information: <https://slaafws.org/abminfo>

### THEME

**Tradition 11:** “Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, TV, film, and other public media. We need guard with special care the anonymity of all fellow S.L.A.A. members.”

### 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 **four days**. 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 refers to the voting body of the ABM as outlined in the By-Laws, Article V, Section 8c, which includes “delegate members, members of the Board of Trustees, senior staff as interpreted by the Board of Trustees, members of the F.W.S. 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 non-business events (such as speaker meetings, Conference Committee sessions, and entertainment); however, only registered members may attend the ABM General Assemblies.

### REGISTRATION FEES

REGISTRATION TYPE	DESCRIPTION	FEE
DELEGATES	Voting Attendees	\$250 USD
NON-DELEGATES & OBSERVERS	Non-Voting Attendees	\$125 USD
LATE REGISTRATION FEE*	After June 23, 2025	+\$25 USD

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If a group or individual is requesting financial assistance, please request financial aid from the F.W.S. Executive Director by emailing [generalmanager@slaafws.org](mailto:generalmanager@slaafws.org) with:

- Your first name and last initial
- Whether you are attending as a delegate or non-delegate observer
- Information about any group or intergroup you are representing
- (optional) Your location (if not evident from the intergroup name) for reporting purposes only.

\* All Registration Forms must be received by Monday, June 23, 2025. Late submissions incur extra fees.  
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## VIRTUAL PLATFORM

The Virtual ABM will be conducted via an online meeting platform to facilitate the specific needs of voting and discussion of IFDs and Motions. More information is forthcoming.

**REQUIRED: All ABM Delegates and Observers must use a Zoom-ready laptop or desktop computer with a working webcam.** Smartphones and tablets are not compatible with ABC/M functions.

Digital binders will be provided to all registered attendees.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

- Cancellations made **up to and including Monday, June 23rd**, will be fully refunded.
- Cancellations made **after Monday, June 23rd**, will not be refunded.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**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 via the F.W.S. Website.

### ABC/M SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - To Be Announced

### Conference Committee Chairs Meetings - To Be Announced

**Conference Committee Sessions – To Be Announced** All members are welcome. There is no registration fee to attend.

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