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Executive Director's Report F.W.S. Office Update

The F.W.S. Office shipped 146 orders in August. The F.W.S. Office was closed on Friday, August 25th and Monday, August 28th because of Hurricane Harvey. Normal business operations resumed on Tuesday, August 29th.

The e-book sold well in August, with 188 units sold. Of those 188 units, 118 were sold on Amazon and the remaining 70 were sold on Apple/iTunes. These sales should generate more than \$1,100 in royalties for the Fellowship.

Issue #168 of the Journal was printed in-house and mailed to subscribers on August 31st. As of the writing of this report, the Journal has 173 print subscribers.

The Annual Business Conference/Meeting was held in late July in Framingham, Massachusetts. Inventory and supplies shipped from the F.W.S. office have now been returned, and inventory items have been re-entered. A participant contact list, as well as the Minutes and Summary of Motions/IFDs have been distributed to all attendees. The Minutes and Summary of Motions/IFDs is also posted on the F.W.S. website.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Martin,
Executive Director
September 1, 2017

Board Chair Report

Hello all,

It has been a very busy quarter.

We appointed a ninth Board member in June. Ashly B. (from Houston) was appointed by the Board to fill the ninth position on the Board. To my memory, this fills the Board of Trustees for the first time in a very long time.

The Annual Business Conference and Meeting (ABC/M) was held the last week in July in Framingham, MA. It was well attended and a lot of important items were discussed and voted upon at that time.

Rick B. (FL) has now retired from the Board. We all owe him a great deal of thanks for all the work he did while he was a Board member. I know that he will continue to support the Fellowship and I look forward to him being around for a long time.

At the ABC/M, Jason S. (CA), Earl D (TX) and David F. (Poland) were each elected to fill the three years terms that were available. Jason and Earl had been appointed right at the ABC/M last year and will now serve full three-year teams. David F. is a welcome addition to the Board and his contributions will be very welcome.

Also, Nancy G. was confirmed to complete a term which will expire in 2018 and Ashly B. was confirmed to a term that expires in 2019.

We still have nine members and are very thankful to the membership for selecting all these individuals. We look forward to serving you in the future.

At the ABC/M, a tentative budget was approved and we hope to have a final budget very soon. We are still waiting for the requests to be sent from the Conference Finance Committee (CFC) for the requests for the 2017-2018 Conference year for each committee.

I look forward to another good year and, with the support of the members of S.L.A.A., we will continue to reach addicts who are still suffering.

Thanks,
Bob G.
Board Chair
Fall 2017

Board Outreach Committee (BOC)

The BOC focuses on matters of outreach and the Fellowship's public image. It also fields requests from the media and is a resource to the Board of Trustees (BOT). The committee also creates policies, coordinates with the BOT, and acts as a consultation resource to the F.W.S. Office on:

- Publication of approved literature
- Public information issues
- Communication with entities outside of S.L.A.A.
and
- Brainstorming ways to reach the addict that still suffers

COMMITTEE

BOT: Jason S. (Chair), Rick B.

Non-BOT Members: Beth S., Sean H.

Projects and Activities

- ✓ Completed S.L.A.A. representation at the Society for the Advancement of Sexual Health (SASH) Conference in conjunction with Austin Intergroup for 2016
- ✓ Completed the structural framework for the upcoming Membership Survey
- ✓ Addressed ISP issues with AT&T and other providers of the Fellowship's web presence
- ✓ Created a Bus Bench Advertising outreach tool
- ✓ Began coordinating with Utah Information Network (Utah's consolidated Intergroup) for SASH Conference 2016, to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah
- ✓ Fielded a "Request to use the S.L.A.A. logo in the film *Furlough*."
- ✓ Created IFD Recommendation for S.L.A.A. app for 2017 ABC/M
- ✓ Updated Appendix L of the Conference Service Manual (CSM) (On BOT Agenda)
- ✓ Updated the "Letter to Treatment Centers and Mental Facilities" on F.W.S. Website (On BOT Agenda)

Future Projects

- Δ Providing S.L.A.A. materials to 12-Step magazines already in circulation
- Δ Update F.W.S. Outreach call list
- Δ Address challenges to the F.W.S. online directory
- Δ Address all requests from the media and “Questions from the Fellowship”
- Δ Apply Appendix L to all Conference Approved Literature from this year’s ABM (and wow is there a lot!)

Final Comments

It is a pleasure to serve as Chair of the BOC. I received the position from Rick B. who vacated the seat to assume the Board Development Committee Chair. The committee always has a full agenda and an hour a month means most times items take a while to move through to completion. Nevertheless, we have learned to have fun while carrying out our duties and it is a joy to serve with Beth, Sean, and Rick. Feel free to contact me with any questions. We wish you a great 2017 ABM!

Respectfully submitted,
 Jason S.
 BOC Chair (Outgoing Chair)

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 meets at 7:00 p.m. EST on the 2nd Monday of the month.

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

Since its inception late in 2014, the BPMC has (with the approval of the full Board):

- Evaluated Applications for hosting the ABM/IRC
- Facilitated planning of ABM/IRC
- Ensured copyrights of F.W.S. are monitored and guarded, and translations are true and veritable
- Assessed S.L.A.A.'s presence on social media, made suggested guidelines for the Fellowship after BOT approval (placed on Website)
- Evaluated and helped create the 2017 Membership Survey
- Created the 50th Anniversary IFD to query the Fellowship on creating a second edition of Basic Text
- Aided Webmaster in implementation of updates to the Website. Provided support to Webmaster
- Researched and advised BOT on producing an Ebook of Basic Text
- Researched and advised BOT on producing and maintaining an App for S.L.A.A.
- Researched and advised BOT on editing/correcting typos in Basic Text
- Researched, advised and implemented QR codes on S.L.A.A./F.W.S. Website and literature
- Assessed and researched password protection of ABM minutes on website. Submitted IFD to Conference for feedback on whether or not to password protect ABM minutes
- Created a group registration flyer, placed on web, and in store orders, to boost group registrations
- Assisted Webmaster in creating a searchable meeting directory
- Created a policy on how committees can utilize their pages on the Website
- Assisted webmaster in creating a mobile friendly Website
- Assessed the feasibility of a F.W.S. Blog on the Website for members of S.L.A.A.
- Assessed, researched and recommended to BOT that guidelines for handling confidential information obtained for ABM/IRC, or for transactions on the store, be folded into F.W.S. Records Destruction Policy
- Updated and simplified applications and agreements for Translations

Many of the above activities have been accomplished during this past service year. We look forward to serving the Fellowship in the coming service year.

All good wishes for all of our recoveries,
Susan G., Board Trustee
Outgoing Chair

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Accrual Basis

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

Balance Sheet - Monthly

As of June 30, 2017

	Aug 31, 16	Sep 30, 16	Oct 31, 16	Nov 30, 16	Dec 31, 16	Jan 31, 17	Feb 28, 17	Mar 31, 17	Apr 30, 17	May 31, 17	Jun 30, 17
ASSETS											
Current Assets											
Checking/Savings											
10300 · BofA 1117 Texas Corp	119,061.79	99,055.52	111,024.41	120,143.86	112,702.72	119,130.20	118,781.23	120,600.55	124,738.99	140,261.63	138,611.38
10400 · Vanguard Prudent Reserve Fund	190,888.59	190,928.78	190,970.37	191,013.72	191,070.81	191,140.19	191,206.97	191,289.67	191,383.84	191,498.41	191,628.88
10903 · Petty Cash-Pam Martin	285.49	269.44	248.29	212.30	102.56	263.75	234.35	211.45	204.95	183.94	183.94
Total Checking/Savings	310,235.87	290,253.74	302,243.07	311,369.88	303,876.09	310,534.14	310,222.55	312,101.67	316,327.78	331,943.98	330,424.20
Accounts Receivable											
11200 · Accounts Receivable	2,757.12	0.00	-79.00	-801.40	-117.05	1,853.00	1,853.00	1,853.00	1,853.00	1,853.00	1,837.63
Total Accounts Receivable	2,757.12	0.00	-79.00	-801.40	-117.05	1,853.00	1,853.00	1,853.00	1,853.00	1,853.00	1,837.63
Other Current Assets											
12000 · Undeposited Funds-Operating Acc	476.50	12.35	823.79	24.65	12.35	12.55	12.35	12.35	12.35	12.35	1,102.02
12010 · Undeposited Account-Amazon	2,493.94	2,323.40	2,185.69	2,199.47	2,146.81	2,491.60	2,512.13	2,467.23	3,518.10	2,821.17	2,821.17
12020 · Undeposited Funds-Paypal	2,983.97	1,410.79	2,612.21	3,751.74	5,474.28	6,222.99	7,402.17	8,831.97	10,107.47	10,786.74	6,562.99
12100 · Inventory Asset	25,396.23	30,521.14	40,239.21	36,678.59	34,564.74	31,941.55	29,851.52	35,439.14	33,235.71	34,993.53	36,066.07
13000 · Prepaid Expenses	3,090.62	8,447.79	3,068.01	3,068.01	3,068.01	3,068.01	3,068.01	3,068.01	3,068.01	3,068.01	3,068.01
Total Other Current Assets	34,441.26	42,715.47	48,928.91	45,722.46	45,266.19	43,736.70	42,846.18	49,818.70	49,941.64	51,681.80	49,620.26
Total Current Assets	347,434.25	332,969.21	351,092.98	356,290.94	349,025.23	356,123.84	354,921.73	363,773.37	368,122.42	385,478.78	381,882.09
Fixed Assets											
15000* · Buildings and Equipment	60,284.97	58,266.97	58,266.97	58,266.97	58,266.97	58,266.97	58,266.97	58,266.97	58,266.97	58,266.97	58,266.97
17100 · Accum Depreciation	-41,843.79	-44,276.68	-44,276.68	-44,276.68	-44,276.68	-44,276.68	-44,276.68	-44,276.68	-44,276.68	-44,276.68	-44,276.68
Total Fixed Assets	18,441.18	13,990.29	13,990.29	13,990.29	13,990.29	13,990.29	13,990.29	13,990.29	13,990.29	13,990.29	13,990.29
TOTAL ASSETS	365,875.43	346,959.50	365,083.27	370,281.23	363,015.52	370,114.13	368,912.02	377,763.66	382,112.71	399,469.07	395,872.38
LIABILITIES & EQUITY											
Liabilities											
Current Liabilities											
Accounts Payable											
20100 · Accounts Payable	-21.19	-21.19	272.14	872.18	-352.07	43.23	400.90	-352.07	-352.07	5,293.71	6,307.93
Total Accounts Payable	-21.19	-21.19	272.14	872.18	-352.07	43.23	400.90	-352.07	-352.07	5,293.71	6,307.93
Other Current Liabilities											
25000 · Sales Tax Payable	-287.49	-0.09	-243.03	-186.85	-496.96	-617.63	-604.41	-577.21	-658.15	-671.79	-650.40
Total Other Current Liabilities	-287.49	-0.09	-243.03	-186.85	-496.96	-617.63	-604.41	-577.21	-658.15	-671.79	-650.40
Total Current Liabilities	-308.68	-21.28	29.11	685.33	-849.03	-574.40	-203.51	-929.28	-1,010.22	4,621.92	5,657.53
Total Liabilities	-308.68	-21.28	29.11	685.33	-849.03	-574.40	-203.51	-929.28	-1,010.22	4,621.92	5,657.53
Equity											
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	383,844.96	383,893.96	346,980.78	346,980.78	346,980.78	346,980.78	346,980.78	346,980.78	346,980.78	346,980.78	346,980.78

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Net Income	-17,660.85	-36,913.18	18,073.38	22,615.12	16,883.77	23,707.75	22,134.75	31,712.16	36,142.15	47,866.37	43,234.07
Total Equity	366,184.11	346,980.78	365,054.16	369,595.90	363,864.55	370,688.53	369,115.53	378,692.94	383,122.93	394,847.15	390,214.85
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>365,875.43</u>	<u>346,959.50</u>	<u>365,083.27</u>	<u>370,281.23</u>	<u>363,015.52</u>	<u>370,114.13</u>	<u>368,912.02</u>	<u>377,763.66</u>	<u>382,112.71</u>	<u>399,469.07</u>	<u>395,872.38</u>

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Profit & Loss

October 2016 through June 2017

	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	May 17	Jun 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	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
40200 · ABC/M Registration	219.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,625.00	10,040.18	5,340.00	17,480.00	4,030.00	39,734.40
40300 · ABC/M TEF Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	1,500.00	900.00	2,700.00	1,095.00	6,645.00
40400 · ABC/M Scholarship Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	150.00
Total 40000 · ABC/M Income	239.22	0.00	0.00	100.00	3,075.00	11,540.18	6,240.00	20,230.00	5,125.00	46,549.40
41000 · IRC Income										
41100 · IRC Registration Income	-79.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-79.00
41300 · IRC Scholarship fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Total 41000 · IRC Income	-79.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-29.00
42000 · Contribution Income										
42100 · Groups	4,521.55	2,625.31	2,319.20	8,041.44	2,530.44	1,955.75	2,255.18	2,380.32	1,871.58	28,500.77
42200 · Individuals	12,894.00	559.00	720.20	4,633.70	656.50	486.00	287.00	659.14	2,907.51	23,803.05
42300 · Intergroups	1,158.00	3,634.11	1,509.22	4,748.73	726.82	400.00	2,527.42	110.00	310.00	15,124.30
Total 42000 · Contribution Income	18,573.55	6,818.42	4,548.62	17,423.87	3,913.76	2,841.75	5,069.60	3,149.46	5,089.09	67,428.12
45000 · Investments										
45020 · Change in Investment Account	41.59	43.35	57.09	69.38	66.78	82.70	94.17	114.57	130.47	700.10
Total 45000 · Investments	41.59	43.35	57.09	69.38	66.78	82.70	94.17	114.57	130.47	700.10
48999 · Merchandise & Other Income										
49000 · Sales Income	21,621.12	20,650.05	12,687.12	18,166.77	12,502.43	15,844.09	13,885.64	16,946.73	15,133.39	147,437.34
49010 · E-Book Income	1,345.40	1,226.39	1,476.23	2,011.60	962.88	1,419.37	2,169.09	1,321.99	1,405.15	13,338.10
49015 · E Journal Income	153.50	134.00	117.26	74.50	107.62	38.00	79.50	81.57	79.63	865.58
49050 · Journal	321.50	259.00	193.00	310.00	384.50	308.50	279.00	209.00	231.50	2,496.00
49100 · Shipping	2,828.22	2,164.14	1,846.89	2,971.99	1,770.30	2,172.82	1,938.70	2,555.81	2,317.58	20,566.45
49110 · Subsidies										
49150 · Chargebacks - Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	-38.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-38.00
49110 · Subsidies - Other	-1,658.16	-2,670.30	-820.29	-2,081.94	-975.58	-148.45	-299.49	-2,535.70	-300.19	-11,490.10
Total 49110 · Subsidies	-1,658.16	-2,670.30	-820.29	-2,119.94	-975.58	-148.45	-299.49	-2,535.70	-300.19	-11,528.10
49902 · Dues, Fees, Licenses,Royalties	0.00	2,397.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,397.00
Total 48999 · Merchandise & Other Income	24,611.58	24,160.28	15,500.21	21,414.92	14,752.15	19,634.33	18,052.44	18,579.40	18,867.06	175,572.37
Total Income	43,386.94	31,022.05	20,105.92	39,008.17	21,857.69	34,098.96	29,456.21	42,073.43	29,211.62	290,220.99
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	843.76	346.12	142.51	3,843.79
50900 · Shipping Expense	2,643.35	2,279.05	1,925.50	3,491.80	1,474.20	2,388.40	1,775.95	2,669.35	2,332.80	20,980.40
66800 · Journal Printing & Mailing	260.37	26.40	120.72	49.88	196.30	127.35	396.88	0.00	312.18	1,490.08
70000 · Inventory adjustment	4.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.71
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold - Other	3,722.30	3,638.98	2,113.85	3,271.19	2,327.00	3,178.38	2,320.97	2,940.26	2,918.66	26,431.59
Total 50000 · Cost of Goods Sold	6,971.20	6,386.22	4,456.38	7,576.92	4,304.25	6,056.16	5,337.56	5,955.73	5,706.15	52,750.57
Total COGS	6,971.20	6,386.22	4,456.38	7,576.92	4,304.25	6,056.16	5,337.56	5,955.73	5,706.15	52,750.57

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Profit & Loss

Accrual Basis

October 2016 through June 2017

	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	May 17	Jun 17	TOTAL
Gross Profit	36,415.74	24,635.83	15,649.54	31,431.25	17,553.44	28,042.80	24,118.65	36,117.70	23,505.47	237,470.42
Expense										
60000 · BOT										
60100 · BOT Accommodation	879.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	568.90	12.01	0.00	1,460.36
60200 · BOT Per Diem	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	320.00	0.00	320.00
60400 · BOT Travel	702.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,512.31	0.00	2,214.36
Total 60000 · BOT	1,581.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	568.90	1,844.32	0.00	3,994.72
61000 · BOT ABC/M										
61200 · BOT ABC/M Other	118.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21.01	1,125.00	1,264.45
61300 · BOT ABC/M Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	646.60	1,225.35	2,087.03	3,958.98
Total 61000 · BOT ABC/M	118.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	646.60	1,246.36	3,212.03	5,223.43
62000 · ABC/M Conference Expenses										
62100* · ABC/M Accommodation/Facilities	111.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,872.81	0.00	1,984.50
62200 · ABC/M Other	1,040.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,004.45	495.96	2,540.61
62210 · ABC/M FWS Paid	63.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	334.39	0.00	563.60	626.38	649.60	2,237.84
62400 · Conference Committee										
62401 · Anorexia (CAC)	8.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	140.00
62414 · Prison Outreach (CHIC)	10.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.90	0.00	59.42
62415 · Public Information (CPIC)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.00
Total 62400 · Conference Committee	18.93	0.00	140.00	0.00	48.00	0.00	0.00	48.90	0.00	255.83
62000 · ABC/M Conference Expenses - Other	110.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	563.60	3,552.54	1,145.56	7,128.78
62100** · Contract Services										
62110* · Accounting Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,300.00
62140 · Legal Fees	0.00	1,162.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	431.00	77.00	1,670.50
63300 · Webmaster Services	1,416.67	1,416.67	1,416.67	1,416.67	1,416.67	1,416.67	1,416.67	1,416.67	1,416.67	12,750.03
63400 · Contract Services - Labor	48.75	1,130.50	877.40	1,100.75	1,732.97	1,139.20	1,142.40	1,291.15	1,598.59	10,061.71
63500 · Contract Services - Other	744.00	907.50	95.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	2,559.07	3,138.82	3,092.26	31,528.74
62800 · Facilities and Equipment										
62880 · Real Estate, Personal Prop Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,434.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	3,477.00	3,477.00	3,477.00	30,642.00
64300 · Telephone	380.60	0.00	404.80	253.60	253.41	254.71	260.35	254.50	253.98	2,315.95
64400 · FWS Website	148.40	307.63	352.62	481.87	302.62	1,413.41	302.88	485.80	577.20	4,372.43
Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment	3,355.00	3,784.63	4,234.42	5,646.97	4,033.03	5,145.12	4,040.23	4,217.30	4,308.18	38,764.88
65000* · General Office Expense										
65100* · Bank Charges/Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.50
65200 · Vendor Fees	486.78	1,276.16	875.48	497.83	786.25	574.88	855.82	871.15	1,226.58	7,450.93
65400 · Federal and State Tax	-269.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-269.21
65550 · Meals	66.36	0.00	33.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	93.16	0.00	193.06
65600 · Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	138.78	0.00	105.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	244.62
65640 · Office Security	0.00	167.52	3.23	635.63	207.85	140.33	40.33	207.85	40.33	1,443.07
65650 · Penalties	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.16
65700 · Gifts & Honorariums	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	110.00	110.00

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Accrual Basis

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

Profit & Loss

October 2016 through June 2017

	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	May 17	Jun 17	TOTAL
Total 65000* · General Office Expense	283.93	1,443.68	912.41	1,276.74	994.10	821.05	896.15	1,172.16	1,376.91	9,177.13
65000** · Operations										
65030 · Printing and Copying										
65035 · Printing&Copies Knight	300.00	0.00	0.00	379.83	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	979.83
Total 65030 · Printing and Copying	300.00	0.00	0.00	379.83	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	979.83
65040 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.98	28.98
65670 · Office Supplies	117.98	341.77	508.17	398.90	230.15	387.19	94.07	8.17	118.03	2,204.43
66100 · Computer Supplies	0.00	0.00	67.50	298.00	434.00	0.00	455.84	0.00	899.09	2,154.43
66300 · Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	1.00	0.00	24.95
66500 · Packaging and Supplies	54.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	118.91	0.00	27.04	0.00	0.00	200.77
66600 · Postage, Mail Services	74.95	0.00	240.97	104.00	53.30	108.00	54.00	-0.49	74.00	708.73
Total 65000** · Operations	547.75	341.77	816.64	1,180.73	860.31	495.19	930.95	8.68	1,120.10	6,302.12
65100** · Other Types of Expenses										
65120 · Insurance - Liability, D and O	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00	0.00	233.00	0.00	0.00	583.00
65170 · Staff Development	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	99.00	199.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	298.00
Total 65100** · Other Types of Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	449.00	199.00	233.00	0.00	0.00	881.00
67000 · Payroll Expense										
67300 · Payroll Accounting	81.48	122.22	81.48	131.98	81.48	81.48	81.48	91.48	154.32	907.40
67400 · Payroll Tax Expense	626.79	940.21	637.67	605.31	649.40	649.41	650.38	650.40	975.59	6,385.16
67500 · Salary Expense	8,193.36	8,844.41	11,781.20	7,912.52	8,488.89	8,488.89	8,501.88	8,501.88	12,752.82	83,465.85
67600 · Unemployment Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.60	38.20	29.38	16.42	4.39	0.00	123.99
67700 · Workman's Comp Insurance	0.00	0.00	388.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	388.00
67000 · Payroll Expense - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-34.85	0.00	-34.85
Total 67000 · Payroll Expense	8,901.63	9,906.84	12,888.35	8,685.41	9,257.97	9,249.16	9,250.16	9,213.30	13,882.73	91,235.55
Total Expense	18,342.36	20,094.09	21,380.89	24,607.27	19,126.44	18,465.39	19,688.66	24,393.48	28,137.77	194,236.35
Net Ordinary Income	18,073.38	4,541.74	-5,731.35	6,823.98	-1,573.00	9,577.41	4,429.99	11,724.22	-4,632.30	43,234.07
Net Income	18,073.38	4,541.74	-5,731.35	6,823.98	-1,573.00	9,577.41	4,429.99	11,724.22	-4,632.30	43,234.07

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FY 2018
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Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

40000 · ABC/M Income

40100 · ABC/M Fundraiser Income 3,000

40200 · ABC/M Registration 45,000

40300 · ABC/M TEF Income 6,415

40400 · ABC/M Scholarship Fund 29

Total 40000 · ABC/M Income 54,444

41000 · IRC Income

41200 · IRC Fundraiser Income

41100 · IRC Registration Income

41300 · IRC Scholarship fund -

Total 41000 · IRC Income -

42000 · Contribution Income

42100 · Groups 36,159

42200 · Individuals 26,979

42300 · Intergroups 22,487

Total 42000 · Contribution Income 85,625

45000 · Investments

45020 · Change in Investment Account 1,609

Total 45000 · Investments

48999 · Merchandise & Other Income

49000 · Sales Income 200,000

49010 · E-Book Income 15,181

49015 · E Journal Income 1,125

49050 · Journal 3,325

49100 · Shipping 23,460

49110 · Subsidies -

49300 · Merchandise Discounts - POC (39)

49110 · Subsidies - Other (12,000)

49110 · Dues, Fees, Licenses, Royalties 595

48999 · Merchandise & Other Income - Other 39

Total 48999 · Merchandise & Other Income 231,686

Total Income 373,364

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Cost of Goods Sold	
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold	
50800 · E-Book Costs	4,721
50810 · E Journal Costs	317
50900 · Shipping Expense	23,368
50950 · Shipping - For resent orders	16
66800 · Journal Printing & Mailing	2,000
70000 · Inventory adjustment	(214)
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold - Other	<u>36,000</u>
Total 50000 · Cost of Goods Sold	<u>66,208</u>
Total COGS	
Gross Profit	307,156
Expense	
66902 · *Reconciliation Discrepancies	
60000 · BOT	
60100 · BOT Accommodation	2,000
60200 · BOT Per Diem	1,200
60400 · BOT Travel	2,500
60000 · BOT Other	<u>22</u>
Total 60000 · BOT	5,722
61000 · BOT ABC/M	
61100 · BOT ABC/M Accomodation/Food	7,700
61200 · BOT ABC/M Other	1,183
61300 · BOT ABC/M Travel	<u>5,000</u>
Total 61000 · BOT ABC/M	13,883
62000 · ABC/M Conference Expenses	
62100* · ABC/M Accomodation/Facilities	31,000
62200 · ABC/M Other	4,400
62210 · ABC/M FWS Paid	5,500
62300 · ABC/M TEF	6,415
Total 62400 · Conference Committee	3,150
62000 · ABC/M Conference Expenses - Other	<u>53</u>
Total 62000 · ABC/M Conference Expenses	50,518
63000 · IRC Expenses	

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62100** - Contract Services	
62110* - Accounting Fees	5,000
62140 - Legal Fees	3,000
62150 - Outside Contract Services	29
63300 - Webmaster Services	17,000
63400 - Contract Services - Labor	-
63500 - Contract Services - Other	16,200
63600 - Contract Services - Editor	-
Total 62100** - Contract Services	41,229
62800 - Facilities and Equipment	
62870 - Property Insurance	-
62880 - Real Estate, Personal Prop Tax	1,077
64200 - Rent	41,724
64300 - Telephone	2,910
64400 - FWS Website	3,000
64500 - Equipment Leases	-
Total 62800 - Facilities and Equipment	48,711
65000* - General Office Expense	
65100* - Bank Charges/Fees	145
65200 - Vendor Fees	9,040
65300 - Dues, Fees and Licenses	-
65400 - Federal and State Tax	(117)
65550 - Meals	207
65600 - Mileage	371
65640 - Office Security	1,064
65650 - Penalties	10
65700 - Gifts & Honorariums	253
Total 65000* - General Office Expense	10,973

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65000** . Operations	
65030 . Printing and Copying	
65035 . Printing&Copies Knight	1,200
65030 . Printing and Copying - Other	-
Total 65030 . Printing and Copying	<u>1,200</u>
65040 . Supplies	-
65670 . Office Supplies	2,250
66100 . Computer Supplies	2,022
66300 . Miscellaneous Expenses	66
66400 . Outreach	500
66500 . Packaging and Supplies	274
66600 . Postage, Mail Services	890
66701 . Product-Order Issues FWS Paid	8
66900 . FWS Outreach	<u>3,500</u>
Total 65000** . Operations	<u>10,710</u>
65100** . Other Types of Expenses	
65120 . Insurance - Liability, D and O	2,406
65160 . Other Costs	222
65170 . Staff Development	<u>271</u>
Total 65100** . Other Types of Expenses	<u>2,899</u>
67000 . Payroll Expense	
67300 . Payroll Accounting	1,014
67400 . Payroll Tax Expense	9,312
67500 . Salary Expense	111,775
67600 . Unemployment Insurance	172
67700 . Workman's Comp Insurance	373
67000 . Other Payroll Expense	<u>(17)</u>
Total 67000 . Payroll Expense	<u>122,629</u>
68000 . Depreciation Expense	
68300 . Travel and Meetings	<u>15</u>
Total Expense	<u><u>307,289</u></u>
Net Income	<u><u>(133)</u></u>

Conference Charter Committee (CCC) and Chairs' Report

It is hard to believe that the 2017 Annual Business Conference/Meeting (ABC/M) July 25-28th has come and gone. By the time you read this, the *ABM 2017 Minutes* and *Summary of ABM Agenda Motions/IFDs* will have been sent out to ABM participants, CCC and Chairs members plus the BOT as well as posted on the F.W.S. website.

The CCC met for its first call of this Conference Year on Sunday August 7th. The Conference Committee Chairs call is Sunday September 17th. During the Chairs face-to-face meeting after the close of the ABM on Friday afternoon, a subcommittee was formed to review Appendix H. This subcommittee includes the CCC, CFC and CBC Chairs. The purpose of this new subcommittee is to integrate Appendices D, E, and F which are part of Appendix H and now a part of the CSM 2017.

The Conference Service Manual (CSM) Revision Work Group (RWG) 2018 has met three times already to review the BOT Election Process and Appendix L – What Happens to draft Literature approved by the Conference. Members include the CCC, ARS, BOT Chairs as well as 3 other members of the CCC.

The next CCC call is Sunday September 3rd and the *ABM 2017 Surveys* will be reviewed for what worked and what did not work. In addition, the CCC studies a Concept each month and this month is Concept 6.

In Service,
Rita H. CCC Chair
August 2017

Conference Steps, Traditions and Concepts Committee (CSTCC)

Questions and Answers

Can a Group Revise the S.L.A.A. Preamble to Include Anorexia?

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Anything you do to make it easier for a newcomer to identify is useful. So including anorexia in the meeting readings is helpful.

I would recommend against modifying the Preamble the way you suggest. It is copyrighted material and altering it may infringe on the F.W.S. copyright on the materials. What I would recommend is adding the change you would like to the meeting format.

If you would like to propose that the Preamble gets modified to include anorexia, you can make a motion for the upcoming ABM.

Two of the S.L.A.A. Traditions could be applicable to this question. Tradition 4 states that *"Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting S.L.A.A. as a whole."* It seems unlikely that changing or adding a few words in the preamble would affect S.L.A.A. as a whole, so the group would probably not be in conflict with the Tradition in doing so.

Tradition 5 states that: *"Each group has but one primary purpose - to carry its' message to the Sex and Love Addict that still suffers."* While changing the preamble could have a negative effect on carrying that message, with the revision proposed it does not seem likely. So, it does not appear that the revision would be in conflict with Tradition 5 either.

However, in my experience it is not a good idea to change Conference approved literature and / or core documents. It can cause confusion for members to hear different versions at different meetings. Having gone to an anorexic focus meeting for many years, we have found it best to keep Conference approved literature and core documents as is, and instead find another way to incorporate the message into our format and / or readings.

A meeting is free to do whatever it wishes as long as it does not impact the rest of the Fellowship. To alter the S.L.A.A. Preamble is certainly something that each meeting has a right to do. We do not expel meetings. We do not require much of them, although we do suggest they abide by the Traditions and the Concepts. However, a disclaimer would be appreciated by the rest of the Fellowship.

If a meeting drifts too far away from the spirit of S.L.A.A., it is presumed they would voluntarily separate themselves from the Fellowship. If a meeting drifts too far away from the Steps and Traditions, it will not survive. But these issues are best addressed in the individual meeting's business meeting. And of course we hope that the business meeting abides with the guidance of the 12 Concepts.

You are encouraged to submit a Motion or even an Item for Discussion (IFD) to the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) suggesting such a change to the Preamble. It is what the ABM is for.

The CSTCC is a group of volunteers, some of whom were ABM delegates, and others who volunteered out of interest. We do not represent a group conscience of S.L.A.A., but are committed to bringing thoughtful discussion and study of 12 Step Fellowship literature and experience to the questions that are brought to us. Other non-S.L.A.A. literature, such as AA or AI-Anon literature may have been accessed in order to see how other 12 Step Recovery Fellowships have addressed these issues. We offer this summary as the result of our discussions. We present the major points of concern in the hope that wider discussion in the Fellowship will help us evolve our customs and practice of the S.L.A.A. program of recovery to better represent the loving guidance of a Higher Power. Always we affirm the autonomy of each group and the need for each individual to follow her/his own conscience. No decision of this group, or any other, is ever forced upon another, even when we believe a practice is clearly in conflict with the Steps, Traditions and Concepts.

Posting of Couples in Recovery (CiR) Meeting on S.L.A.A. Website

The comments below were given by various members of the Conference Steps, Traditions and Concepts Committee and do not represent a group conscience of the entire committee. The opinions expressed here are solely that of the person giving them. Take what you like and leave the rest.

It is indeed an interesting issue. While the couples' meeting seems to be welcoming to members of various "S" programs, it lists itself as a CiR group. From the Intergroup level, that would appear to be going against the intent of Tradition 3. The purpose of S.L.A.A. is to help the suffering sex and love addict, not necessarily the couple that needs recovery. I would also wonder if, in keeping with Tradition 4, having a CiR meeting on the S.L.A.A. schedule would affect other groups in the Houston area. Could it possibly confuse newer members as to the purpose of S.L.A.A. in that area?

I would personally be very uncomfortable with keeping that CiR meeting on the schedule. I believe strongly in keeping the focus on the addiction, and not getting sidetracked with outside issues. A different program would be an outside issue to me, and keeping it on the meeting list would be no different than putting a political meeting or a church meeting on the list. All three of them could be helpful to some members in the fellowship, but they also could cause confusion and dissent within the meetings in that area.

If the meeting is a CiR meeting it does not go on an S.L.A.A. website because we are not affiliated with any organization besides S.L.A.A. (Tradition 3). It is also violating the Traditions of S.L.A.A. to be reading our Preamble when it is not an S.L.A.A. meeting (breaking Tradition 1 focus on unity of S.L.A.A. groups and Tradition 4 as it can affect S.L.A.A. as a whole if they did not consider asking before). I am sure Recovery Couples Anonymous (RCA) has its own preamble no?

If the group is having trouble with being a part of an Intergroup then they have every right to form their own. S.L.A.A. is not in charge of any other groups besides its own. Although S.L.A.A. members can attend this group it is not S.L.A.A. S.L.A.A. members choose to attend this meeting if they want. If the group decided to call itself S.L.A.A. with the purpose specific to recovering partnerships within S.L.A.A. then yes I think it is alignment with the Traditions. However it is a complete red flag to newcomers and old timers to have recovery anonymous trying to be S.L.A.A. We need to have a singleness of purpose (Tradition 5)

For me the question involves Tradition 10. Are relationships involving S.L.A.A. members an outside issue? Or, are building and nurturing the skills for S.L.A.A. members to have healthy relationships a key part of our purpose?

Because CiR is focused on sex and/or love addiction I would argue that the CiR meetings do not represent an outside issue.

But perhaps, the Houston Couples in Recovery group (CiR) could be seen as an outside enterprise. So, Tradition 6 would seem to apply. Listing a group on our website may be seen as an endorsement and thus contrary to the spirit of the Traditions. Nevertheless, there is an overlap in this case and listing the CiR group may be of help, even great help, to sex and love addicts. It would be helpful to make clear on that website that the listing should not be seen as an endorsement.

One way to look at CiR meetings -- since they include S.L.A.A. members — is as Open Meetings (even though they limit attendance to couples with at least one member of an "S"

program thus calling themselves closed). I should think that listing Open meetings on an Intergroup's website would be normal and appropriate.

Our websites are part of our public relations policy. We are guided to practice attraction rather than promotion. Through our websites we provide information of use to S.L.A.A. members. Listing the CiR meetings seems perfectly appropriate from this perspective. So, this request appears to be in line with Tradition 11.

There are no financial issues involved in this question.

So, from my standpoint, listing the CiR on an Intergroup website is within the spirit of the Traditions as long as it is clear that the CiR meetings are not S.L.A.A. meetings.

However, the action is not up to F.W.S. (we do not govern), but is a matter for the local Intergroup. In that regard the Traditions and the Concepts would come into play. Is there substantial unanimity around this issue at the Intergroup level? Are the representatives from the Houston meetings supportive of this idea? Is the Intergroup striving to be democratic in thought and action? I would suggest extended discussion and patience at the Intergroup level and not moving forward until substantial unanimity is achieved.

Tradition 4 states "Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or S.L.A.A. as a whole." By posting the CiR on the S.L.A.A. meeting list it may affect other groups, so this could be a violation of Tradition 4. If it is on the list with other S.L.A.A. meetings a newcomer might not know to differentiate the CiR meeting from a S.L.A.A. meeting, even if there is a description clarifying the CiR meeting is not S.L.A.A. (How many of us have been at a single sex meeting only to have a newcomer of the opposite sex show up by mistake? I've even seen newcomers show up at Intergroup thinking it was a regular meeting), so to avoid creating the potential confusion by not listing the CiR meeting with S.L.A.A. meetings.

Tradition 6 states "An S.L.A.A. group or S.L.A.A. as a whole ought never endorse, finance, or lend the S.L.A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, or prestige divert us from our primary purpose." If there is a spot on the Intergroup website for "additional resources" (separate from the S.L.A.A. meeting page) it might be appropriate to list the CiR meeting on that page, as long as there a disclaimer clearly stating that these resources are separate from S.L.A.A. and that the Intergroup and S.L.A.A. as a whole does not endorse these sites.

As a longtime member of S.L.A.A. I have watched while many versions of our recovery program have popped up, some thriving, most just surviving or quietly fading away. In the Tampa Bay area we once had a dynamic, thriving women's meeting, but one day the attendance dropped suddenly and it never grew again, finally fading away a few months later. I have also seen S.L.A.A. meetings in general, many of them, become much more focused to help each other in recovery to navigate coupleship and other close relationships, a much needed support for people whose families provided few or none of the models for healthy relationships for us growing up, and who then found refuge from loneliness and lack inside ourselves in social and emotional anorexia, sexual acting out or in, unhealthy relationships, etc.

I think we should encourage special purpose meetings for couples to be part of our F.W.S. network. I would prefer they labeled themselves as an "S.L.A.A. Couples group, open to those from other "S" fellowships, and couples of any genders." Or something like that. Like all groups, they would meet the broad, forgiving standards for individual groups of S.L.A.A., and be free to find their own connection with a Higher Power through group conscience of what their customs and traditions (small "t") will become as they try various formats, etc. as a group.

I tried to get help with my partnership issues in the early years of what is now a 20 relationship, now legal in the sight of the law (thanks to the Supreme Court), from Recovering Couples Anonymous, but was told I could not attend alone, ever, and that the group was limited to heterosexual couples.

I think what this group is trying to do is needed and worthwhile supporting, and either as a "related fellowship" as are others we have on our website, or as full members of F.W.S., I wish them well.

The other Tradition is Tradition 4, "Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or S.L.A.A. as a whole." I also read that to apply to Intergroups if the Intergroup wanted to put that information on their website as a service to the addict still suffering I don't see a problem with that as long as they make clear it is not an S.L.A.A. meeting.

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Harassment in Meetings/the Role of Intergroup

The comments below were given by various members of the Conference Steps, Traditions and Concepts Committee and do not represent a group conscience of the entire committee. The opinions expressed here are solely that of the person giving them. Take what you like and leave the rest.

This question here is how does harassment at a meeting level relate to Tradition 4 (Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting S.L.A.A. as a whole). While it is very possible that the disruption at the meeting level could cause members to leave the meeting and possibly the program, that would not appear to affect S.L.A.A. as a whole. So, Tradition 4 would indicate that it is a meeting level issue, and not something that the Intergroup should address.

For the meeting, I think that review of Tradition 1 would be most applicable. The common welfare of the meeting members should come first and harassment will not help to achieve that goal. The meeting can then look to Tradition 4 to make a decision on how to handle the individual creating the problem. There is some helpful draft literature titled "Suggested Guidelines Regarding Safety in the Program" that could be used to create a reading for the meeting (I have attached a copy).

Having been in a meeting that experienced this problem, I can relate my own experience. We talked with the individual one on one first and gently described the problem. When the behavior did not change, the one on one discussion was repeated a second time a few weeks later.

When the behavior still did not change, the entire group asked the individual to leave our meeting and find another S.L.A.A. meeting.

There are not any official documents that outline an Intergroup's role in how much they can "oversee" a group. I have seen Intergroups give insight or an opinion on matters, but my understanding is that the Intergroup is not the authority just like F.W.S. is not.

On the F.W.S. Website, there are many past questions from the CSTCC, some of which may apply to what your group is experiencing:

<https://slaafws.org/trquestion/abusive-language>
<https://slaafws.org/trquestion/disruptive-members>
<https://slaafws.org/trquestion/under-the-influence>
<https://slaafws.org/trquestion/disruptive-behavior>

There have been a few Items for Discussion at the ABM on topics similar to the ones brought up here. The problem is not a simple one; first and foremost, the meetings should be a safe place for all members of the Fellowship. (Tradition 1) If someone's behavior is making the meeting feel unsafe the person who feels unsafe should feel free to talk with the meeting officers, or the meeting officers should notice the unsafe behavior and act to put a stop to it. Often simply taking the individual aside and explaining that the behavior is not appropriate is enough.

Some read 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" as not being able to ask someone seeking recovery from a meeting. In my opinion not respecting another's boundaries (after being made aware that their behavior is inappropriate) shows they lack the desire. In those cases the meeting may take a group conscience (Tradition 2) and decide to ban the individual until such time that they are willing to respect the boundaries of the others in the meeting.

If the group does not make a group conscience to ban the individual the person who feels unsafe should do whatever they see as appropriate to feel safe. Letting other members know they feel unsafe, and asking them to accompany them into and out of the meeting. Staying away from the meeting and/or starting a new meeting are a few things I've seen done.

The role of Intergroup is limited, since each meeting is autonomous. If there is harassment at a meeting that the meeting does not address, you could go to Intergroup, as you came to F.W.S. and this Conference Committee to remind the meeting officers that the meeting should be a safe place.

The person may be attending several meetings and harassing people in several meetings, if that is the case it could bring Tradition 4 into place as the actions are affecting other groups.

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Is there anywhere literature that suggests how to behave / act when a fellow threatens to commit suicide (or other criminal act) in a meeting?

The comments below were given by various members of the Conference Steps, Traditions and Concepts Committee and do not represent a group conscience of the entire committee. The opinions expressed here are solely that of the person giving them. Take what you like and leave the rest.

I am not aware of any program literature that addresses suicidal ideation in a meeting. While it can be very difficult to listen to someone speaking about suicide, I do not think that our program is equipped (or should be) to deal with that issue. So, there is no direction to be found in the Traditions on this issue. As individuals we will need to follow our conscience as to how to respond (or not respond).

I have sat in many meetings for many years, so I have had a lot of personal experience listening to members talking about suicide. People in severe pain often talk about their feelings of loneliness, desperation and hopelessness. Suicide is often brought up, either in a reference to the past or the present. Typically I feel that the individual has the right to express whatever they want without receiving input from other members (either during or after the meeting). However, in keeping with Tradition 5 I believe that we have a duty to reach out to the struggling member of our Fellowship. On many occasions I have offered assistance after the meeting to the individual in working on recovery using the Steps and other tools of our program (including telephone outreach).

If a person is threatening to commit suicide then the laws of that state needs to be taken into account as some professions are by law supposed to report such things and although S.L.A.A. is an anonymous group if one of our members is threatening to harm themselves then some legal things have to be taken into account. (This might be a BOT question.)

S.L.A.A. does not I repeat does not give psychological services. No trying to explore feelings or talking people off the ledge that is not what we do. We take people through the 12 Steps so they can find a power greater than their sex and love addiction. To start to meddle in someone else's disease is inefficient way of using the will. Offering experience, strength and hope (ESP) has been the most reliable source of spiritual change known to man. A person who was afflicted by suicidal thoughts can give their ESP, in addition asking if they need to go to emergency care or if they want someone to stay with them for support (within the boundaries of the party). Otherwise state laws need to be taken into account and the S.L.A.A. group can be informed.

This has gotten rawer for me as someone in one of my regular meetings committed suicide this month, they never threatened to in meetings, just mentioned depression.

I have a sponsee that has occasional suicidal ideation; we have an agreement that he has to call me and his therapist when that occurs. The therapist is better equipped to determine how likely he is to go through with it.

While anonymity is important, the anonymity in the rooms is not absolute, if someone mentions they have participated in or are planning criminal activities it is not covered under anonymity. In most states attempting suicide is a crime. A divorce lawyer in program warns that 5th Steps can and have been subpoenaed.

Give them the number of the National Suicide Prevention Hotline 800.273.8255

A threat of suicide to a group is as loud a cry for help as anyone can imagine, unless it is walking into an ER or a police station to do it!

An important thing to keep in mind is that although the rooms practice anonymity in protecting our members, it is not protected in the same way a therapist patient discussion is private. Any discussion that someone intends to do harm to anyone (including themselves) should be taken seriously, and reported to the proper authorities. We are not prescient enough to be able to reliably differentiate between a real threat and someone into the drama of the statements. Trained professionals should be alerted. I know nothing in the Steps, Traditions or Concepts that codifies this approach.

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International Page – S.L.A.A. in Germany since 1984

German

Hallo, ich bin Christiane und sex- und liebesstüchtig. Ich arbeite seit 15 Jahren im Programm. Ein sehr wichtiges Werkzeug für meine Genesung war und ist es Dienste zu übernehmen. Jeder Dienst hat mich besser im Programm verankert, in jedem Dienst durfte ich mehr über mich lernen. Manchmal musste ich auch lernen, aus einem Dienst auszusteigen. Diese Entscheidungen fälle ich (Bottomline!) nur nach Rücksprache mit meiner Sponsorin, da ich dazu neige, Dinge und Beziehungen die mich nerven oder die mir unangenehm sind, nicht zu lösen, sondern einfach hinzuschmeissen.

Zur Zeit mache ich für die deutsche Intergruppe den "ABM-Dienst", was bedeutet, dass ich die deutschsprachige S.L.A.A.-Intergruppe bei dem jährlichen ABM/C repräsentiere. Ich bin dankbar, dass ich zweimal für jeweils 2 Jahre als Delegierte für das ABM/C gewählt worden bin und dreimal teilnehmen konnte. Im ersten Jahr war es ein überwältigendes Ereignis. Auch wenn mein Englisch ganz gut ist, waren mir viele Ausdrücke nicht geläufig. (Was, bitte, sind Robert's Rules of order??) Im 2. Jahr hatte ich schon das Gefühl Teil des Ganzen zu sein und beim 3. Mal hatte ich das Gefühl, wirklich Etwas beitragen zu können.

Ein wesentlicher Teil des Dienstes ist es, in einem Dienst auf internationaler Ebene mitzuarbeiten. Ich habe zwei Jahre im CHRC (Komitee für gesunde Beziehungen) und vier Jahre im Finanzdienst mitgearbeitet und bin nun zum 2. Mal zur Vorsitzenden des Finanzteams gewählt worden. So bin ich das ganze Jahr über regelmäßig mit meinen Teams im Kontakt, was das Reinkommen ins nächste ABM sehr viel einfacher macht. Ich habe auch viel durch den ARS Dienst gelernt. Das ARS ist ein Unter-Komitee, das die Anträge für das ABM prüft. Wir haben in einem kleinen Team alle eingegangenen Anträge geprüft, ob sie formell richtig sind und ob sie eindeutig gestellt sind. So haben wir z.B. bei Anträgen verschiedener Antragsteller, die das Gleiche wollten, die Antragsteller vernetzt und um Zusammenarbeit gebeten. Es ist beeindruckend zu sehen, wie viel Kreativität in unserer Gemeinschaft steckt, wie viel Energie Menschen einbringen.

Bevor ich das erste Mal zum ABM/C gekommen bin hatte ich die Vorstellung, dass es ein Riesen-Meeting sein müsste. Doch beim ABM kommen mit ca. 55 Delegierten weniger Teilnehmer zusammen als bei einem deutschen Intergruppen-Meeting. Die deutsche S.L.A.A. - Gemeinschaft besteht seit 1984 hat derzeit 57 aktive Meetings. Zu einem Intergruppen-Treffen kommen in der Regel 80 – 100 Freunde und Freundinnen. Ein Grund dafür ist sicher der Preis für die Teilnahme am ABM (Ohne Reisekosten sind es in diesem Jahr 895 Dollar gewesen!) während das deutsche Intergruppen-Treffen häufig in einem bescheidenen Ort wie einem Kloster oder einer Jugendherberge ausgetragen wird und in der Regel max. 150- 200 Dollar kostet. Ein weiterer großer Unterschied besteht darin, dass es beim deutschen Intergruppen-Treffen viele Genesungs-Meetings und wenige Arbeitsmeetings gibt, im Gegensatz zum ABM, wo es täglich von 8:00 – 18:00 Uhr nur Arbeitsmeetings und abends das ein oder andere Genesungsmeeting gibt. Doch schnell wurde mir klar, dass ich die beiden Veranstaltungen gar nicht vergleichen kann. Beim ABM muss der weltweite Vorstand gewählt werden und sehr viele Anträge aus aller Welt entschieden werden. Die Zeit reicht nicht immer für alles. Beim letzten deutschen Intergruppen-Meeting hingegen sind alle Anträge zurückgestellt worden, um Dienste zu besetzen. Viele wichtige Dienste waren vakant. So hatten wir kurzzeitig z.B. niemanden, der Medienanfragen beantworten konnte.

Und hier schließt sich der Kreis: Wir alle haben Talente für einen Dienst. Ich brauche dafür Mut und manchmal einen Schubs. Ein amerikanischer Programm-Freund sagte es so: „Ich suchte nach einer Schnellstraße zur Genesung und bin jetzt ich auf dem Dienstweg gelandet.“ Mein Fazit: Dienst ist Genesung.

English

Hello, my name is Christiane and I am a sex-and love addict. I have been working in S.L.A.A. for 15 years. It has been a very important tool for my recovery to be of service. Every service has anchored me deeper in the program, in each service I was able to learn more about myself. Sometimes I also had to let go of a service. These were decisions I took only after consultation with my sponsor. This is one of my bottom lines. I am inclined to end issues and/or relationships which I feel uncomfortable with, by dramatic exits, instead of working through them.

At the moment I am on the "ABM service" for my German Language Intergroup, which means that I serve as a delegate for the German-speaking S.L.A.A. Intergroup at the annual ABC/M. I am grateful that I have been elected twice for a 2 year-period as a delegate and that I was able to attend the ABM three times. In the first year, it was simply overwhelming. Although my English is quite good, many expressions were not familiar to me. (What, for heaven's sake, are "Robert's Rules of Order"?) In the second year I could follow and understand much more, and on the 3rd time I had the feeling of being able to contribute, somehow.

An essential part of this service is to join a Conference Committee on an international level. I have been on the Conference Healthy Relationships Committee (CHRC) for two years and four years on the Conference Finance Committee (CFC). I am currently serving as the chair of that committee. This allowed me to be in regular contact with members in service throughout the year, which made it easier for me to attend the following ABM. I've also learned a lot from serving on the ARS (Agenda Review Subcommittee).

The ARS is a sub-committee of the CCC (Conference Charter Committee) which looks at the Items for Discussion (IFDs) and Motions submitted for the ABM Agenda. This team reviews all submissions to be sure they are in the appropriate format and will be clear to the Delegates and other voting members of the Conference. Also, if two or more submitters send in similar IFDs or Motions, the ARS suggests the submitters to join forces for a common submission. It is impressive to see how much creativity there is in our Fellowship, how much energy people and dedication is devoted to improving the Fellowship and its processes.

Coming to my first ever ABC/M, I had the idea that it would be a huge meeting. However, there were fewer delegates than at our German Intergroup business meetings. The German S.L.A.A. has been active since 1984 and has 57 active meetings. Generally, 80-100 attendees come to our Intergroup meetings twice a year. At the recent 2017 ABC/M in Boston about 55 members were present with 39 delegates representing Intergroups/Lone Groups. One reason for this may be the registration fee; excluding travel it was \$895 USD this year! Our German Intergroup meetings are usually hosted in inexpensive locations like a monastery or a youth hostel, which allows the cost for attending to be around \$150-200 USD. Another big difference is that while at the German Intergroup Meeting there are many recovery meetings and few business meetings it is the other way around at the ABM, where business meetings are held from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, and only some recovery meetings in the evening.

What I found was that I could not compare our German Intergroup meetings to the S.L.A.A. ABC/M. One reason is that the Board of Trustees has to be elected or confirmed and a large number of submissions for the ABM Agenda from all over the world have to be processed. There is not always enough time for everything. In contrast, at the last German Intergroup Meeting, all submissions were tabled to our next meeting since there was an urgent need for filling service positions, since many had been vacant.

And here the loop closes: We all have talents for some kind of service. I need courage and sometimes a push for doing a service. I love how a program-friend expressed it, "I came in looking for a fast track for recovery and I ended up on the service road." For me that is true: service is recovery!

International Page - The UK Now has 85 Meetings

My name is Paul T. and I am grateful to be clean and sober today, and recovering from sex and love addiction and anorexia. I started the S.L.A.A. programme in May 2012 after starting my recovery journey in Alcoholics Anonymous in 2010 where I became aware of the gift of the Twelve- Step fellowships. I worked the S.L.A.A. programme in the UK the S.L.A.A. H.O.W. way.

S.L.A.A. H.O.W. is extremely popular in countries like Asia and Australia and there are over 85 S.L.A.A. meetings a week in the UK with most using the H.O.W. approach. Since I started recovery nearly seven years ago, I have made giving service a key part of my programme, as the S.L.A.A. concept and tools recommend.

My first experience of service was being a greeter. I found this a great way of meeting new people and of others getting to know me so it's also been a great tool to fight the battle with social anorexia. I also have had strong sponsors that encouraged me to incorporate recovery literature into my morning routine and to broaden my recovery knowledge.

I understood that it is only what I give away that I get to keep. In the H.O.W. approach there is a strong emphasis on sponsoring early on in the Steps, so after 37 days of recovery - working through Steps 1, 2 and 3 with my sponsor - I was able to take a new member through these Steps which was a great way early on of establishing the principle and recouping the benefits of service.

Throughout my recovery I have taken on almost every possible service commitment there is - from providing tea for the meeting to being secretary. One of my favorite service commitments is as the newcomers' representative where any male newcomers attending the meeting can come to me with any questions they may have. I find all commitments extremely fulfilling and they keep me coming back to meetings.

After carrying out the range of service positions at the local level, I joined the S.L.A.A. UK Intergroup. I had been involved with Intergroup in A.A. so it was a natural step to do service in the S.L.A.A. UK Intergroup. I have had the privilege to represent the S.L.A.A. UK as the International Delegate at the Fellowship-Wide Services (F.W.S.) Annual Business Meeting (ABM) in the USA for the last 3 years.

I compare my experience of service at the Intergroup level to a fast track to adulthood. Coming into recovery I was mentally and emotionally reacting like a 14-year old boy; after doing the Steps and service at Intergroup today I respond like an adult which is vital for my recovery.

Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these Steps, I am now on a daily basis experiencing my life changing. And the many different ways of service has allowed me to carry the message to those who still suffer.

S.L.A.A. has helped me with all types of healthy relationships in my life including friends, family, staff, clients and sponsors. Having had a period of time abstinent, I am now ready to have a romantic relationship with the support of the S.L.A.A. programme, the fellowship, my sponsor and my loving God.

November Is Gratitude Month

Giving Back What Has So Generously Been Given

Every November, members of Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous are invited to acknowledge their gratitude to the Fellowship that has sustained their lives as recovering addicts. As a way of giving thanks, individuals, groups, and Intergroups are encouraged to contribute directly to Fellowship-Wide Services (F.W.S.). This is in keeping with Tradition Seven, which states that "Every S.L.A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

To share the impact such generosity makes on the Fellowship as a whole, Fellowship-Wide Services has outlined the services and responsibilities of the F.W.S. Office, supported by your contributions; and, how individuals, groups and Intergroups can contribute this November and throughout the year.

Fellowship-Wide Services (F.W.S.)

The F.W.S. Office is the direct link to all S.L.A.A. Intergroups, groups and individual members world-wide. The main responsibility of the F.W.S. Office is to carry the message -- to help the addict who still suffers. Additionally, the F.W.S. Office assists the Board of Trustees in performing its duties and legal requirements.

What F.W.S. Provides, What Contributions Support

- Printing, selling, and distribution of Conference-Approved literature ([S.L.A.A. Basic Text](#), pamphlets, medallions, and Starter Kits for groups and Intergroups)
- Assistance with starting new meetings and Intergroups world-wide
- Coordination of Annual Business Conference/Meeting (ABC/M)
- Support to Conference Committees which facilitate overall growth of the fellowship, including literature translation, creation of new literature, outreach to institutions and prisons, website development and maintenance, and communications with Intergroups and members-at-large
- Bookkeeping and maintenance of legal documents

Ways to Give

- Groups are encouraged to pass an additional basket every week during the month of November that goes directly to F.W.S.
- Individuals can set up recurring contributions (i.e. monthly) to be automatically deducted from one's debit or credit card at www.slaafws.org.
- Individuals, groups and Intergroups can make a one-time contribution online at www.slaafws.org.
- Individuals, groups and Intergroups can make a one-time contribution by check.
 - Please make check payable to **Fellowship-Wide Services** and write *Gratitude Month* in memo
 - Send check to F.W.S., 1550 NE Loop, 410 Suite 118, San Antonio, TX 78209

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Thank You - This gesture of gratitude speaks to our spiritual responsibility and the principle of participation contained in the 12 Traditions of S.L.A.A.



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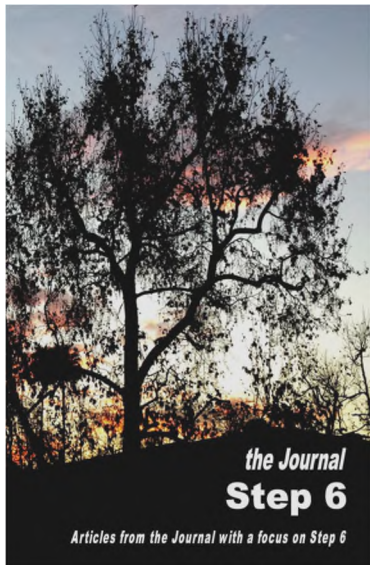
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We carry a consistent message to the addict with conference-approved literature.

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Voting Members	41	42	47	41	39	38	41	48	51	52
BOT	6	6	5	6	6	6	4	5	6	9
FWS Staff*	1	1	1	0	2*	3+1*	3+1*	2	2	0
Executive Director (past GM)	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1
Journal editor	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Webmaster	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
CCC Chair	1	1	1	1	1	1	1*	1	1	1
Delegates	33	35	41	34	32	30	35	40	42	39
New Delegates	20	16	25	19	14	14	14	21	24	17
ABM Record keeper*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
CLC Chair*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Observers*	2	2	2	4	4	4	2	2	4	3
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California	11	11	11	12	12	10	10	12	8	8
Los Angeles	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	3	4
Monterey Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
San Francisco/EBay	2	3	3	3	4	2	2	2	2	2
San Diego	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	1	0
Sacramento	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
Santa Cruz	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Orange County	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Florida	2	1	7	1	3	0	2	4	3	2
Tampa Bay	2	0	2	1	3	0	2	2	2	1
Broward	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
South Florida	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Palm Beach	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Texas	3	5	3	4	4	5	5	7	6	6
Houston	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	4	3	3
Austin	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Dallas/Fort Worth/N TX	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
San Antonio	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Canada	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
Montreal	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Toronto	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1
International	2	4	2	4	4	4	5	5	9	6
German Speaking Countries	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	0	1
UK	1	1	0	2	2	2	1	2	2	2
Australia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
China	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
France	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ireland	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
The Netherlands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Poland	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Sweden	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
Other	9	11	15	12	8	10	14	11	14	15
Central AR	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
Chicagoland IL	2	2	2	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
New England MA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
Western New England	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Northeast OH	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
Seattle/Puget Sound WA	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1
Greater New York	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	2
Washington DC	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denver CO	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Atlanta GA	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cincinnati OH	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Greater Delaware Valley	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	3	3
Western PA	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Tucson AZ	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Central AZ	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oklahoma City	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CT	0	0	2	2	0	1	2	0	0	1
Omaha NB	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
SLAAOnline Intergroup	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1
WANA Women's Phone IG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Lone Groups	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elizabethtown KY	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Easier Softer Way FL	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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