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Executive Director's Report

Greetings from the F.W.S. Office in colorful San Antonio, Texas! The weather here is lovely, and everyone is out and about riding bikes, running, and cheering on their San Antonio Spurs in the NBA Western Conference Finals. (By the time you read this, the Spurs and Golden State Warriors series will be over...so I am sending a hearty "good game!!" to all the Warriors fans!)

We have had a great spring here at the office. In addition to shipping orders, answering calls, and so forth, we are also busily preparing for ABM 2017. It is hard to believe we will be at ABM in roughly 8 weeks from now! Where did the past year go? There is so much to do, but the team here (shout-out to Hector and Christina!) works like a well-oiled machine when it comes to ABM prep. They have been packing up inventory, ordering supplies, counting badge ribbons, photocopying reports, making index dividers, and generally keeping me sane for the past three ABMs. This July's event will be my fourth ABM, and I am thankful every day for my staff's tremendous effort and shiny, happy smiles.

Speaking of ABM... If you have not yet registered to attend, please do not wait until the last minute to do so. Much of our preparation and budgeting is based on the number of attendees (e.g., how many binders to order, how many badges to prepare, how many meals and hotel rooms are needed, etc.) so having accurate numbers early in the process really helps.

I get rather excited when I see an ABM registration pop up in my in-box, whether it contains a familiar name or the name of a new delegate I haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet. (If you are a new delegate attending for the first time, I look forward to meeting you very soon!) As of the writing of this report, we have received registrations from 34 delegates, representing 26 different intergroups in the U.S. and four other countries. That is pretty exciting!

In Service,
Pam Martin,
Executive Director
May 19, 2017

Board Chair's Report

Nancy G. (CA) was appointed to an open two-year term on the Board of Trustees. (When people are appointed, they are appointed to the shortest available open term.) She is serving on the Board Finance Committee and the Board Programs and Membership Committee. She will act as the Board liaison to the Conference Service Committee and the Conference Sponsorship Committee.

The Board has also created the Board Fellowship Self-supporting Committee. This committee has been assigned the task of developing ways to ensure that money is raised for the operation of the Fellowship and that this is done in a manner consistent with our Seventh Tradition. They are also going to be implementing the targeted giving program that was approved at last year's ABC/M. Earl D. (TX) is chairing the committee and Rick B. (FL) is the other Board member on the committee. The Board has also appointed Jay G. (OH) and Curtis B. (MA) as non-BOT members of the committee.

We look forward to, and are currently working to prepare for, the ABC/M which will be held on July 25 – 28, 2017, in Framingham, MA. This year, the business meeting is expected to be quite busy.

I thank all of you for the service you provide to our Fellowship.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob G., Board Chair

Board Committees

Board Finance Committee (BFC) Report

The BFC has met three times since the last report, February 27th, March 27th, and April 24th.

Since the last report, this committee reviewed the March 31, 2017 financials and meeting minutes for January, February and March 2017 and forwarded these to the BOT for their review and approval. We are currently working on policies to codify the use of funds donated for scholarship purposes for the ABC/M and IRC.

Earl D. has left the committee and we have been joined by our newest BOT Member, Nancy G., who has been a great asset to the committee already.

Following this report you will find the Financial Statements for September 30, 2016 and 2015 with Independent Auditors' Report on pages 4-14 of this newsletter.

In addition, the Balance Sheet (pages 15-16) and the Profit and Loss (pages 17-19) for October 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017 are provided.

Membership:

Chair:	Rich K
BOT Members:	Bob G., Nancy G.
Non-BOT Members:	Dave G., Lindsey H.

Respectfully submitted,
Rich K.
May 16, 2017

Editor's Note: The 2016-17 Approved Budget was submitted for the March 2017 issue of the **F.W.S. Newsletter** but was inadvertently left out by this editor and is provided on pages 20-23. Please forgive the inconvenience.

**THE AUGUSTINE FELLOWSHIP, S.L.A.A.,
FELLOWSHIP-WIDE SERVICES, INC.**

Financial Statements

September 30, 2016 and 2015

(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)



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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Trustees

The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets – modified cash basis as of September 30, 2016 and 2015, and the related statement of support, expenses, and changes in net assets – modified cash basis, cash flows – modified cash basis and functional expenses – modified cash basis for the years then ended and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc. as of September 30, 2016 and 2015, and its support, expenses, and changes in its net assets, cash flows and functional expenses for the years then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

November 19, 2016

William, Gao, Moe, LLP

THE AUGUSTINE FELLOWSHIP, S.L.A.A., FELLOWSHIP-WIDE SERVICES, INC.
Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis
September 30, 2016 and 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 99,325	151,530
Investments	190,929	188,213
Other	2,449	912
Book deposits	8,447	3,093
Inventory	<u>30,521</u>	<u>32,508</u>
Total current assets	331,671	376,253
Property and equipment, net	<u>13,991</u>	<u>7,641</u>
	<u><u>\$ 345,662</u></u>	<u><u>383,894</u></u>
 <u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u> 		
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	<u>345,662</u>	<u>383,894</u>
Total net assets	<u><u>345,662</u></u>	<u><u>383,894</u></u>
	<u><u>\$ 345,662</u></u>	<u><u>383,894</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

THE AUGUSTINE FELLOWSHIP, S.L.A.A., FELLOWSHIP-WIDE SERVICES, INC.
Statement of Support, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis
Years Ended September 30, 2016 and 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Revenues and support:		
Sale of inventory	\$ 228,928	255,701
Contributions	88,595	102,454
Conferences	70,157	72,314
Licenses and royalties	-	2,425
Investment income	2,715	2,900
Gain on sale of asset	598	-
Total revenues and support	<u>390,993</u>	<u>435,794</u>
Expenses:		
Program service	367,308	304,645
Management and general	61,917	61,592
Total expenses	<u>429,225</u>	<u>366,237</u>
Increase (decrease) in unrestricted net assets	(38,232)	69,557
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>383,894</u>	<u>314,337</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 345,662</u>	<u>383,894</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

THE AUGUSTINE FELLOWSHIP, S.L.A.A., FELLOWSHIP-WIDE SERVICES, INC.
Statement of Cash Flows – Modified Cash Basis
Years Ended September 30, 2016 and 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Sale of inventory, contributions, and conference fees	\$ 386,139	430,469
Cash received from licensing and royalties	-	2,425
Cash paid to employees	(105,361)	(89,909)
Cash paid to suppliers of goods and services	(322,183)	(272,974)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>(41,405)</u>	<u>70,011</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of mutual funds	-	(347,759)
Sale of mutual funds	-	347,669
Purchase of property and equipment	(11,800)	-
Sale of property and equipment	1,000	-
Net cash used by investing activities	<u>(10,800)</u>	<u>(90)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(52,205)	69,921
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>151,530</u>	<u>81,609</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 99,325</u>	<u>151,530</u>
Reconciliation of changes in net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ (38,232)	\$ 69,557
Reconciliation adjustments:		
Dividends reinvested	(1,364)	(1,716)
Unrealized gain on investments	(1,352)	(1,184)
Depreciation	5,048	3,242
Gain on sale of property and equipment	(598)	-
Increase (decrease) in other assets	(1,540)	112
Decrease in inventory	1,987	-
Increase in book deposits	(5,354)	-
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ (41,405)</u>	<u>\$ 70,011</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

THE AUGUSTINE FELLOWSHIP, S.L.A.A., FELLOWSHIP-WIDE SERVICES, INC.
Statement of Functional Expenses – Modified Cash Basis
Years Ended September 30, 2016 and 2015

	2016				2015			
	Program Service	Management and General	Fund Raising	Total	Program Service	Management and General	Fund Raising	Total
Salaries	\$ 100,093	5,268	-	105,361	85,414	4,495	-	89,909
Cost of goods sold	39,151	-	-	39,151	43,704	-	-	43,704
Rent	14,334	21,502	-	35,836	14,032	21,049	-	35,081
Contract services	31,478	5,555	-	37,033	28,837	5,089	-	33,926
ABC/M accommodation	56,287	-	-	56,287	26,509	-	-	26,509
Shipping	25,945	-	-	25,945	25,898	-	-	25,898
ABC/M conference	26,853	-	-	26,853	18,648	-	-	18,648
Professional fees	-	8,150	-	8,150	-	11,028	-	11,028
BOT conference expense	15,084	-	-	15,084	10,486	-	-	10,486
Vendor fees	10,903	-	-	10,903	10,328	-	-	10,328
IRC Conference	15,267	-	-	15,267	10,069	-	-	10,069
BOT expenses	7,866	874	-	8,740	7,061	785	-	7,846
Payroll taxes	7,627	401	-	8,028	6,916	364	-	7,280
Printing and production	4,306	479	-	4,785	5,786	643	-	6,429
Supplies	281	4,405	-	4,686	350	5,173	-	5,523
Property insurance	1,844	2,767	-	4,611	2,016	3,024	-	5,040
Miscellaneous	3,378	2,764	-	6,142	2,562	2,085	-	4,647
FWS website	3,146	1,049	-	4,195	2,567	856	-	3,423
Telephone	950	2,850	-	3,800	819	2,456	-	3,275
Depreciation	-	5,048	-	5,048	-	3,242	-	3,242
Postage and delivery	758	190	-	948	1,071	268	-	1,339
Payroll accounting	1,031	54	-	1,085	1,008	53	-	1,061
Property tax	-	531	-	531	-	941	-	941
Payroll expenses	551	16	-	567	372	20	-	392
Bank charges and fees	114	14	-	128	186	21	-	207
Travel and meetings	61	-	-	61	-	-	-	-
Inventory adjustment	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	6
Total expenses	\$ 367,308	61,917	-	429,225	304,645	61,592	-	366,237

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

THE AUGUSTINE FELLOWSHIP, S.L.A.A., FELLOWSHIP-WIDE SERVICES, INC.
Notes to Financial Statements
September 30, 2016 and 2015

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Organization

The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc. (the Fellowship) is a non-profit organization that is associated with Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, or S.L.A.A., which is a Twelve Step, Twelve Tradition oriented fellowship of men and women who help each other to stay sober. They offer help to anyone who has a sex addiction or love addiction or both and want to do something about it. The S.L.A.A. groups have a special understanding of each other and the disease, and they have learned how to recover through The Twelve Steps of S.L.A.A.

The Fellowship, like all other S.L.A.A. groups, is a self-supporting organization that does not accept outside contributions, and has no required dues or fees for membership. The Fellowship is supported primarily through voluntary contributions from members and sales of S.L.A.A. literature.

The Fellowship is exempt from Federal income tax under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Fellowship have been prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting. Under this method of accounting, revenues and the related assets are recognized when received and expenses are recognized when paid. Property and equipment purchased or financed is capitalized and depreciated over the assets' estimated useful lives. Cash received in borrowing transactions and payroll taxes withheld are recorded as liabilities.

Basis of Presentation

The Fellowship reports information regarding its financial position and activities based upon the existence or absence of restrictions that are place by its donors according to the following three classes of net assets:

Unrestricted net assets – These resources are available to support operations and have no restrictions beyond the broad limits resulting from the nature of the organization.

Temporarily restricted net assets – These resources are restricted by a donor to be used for a particular purpose or to be used in a particular future period.

Permanently restricted net assets – These resources are restricted by a donor that will neither expire by use in a particular purpose or by the passage of time.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

THE AUGUSTINE FELLOWSHIP, S.L.A.A., FELLOWSHIP-WIDE SERVICES, INC.
Notes to Financial Statements
September 30, 2016 and 2015

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Revenue Recognition

The Fellowship records contributions received as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted depending on the existence and nature of any donor restrictions.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash equivalents include all highly liquid debt instruments with original maturities of three months or less.

Allocation of Functional Expenses

Functional expenses are allocated on the basis of estimates of management. These estimates are based primarily on the nature of the expenses concerned and percentages of professional time allocated between program services, management and general expenses, and fund raising.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment, including leasehold improvements, are recorded at cost, if purchased, or if donated, at the fair market value at the date of the donation. Acquisitions of furniture and equipment in excess of \$400 are capitalized, repair and maintenance items are expensed. Depreciation for furniture and equipment is recorded using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives.

Leasehold improvements are depreciated using the straight-line method over the shorter of the useful lives of the improvements or the anticipated lease renewal period.

Investments

Investments are stated at quoted market value and unrealized gains and losses are included in the change in net assets.

Inventory

Inventory consists of literature and supplies held for resale to support group members. Inventory is carried at the lower of cost (using FIFO) or market.

THE AUGUSTINE FELLOWSHIP, S.L.A.A., FELLOWSHIP-WIDE SERVICES, INC.
Notes to Financial Statements
September 30, 2016 and 2015

(2) Furniture and Equipment

Furniture and equipment are summarized as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Furniture and equipment	\$ 47,667	38,885
Leasehold improvements	<u>10,600</u>	<u>10,600</u>
Total furniture and equipment	58,267	49,485
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>44,276</u>	<u>41,844</u>
Furniture and equipment, net	<u>\$ 13,991</u>	<u>7,641</u>

(3) Investments

The Financial Accounting Standards Board provides a framework for measuring fair value. That framework establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements).

The Fellowship's investments consisted of publicly traded money-market mutual funds totaling \$190,929 at September 30, 2016 and \$188,213 at September 30, 2015, respectively. Investments are reported at fair value using a Level 1 measure. Investment income is comprised of the following for the years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Reinvested dividends	\$ -	1,716
Unrealized gain on marketable securities	<u>2,715</u>	<u>1,184</u>
	<u>\$ 2,715</u>	<u>2,900</u>

The following methods and assumptions were used to determine the fair value of each class of financial instruments:

Cash equivalents—Fair value approximates carrying value due to the initial maturities of the instruments being three months or less.

Investments—Fair values of investments are determined based on quoted market prices.

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THE AUGUSTINE FELLOWSHIP, S.L.A.A., FELLOWSHIP-WIDE SERVICES, INC.
Notes to Financial Statements
September 30, 2016 and 2015

(3) Investments (Continued)

The fair values of the Organization's financial instruments at September 30, 2016 and 2015 are as follows:

		2016	
		Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Financial Assets:			
	Cash	\$ 99,325	99,325
	Investments	190,929	190,929

		2015	
		Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Financial Assets:			
	Cash	\$ 151,530	151,530
	Investments	188,213	188,213

(4) Leases

The Fellowship leases office space under a non-cancelable operating lease that expires on May 31, 2021. The total rent expense was \$35,836 and \$35,081 for the years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Following are the future lease payments for the five years ending after September 30, 2016:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2017	\$ 40,212
2018	40,408
2019	41,000
2020	41,600
2021	<u>31,500</u>
	<u>\$ 194,720</u>

(5) Subsequent Events

Subsequent events were evaluated through November 19, 2016, the date on which the audit report was available to be issued.

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Accrual Basis

The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Service
Balance Sheet - Monthly
As of March 31, 2017

	Oct 31, 16	Nov 30, 16	Dec 31, 16	Jan 31, 17	Feb 28, 17	Mar 31, 17
ASSETS						
Current Assets						
Checking/Savings						
10300 · BofA 1117 Texas Corp	111,024.41	120,143.86	112,702.72	119,130.20	118,781.23	119,959.48
10400 · Vanguard Prudent Reserve Fund	190,970.37	191,013.72	191,070.81	191,140.19	191,206.97	191,289.67
10903 · Petty Cash-Pam Martin	248.29	212.30	102.56	263.75	234.35	211.45
Total Checking/Savings	302,243.07	311,369.88	303,876.09	310,534.14	310,222.55	311,460.60
Accounts Receivable						
11200 · Accounts Receivable	-79.00	-801.40	-117.05	1,853.00	1,853.00	1,853.00
Total Accounts Receivable	-79.00	-801.40	-117.05	1,853.00	1,853.00	1,853.00
Other Current Assets						
12000 · Undeposited Funds-Operating Acc	823.79	24.65	12.35	12.55	12.35	12.35
12010 · Undeposited Account-Amaزون	461.09	474.87	422.21	767.00	787.53	1,383.70
12020 · Undeposited Funds-Paypal	2,719.54	3,859.07	5,581.61	6,330.32	7,509.50	8,939.30
12100 · Inventory Asset	40,239.21	36,678.59	34,564.74	31,941.55	29,851.52	35,439.14
13000 · Prepaid Expenses	3,068.01	3,068.01	3,068.01	3,068.01	3,068.01	3,068.01
Total Other Current Assets	47,311.64	44,105.19	43,648.92	42,119.43	41,228.91	48,842.50
Total Current Assets	349,475.71	354,673.67	347,407.96	354,506.57	353,304.46	362,156.10
Fixed Assets						
15000* · Buildings and Equipment	60,284.97	60,284.97	60,284.97	60,284.97	60,284.97	60,284.97
17100 · Accum Depreciation	-41,843.79	-41,843.79	-41,843.79	-41,843.79	-41,843.79	-41,843.79
Total Fixed Assets	18,441.18	18,441.18	18,441.18	18,441.18	18,441.18	18,441.18
TOTAL ASSETS	367,916.89	373,114.85	365,849.14	372,947.75	371,745.64	380,597.28

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Accrual Basis

The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Service
Balance Sheet - Monthly
As of March 31, 2017

	Oct 31, 16	Nov 30, 16	Dec 31, 16	Jan 31, 17	Feb 28, 17	Mar 31, 17
LIABILITIES & EQUITY						
Liabilities						
Current Liabilities						
Accounts Payable						
20100 · Accounts Payable	272.14	872.18	-352.07	43.23	400.90	-352.07
Total Accounts Payable	272.14	872.18	-352.07	43.23	400.90	-352.07
Other Current Liabilities						
25000 · Sales Tax Payable	-243.03	-186.85	-496.96	-617.63	-604.41	-577.21
Total Other Current Liabilities	-243.03	-186.85	-496.96	-617.63	-604.41	-577.21
Total Current Liabilities	29.11	685.33	-849.03	-574.40	-203.51	-929.28
Total Liabilities	29.11	685.33	-849.03	-574.40	-203.51	-929.28
Equity						
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	352,415.88	352,415.88	352,415.88	352,415.88	352,415.88	352,415.88
Net Income	15,471.90	20,013.64	14,282.29	21,106.27	19,533.27	29,110.68
Total Equity	367,887.78	372,429.52	366,698.17	373,522.15	371,949.15	381,526.56
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>367,916.89</u>	<u>373,114.85</u>	<u>365,849.14</u>	<u>372,947.75</u>	<u>371,745.64</u>	<u>380,597.28</u>

The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Service

Profit & Loss

October 2016 through March 2017

	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
40000 · ABC/M Income							
40100 · ABC/M Fundraiser Income	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
40200 · ABC/M Registration	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,625.00	10,040.18	12,665.18
40300 · ABC/M TEF Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	1,500.00	1,950.00
40400 · ABC/M Scholarship Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Total 40000 · ABC/M Income	20.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	3,075.00	11,540.18	14,735.18
41000 · IRC Income							
41300 · IRC Scholarship fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Total 41000 · IRC Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
42000 · Contribution Income							
42100 · Groups	4,521.55	2,625.31	2,319.20	8,041.44	2,530.44	1,955.75	21,993.69
42200 · Individuals	12,894.00	559.00	720.20	4,633.70	656.50	486.00	19,949.40
42300 · Intergroups	1,158.00	6,031.11	1,509.22	4,748.73	726.82	400.00	14,573.88
Total 42000 · Contribution Income	18,573.55	9,215.42	4,548.62	17,423.87	3,913.76	2,841.75	56,516.97
45000 · Investments							
45020 · Change in Investment Account	41.59	43.35	57.09	69.38	66.78	82.70	360.89
Total 45000 · Investments	41.59	43.35	57.09	69.38	66.78	82.70	360.89
48999 · Merchandise & Other Income							
49000 · Sales Income	19,072.62	20,661.05	12,720.12	18,177.77	12,584.93	15,860.59	99,077.08
49010 · E-Book Income	1,345.40	1,226.39	1,476.23	2,011.60	962.88	1,419.37	8,441.87
49015 · E Journal Income	153.50	134.00	117.26	74.50	107.62	38.00	624.88
49050 · Journal	294.00	248.00	160.00	299.00	302.00	292.00	1,595.00
49100 · Shipping	2,828.22	2,164.14	1,846.89	2,971.99	1,770.30	2,172.82	13,754.36
49110 · Subsidies							
49150 · Chargebacks - Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	-38.00	0.00	0.00	-38.00
49110 · Subsidies - Other	-1,658.16	-2,670.30	-820.29	-2,081.94	-975.58	-148.45	-8,354.72
Total 49110 · Subsidies	-1,658.16	-2,670.30	-820.29	-2,119.94	-975.58	-148.45	-8,392.72
Total 48999 · Merchandise & Other Income	22,035.58	21,763.28	15,500.21	21,414.92	14,752.15	19,634.33	115,100.47
Total Income	40,670.72	31,022.05	20,105.92	39,008.17	21,857.69	34,098.96	186,763.51
Cost of Goods Sold							
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold							
50800 · E-Book Costs	340.47	441.79	296.31	764.05	306.75	362.03	2,511.40
50900 · Shipping Expense	2,643.35	2,279.05	1,925.50	3,491.80	1,474.20	2,388.40	14,202.30
66800 · Journal Printing & Mailing	260.37	26.40	120.72	49.88	196.30	127.35	781.02
70000 · Inventory adjustment	4.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.71
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold - Other	3,338.35	3,638.98	2,113.85	3,271.19	2,327.00	3,178.38	17,867.75

The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Service

Profit & Loss

October 2016 through March 2017

	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	TOTAL
Total 50000 · Cost of Goods Sold	6,587.25	6,386.22	4,456.38	7,576.92	4,304.25	6,056.16	35,367.18
Total COGS	6,587.25	6,386.22	4,456.38	7,576.92	4,304.25	6,056.16	35,367.18
Gross Profit	34,083.47	24,635.83	15,649.54	31,431.25	17,553.44	28,042.80	151,396.33
Expense							
60000 · BOT							
60100 · BOT Accommodation	879.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	879.45
60400 · BOT Travel	702.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	702.05
Total 60000 · BOT	1,581.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,581.50
61000 · BOT ABC/M							
61200 · BOT ABC/M Other	118.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	118.44
Total 61000 · BOT ABC/M	118.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	118.44
62000 · ABC/M Conference Expenses							
62100* · ABC/M Accomodation/Facilities	111.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	111.69
62200 · ABC/M Other	1,040.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,040.20
62210 · ABC/M FWS Paid	63.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	334.39	0.00	398.26
62400 · Conference Committee							
62401 · Anorexia (CAC)	8.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.41
62412 · Literature (CLC)	0.00	0.00	140.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	140.00
62414 · Prison Outreach (CHIC)	10.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.52
62415 · Public Information (CPIC)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.00	0.00	48.00
Total 62400 · Conference Committee	18.93	0.00	140.00	0.00	48.00	0.00	206.93
62000 · ABC/M Conference Expenses - ...	110.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	110.00
Total 62000 · ABC/M Conference Expenses	1,344.69	0.00	140.00	0.00	382.39	0.00	1,867.08
62100** · Contract Services							
62110* · Accounting Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,300.00	0.00	0.00	5,300.00
62140 · Legal Fees	0.00	1,162.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,162.50
63300 · Webmaster Services	1,416.67	1,416.67	1,416.67	1,416.67	1,416.67	1,416.67	8,500.02
63400 · Contract Services - Labor	48.75	1,130.50	877.40	1,100.75	1,732.97	1,139.20	6,029.57
63500 · Contract Services - Other	744.00	907.50	95.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,746.50
Total 62100** · Contract Services	2,209.42	4,617.17	2,389.07	7,817.42	3,149.64	2,555.87	22,738.59
62800 · Facilities and Equipment							
62880 · Real Estate, Personal Prop Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,434.50	0.00	0.00	1,434.50
64200 · Rent	2,826.00	3,477.00	3,477.00	3,477.00	3,477.00	3,477.00	20,211.00
64300 · Telephone	380.60	0.00	404.80	253.60	253.41	254.71	1,547.12
64400 · FWS Website	148.40	307.63	352.62	481.87	302.62	1,413.41	3,006.55
Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment	3,355.00	3,784.63	4,234.42	5,646.97	4,033.03	5,145.12	26,199.17
65000* · General Office Expense							

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Accrual Basis

The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Service

Profit & Loss

October 2016 through March 2017

	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	TOTAL
65100* · Bank Charges/Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.50	0.00	0.00	4.50
65200 · Vendor Fees	486.78	1,276.16	875.48	497.83	786.25	574.88	4,497.38
65550 · Meals	66.36	0.00	33.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	99.90
65600 · Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	138.78	0.00	105.84	244.62
65640 · Office Security	0.00	167.52	3.23	635.63	207.85	140.33	1,154.56
65650 · Penalties	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.16
Total 65000* · General Office Expense	553.14	1,443.68	912.41	1,276.74	994.10	821.05	6,001.12
65000** · Operations							
65030 · Printing and Copying							
65035 · Printing&Copies Knight	300.00	0.00	0.00	379.83	0.00	0.00	679.83
Total 65030 · Printing and Copying	300.00	0.00	0.00	379.83	0.00	0.00	679.83
65670 · Office Supplies	117.98	341.77	508.17	398.90	230.15	387.19	1,984.16
66100 · Computer Supplies	0.00	0.00	67.50	298.00	434.00	0.00	799.50
66300 · Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
66400 · Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.95	0.00	23.95
66500 · Packaging and Supplies	54.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	118.91	0.00	173.73
66600 · Postage, Mail Services	74.95	0.00	240.97	104.00	53.30	108.00	581.22
Total 65000** · Operations	547.75	341.77	816.64	1,180.73	860.31	495.19	4,242.39
65100** · Other Types of Expenses							
65120 · Insurance - Liability, D and O	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00	0.00	350.00
65170 · Staff Development	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	99.00	199.00	298.00
Total 65100** · Other Types of Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	449.00	199.00	648.00
67000 · Payroll Expense							
67300 · Payroll Accounting	81.48	122.22	81.48	131.98	81.48	81.48	580.12
67400 · Payroll Tax Expense	626.79	940.21	637.67	605.31	649.40	649.41	4,108.79
67500 · Salary Expense	8,193.36	8,844.41	11,781.20	7,912.52	8,488.89	8,488.89	53,709.27
67600 · Unemployment Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.60	38.20	29.38	103.18
67700 · Workman's Comp Insurance	0.00	0.00	388.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	388.00
Total 67000 · Payroll Expense	8,901.63	9,906.84	12,888.35	8,685.41	9,257.97	9,249.16	58,889.36
Total Expense	18,611.57	20,094.09	21,380.89	24,607.27	19,126.44	18,465.39	122,285.65
Net Ordinary Income	15,471.90	4,541.74	-5,731.35	6,823.98	-1,573.00	9,577.41	29,110.68
Net Income	15,471.90	4,541.74	-5,731.35	6,823.98	-1,573.00	9,577.41	29,110.68

**The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship Wide Services, Inc.
October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017 Approved Budget**

**FY 2016
Approved**

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

40000 - ABC/M Income

40100 - ABC/M Fundraiser Income 5,965

40200 - ABC/M Registration 39,323

40300 - ABC/M TEF Income 6,125

40400 - ABC/M Scholarship Fund (166)

Total 40000 - ABC/M Income 51,247

42000 - Contribution Income

42100 - Groups 42,443

42200 - Individuals 30,128

42300 - Intergroups 27,879

Total 42000 - Contribution Income 100,450

43000 - Designated Giving Program -

45000 - Investments

45020 - Change in Investment Account 2,815

Total 45000 - Investments 2,815

48999 - Merchandise & Other Income

49000 - Sales Income 193,510

49010 - E-Book Income 17,363

49015 - E Journal Income 1,475

49050 - Journal 4,124

49100 - Shipping 26,395

49110 - Subsidies 2

49300 - Merchandise Discounts - POC (79)

49110 - Subsidies - Other (6,000)

49902 - Dues, Fees, Licenses, Royalties 540

48999 - Merchandise & Other Income - Other 1,409

Total 48999 - Merchandise & Other Income 238,739

Total Income 393,251

Cost of Goods Sold

50000 - Cost of Goods Sold

50800 - E-Book Costs 5,851

50810 - E Journal Costs 616

**The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship Wide Services, Inc.
October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017 Approved Budget**

	FY 2016 Approved
50900 · Shipping Expense	25,648
50950 · Shipping - For resent orders	20
66800 · Journal Printing & Mailing	5,084
70000 · Inventory adjustment	(12)
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold - Other	35,381
Total 50000 · Cost of Goods Sold	72,588
Total COGS	
Gross Profit	320,663
Expense	
60000 · BOT	
60100 · BOT Accommodation	1,300
60200 · BOT Per Diem	1,000
60400 · BOT Travel	2,500
60000 · BOT Other	44
Total 60000 · BOT	4,844
61000 · BOT ABC/M	
61100 · BOT ABC/M Accomodation/Food	7,444
61200 · BOT ABC/M Other	871
61300 · BOT ABC/M Travel	4,000
Total 61000 · BOT ABC/M	12,315
62000 · ABC/M Conference Expenses	
62100* · ABC/M Accomodation/Facilities	36,791
62200 · ABC/M Other	8,500
62210 · ABC/M FWS Paid	6,411
62300 · ABC/M TEF	6,125
62400 · Conference Committee	
Total 62400 · Conference Committee	2,500
62000 · ABC/M Conference Expenses - Other	(608)
Total 62000 · ABC/M Conference Expenses	59,719
63000 · IRC Expenses	
62100** · Contract Services	
62110* · Accounting Fees	6,300
62140 · Legal Fees	3,000
62150 · Outside Contract Services	33

**The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship Wide Services, Inc.
October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017 Approved Budget**

	FY 2016 Approved
63300 · Webmaster Services	17,000
63400 · Contract Services - Labor	7,658
63500 · Contract Services - Other	17,743
63600 · Contract Services - Editor	-
Total 62100** · Contract Services	51,734
62800 · Facilities and Equipment	
62870 · Property Insurance	-
62880 · Real Estate, Personal Prop Tax	719
64200 · Rent	35,522
64300 · Telephone	3,461
64400 · FWS Website	2,400
64500 · Equipment Leases	-
Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment	42,102
65000* · General Office Expense	
65100* · Bank Charges/Fees	294
65200 · Vendor Fees	10,632
65300 · Dues, Fees and Licnese	-
65400 · Federal and State Tax	36
65550 · Meals	224
65600 · Mileage	542
65640 · Office Security	683
65650 · Penalties	19
65700 · Gifts & Honorariums	198
Total 65000* · General Office Expense	12,628
65000** · Operations	
65030 · Printing and Copying	
65035 · Printing&Copies Knight	385
65030 · Printing and Copying - Other	469
Total 65030 · Printing and Copying	854
65040 · Supplies	-
65670 · Office Supplies	2,565
66100 · Computer Supplies	1,987
66300 · Miscellaneous Expenses	133
66400 · Outreach	14

**The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship Wide Services, Inc.
October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017 Approved Budget**

	FY 2016 Approved
66500 · Packaging and Supplies	360
66600 · Postage, Mail Services	1,133
66701 · Product-Order Issues FWS Paid	15
66900 · FWS Outreach	3,500
Total 65000** · Operations	11,415
65100** · Other Types of Expenses	
65120 · Insurance - Liability, D and O	4,203
65160 · Other Costs	293
65170 · Staff Development	243
Total 65100** · Other Types of Expenses	4,739
67000 · Payroll Expense	
67300 · Payroll Accounting	1,014
67400 · Payroll Tax Expense	10,165
67500 · Salary Expense	109,707
67600 · Unemployment Insurance	221
67700 · Workman's Comp Insurance	393
Total 67000 · Payroll Expense	121,500
68000 · Depreciation Expense	
68300 · Travel and Meetings	31
Total Expense	321,027
Net Ordinary Income	
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
80500 - Other Income	-
88888 · Sales Tax Discount	
Total Other Income	-
Net Other Income	
Net Income	(364)

Conference Committees

Conference Charter Committee (CCC) and Chairs Report

It is hard to believe that the 2017 Annual Business Conference/Meeting (ABC/M) is only 2 months from now. The CCC has met every month since the 2016 ABC/M last August. By the time you read this, the 3rd version of the ABM Agenda will have been distributed to registered delegates and posted on the S.L.A.A. website.

The Conference Service Manual (CSM) Revision Work Group has finished with the revisions of the CSM and is currently awaiting approval by the CCC and the BOT. This has been a two-year project with the group meeting weekly to complete this major undertaking.

Scheduling for the ABM has started and we are currently reaching out to returning delegates to help fill the many slots available to help facilitate the ABM. The Mentorship subcommittee has also started assigning mentors to new delegates. If you are a returning delegate, please think about being a mentor for a new delegate.

The Chairs Call meets on the 3rd Sunday of odd numbered months for 2 hours. Only the chairs, co-chairs, vice-chairs or designated representatives of Conference Committees attend the call, but anyone can request the minutes and reports from the call. Please request the minutes from your committee chair or contact me at <https://slaafws.org/committee/ccc>

And don't forget if you are planning to submit a **Motion** or an **Item for Discussion** (IFD) please use the available forms posted on the F.W.S. website and submit in accordance with the deadlines also on the website.

All ABC/M 2017 forms and information can be found at the following link <http://www.slaafws.org/abminfo>

In Service,
Phillip W. CCC Chair
May 2017

Conference Anorexia Committee (CAC) Report

There are ten active members with an attendance of 9-10 members per meeting. The CAC meets the 4th Sunday of the month @ 11:00PT 12:00MT 1:00CT 2:00ET.

Phone # [641-715-3818](tel:641-715-3818) code: 620932# BOT Liaison - Susan G.

The current projects are:

- Anorexia Recovery Tools (A.R.T) is now on the Agenda for the ABM with the support of the CLC.
- The CAC is submitting an IFD to the ABM Agenda about a few things the CAC would like to be adding to literature with regards to anorexia.
- A top priority for the CAC is the draft booklet on Anorexia Steps 4,5,6,7. The goal is to have a motion for the 2018 ABM Agenda. A writing team is in progress: More stories/shares are still needed for Steps 4,5,6,7.
- The new Anorexia Starter Kit is sold for \$12.60 and includes:
 - 1 Anorexia Journal Focus Booklet
 - 1 Anorexia Journal Focus Booklet (1999-2016)
 - 1 Anorexia Signs of Recovery (draft)
 - 1 Anonymity, the Law, and S.L.A.A.
 - 1 S.L.A.A. Print Catalogue
 - 5 Pamphlets
 - 1 Anorexia 123 Booklet: Working the Program and Not the Problem

Respectfully submitted,
P.A., Chair

Conference Public Information Committee (CPIC)

Share Your Experience Creating Intergroup Websites

The Conference Public Information Committee (CPIC) is creating a list of tools and best practices that intergroups use in building their websites. The goal is to share the information with other intergroups and lone groups to help them build their websites.

If your intergroup has any advice, tools, or general information to share, please consider submitting it to the CPIC. The CPIC will remove any information specific to your group/intergroup before sharing with others.

Specifically, we'd like information on:

- Tools and Technology used for creating websites
- How to make websites work on computers as well as tablets and mobile phones
- Features included on websites
- Putting information on websites in keeping with the Twelve Traditions of S.L.A.A.

Items can be submitted at the Conference Public Information Committee page on the S.L.A.A. web site: <http://www.slaafws.org/committee/cpic>.

Help Others Reach Out to the Still-Suffering Addict Share Your Intergroup's Outreach Materials with the CPIC



The Conference Public Information Committee (CPIC) is putting together a collection of materials to help intergroups and lone groups in their outreach efforts. Instead of “reinventing the wheel” with all-new materials, the CPIC would rather reuse outreach materials created by the intergroups.

If your intergroup has any outreach materials, please consider sharing it with the CPIC so that we can share it with other groups and intergroups. This includes print media (letters, flyers, posters), digital media items (newsgroup items), or even audio and video recordings. The CPIC will remove any information specific to your group/intergroup before sharing with others.

Items can be submitted at the Conference Public Information Committee page on the S.L.A.A. web site: <http://www.slaafws.org/committee/cpic>.

International Page – S.L.A.A. Montreal

English

When I first decided to be in charge of organizing a four month fundraising project to send a delegate to the ABC/M in Boston, I thought “KJ, what have you done? I thought we’d talked about this already!” I tend to over-commit myself because I think no one else will take charge of a project, and stress myself to get things done perfectly and alone. So what did I do when the group also needed someone to organize a three-hour bilingual workshop to raise more funds? I volunteered.

The first month (or two) of fundraising required me to observe how things had been done in the past, accept feedback, and unavoidably ask for help. I had to adapt a lot, but I am very grateful to have experienced members from the fellowship to help me through the process, and make it easier for me to feel safe while taking these scary steps. So far, it has been a great experience to ask for help and learn to delegate. It used to be really hard for me to do this in the past, and can still be, because I thought getting help wouldn’t give me the glory I deserved for my commitment.

Tradition Two helps me to stay humble, work with other members of S.L.A.A./ D.A.S.A., and remember that there is a learning curve for everyone, including me. For fundraising purposes, I was required to attend all the meetings in Montreal, including the Intergroup to report on our fundraising, as well as to connect with new and old members. I used to do service at the group level only for the first six to eight months of my recovery, but with a bit more time in the program and making commitments on longer terms, I see a change in how I value myself. I am improving my communication and decision-making skills, I am physically and emotionally present for the group and its members, and best of all, I experience gratitude for the help and experience of every single member helping me in the fundraising.

Unlike my past experiences when overworking myself, I now appreciate my work and my work is appreciated, because it involves other people.

Extensively grateful to our members and their work,
Kelly-Joy J.

French

Lorsque j’ai pris la décision d’être en charge de l’organisatrice d’une levée de fonds de quatre mois afin d’envoyer un(e) délégué(e) pour l’ABM à Boston, je me suis dis “Kelly-Joy, qu’est-ce que t’as fais? On en avait pourtant déjà parlé!” J’ai tendance à m’engager tête baissée dans tout et pour tout, pensant que personne d’autre ne le fera, tout en me stressant pour que tout soit fait à la perfection et en le faisant seule. Donc forcément, ma première réaction quand le groupe a eu en plus besoin de quelqu’un pour organiser un atelier de trois heures pour lever plus de fonds était de me porter volontaire.

Le premier mois (ou deux) demandait que j’observe comment tout avait été fait dans le passé, d’être ouverte aux retours, et inévitablement de demander de l’aide. J’ai dû beaucoup m’adapter mais je ressens énormément de gratitude d’avoir des membres de la fraternité avec beaucoup d’expérience pour m’aider dans ce processus et qui me mettent en confiance lorsque je dois prendre des pas parfois effrayants. Jusque là, demander de l’aide et apprendre à déléguer ont été de très bonnes expériences. Pourtant, ces deux gestes étaient très durs à faire avant -

parfois encore- parce que je pensais ne pas recevoir la gloire qui m'était dû pour mes engagements.

La Tradition Deux m'aide à rester humble, à travailler avec d'autres membres de D.A.S.A./S.L.A.A. et me rappeler qu'il y a un temps d'apprentissage pour tous, moi y compris. Pour collecter des fonds, j'ai été requise d'aller à toutes les réunions à Montréal, incluant l'Intergroupe pour faire mon rapport de collecte et connecter avec d'autres membres. Avec plus de temps passé dans le programme et en m'engageant sur des projets plus sur le long terme, je vois un changement dans ma façon de me valoriser. J'améliore ma communication et mes prises de décisions, je suis physiquement et émotionnellement présente dans et avec le groupe, et par-dessus tout, j'ai de la gratitude pour l'aide et l'expérience de chaque membre participant dans ce projet.

Dans le passé je me surmenais à travailler, alors que aujourd'hui, j'apprécie le travail que je produis et mon travail est apprécié lorsque d'autres membres se sentent inclus.

Avec une gratitude profonde pour nos membres et le travail qu'ils fournissent,
Kelly-Joy J.



2017 S.L.A.A. Annual Business Meeting

hosted by the New England Intergroup



July 25th to July 28th, 2017

Sheraton Framingham Hotel and Conference Center
1657 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA, 01701, United States

Theme: **Tradition 3:** The only requirement for S.L.A.A. membership is a desire to stop living out a pattern of sex and love addiction. Any two or more persons gathered together for mutual aid in recovering from sex and love addiction may call themselves an S.L.A.A. group, provided that as a group they have no other affiliation.

<https://slaafws.org/abminfo>

S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Services Office: (210) 828-7900

F.W.S. Newsletter Guidelines for Submissions

The following guidelines are helpful when submitting service articles, reports and flyers to the F.W.S. Newsletter:

- The mission of the F.W.S. Newsletter is to publish items related to S.L.A.A. service and business, the Conference and the Conference Committees, the F.W.S. Office, and the Board of Trustees news; and, to share this information as widely as possible in order to keep members around the world up-to-date with the Fellowship.
- Make submissions in a .doc or .docx file, with the exception of flyers created for specific events or requests.
- Remember to maintain anonymity by using first name and last initial.
- Place periods between the initials in the fellowship name in written material that is made public: S.L.A.A.
- The newsletter is not a recovery-oriented publication per se and not to be confused with the *Journal*, which publishes articles of recovery.
- Use the following email address for submissions:

<https://slaafws.org/fwsnews-submit>

Deadlines for Submissions are Sundays:

2017 August 27th – Fall Issue/September

2017 November 19th – Winter issue/December

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Board Programs and Membership Committee (BPMC) Report

The Board Programs and Membership Committee consists of Susan G., Trustee, Chair, Ashly M.- non-BOT Member, Nancy G. Trustee, and Beth S. Webmaster. Committee met in March, April and May of 2017. We have changed our time back to Mondays at 4 p.m. Due to this change, Jason S, Trustee will no longer be able to meet with this Committee. This change is to better meet the scheduling needs of most the Committee Members.

What follows is the directive of the BPMC as stated in the Charter and Work Plan (as approved by BOT):

BPMC GOALS:

	1. Ensure that research has been conducted to verify unmet needs among the Fellowship	
	a.	Identify any new programs that are needed to meet needs among the Fellowship
	b.	Identify what program activities and resources are needed to develop and deliver each new program (or to update any current programs) to meet Fellowship needs

Activities of the BPMC during this March, April and May:

- Website Update - Searchable Directory is near complete. Problems with FWS Newsletter being blocked by AT&T (flagged as spam) has been solved, block removed (for now, seems to be a recurring problem).
- 2018/2019 ABM/IRC – An Intergroup has come forth with a bid to host the next two years
- Membership Survey – has been finalized by the BOC and the BPMC. Changes were requested by the BOT. Changes were made and incorporated. Further changes were requested by the BOT and the matter is currently before the BPMC again.
- 50th Anniversary Basic Text IFD was approved by ARS with one minor change (adding time for discussion is needed) and is now on ABM 2.1 version of the Agenda
- Identify methods to achieve outcomes: Journal Magazine - What does this mean as part of our Committee? How can we support the CJC to meet the needs of the Fellowship? *Currently tabled.*
- Strategic Plan revision- (is being worked on to be brought back to Committee). *Currently tabled.*
- Looking at “For the Professional” – huge increase in orders of this pamphlet, is

there an unmet need of Fellowship? Is there a recommendation we can make to BOC regarding this? Discussed one solution might be a push of info on Website (on a rotating basis), i.e., a banner: *Did you know there is a template of a "Letter to the Professional" on the Website? And did you know there is a pamphlet (For the Professional) free on website too?*

- Sales of Medallions is down. Looking at: is there an unmet need of the Fellowship? Could a redesign of the Medallion increase use/ sales? Gather info and make recommendation to the BOT
- Looking at why Shipping Costs have gone up? Is there an unmet need of the Fellowship? Is there a way to reduce costs? (i.e. cost of shipping Medallions has gone up because of shipping problems).
- Is there an unmet need of the Fellowship re: Donations on the website, that can be solved on the Website? i.e., "make a donation" choice at checkout on Store? What about recurring donations? How about a webpage with status of current donations by Intergroup (so they can check or see what they've donated so far, make sure it's correct). Collaboration would be sought with BFSC and recommendations would be made to BOT for final decisions.
- How might volunteers be used in the Fellowships, with the Conference Committees?

Subcommittees:

- IRC – No IRC in 2017
- ABC/M
- Copyrights and Translations

*Matters Pending with the Board:

Membership Survey
Chicago ABM/IRC - 2018/2019 bid
General Manager selecting future ABM/IRC Hotel after Intergroup submits bid

Submitted by Susan G., Chair BPMC

May 21, 2017

Editor's Note: The BPMC Report above was regrettably forgotten by the editor in preparing for this Summer 2017 issue of the F.W.S. Newsletter and is added to the printable version as pages 31-32.