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Executive Director's Report

Welcome to 2018! My, where does the time go? As a child in the 1970s, I visualized "2018" as a space-age time when we would all be flying to work like The Jetsons. Yet, it has snuck up on me.

Orders have been steadily streaming out from the F.W.S. office since the first of the year. It is so encouraging to see orders placed by not only large intergroups, but also by newly-formed groups and newcomers. We are heartened to know that the literature, chips, medallions, and other materials we ship are moving across the globe and reaching the still-suffering addict.

As many of you already know, the 2018 Annual Business Meeting/Conference will be held right here in historic San Antonio, Texas. (The city's 300th year anniversary is this year!) ABC/M will be at the San Antonio Airport Hilton from July 31 thru August 3. All the necessary information -- including registration forms -- is available on the F.W.S. website. Please make sure you register early! It really helps us here in the F.W.S. office to have an early idea of how many participants will be attending so that we can order supplies, prepare binders, and so forth.

I look forward to seeing everyone in July!

In Service,

Pam Martin
Executive Director
February 15, 2018

Chairman of the Board of Trustees' 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, Mass. 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. (Calif.), Earl D. (Texas), and David F. (Poland) were each elected to fill the three years terms that we 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.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees' Report – continued

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

February 18, 2018

Board Committees

Board Outreach Committee (BOC) Report

The Board Outreach Committee consists of Susan G., Trustee, Chair, Matt F. non-BOT Member, Earl D., Trustee, Sarah C. non-Trustee and Beth S. Webmaster. The Committee meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. During this reporting period, the Committee met November 20th, Dec 18th, and Jan15th for three-hour literature editing meetings to edit the "Companion to Chapter Four and prepare it for publishing. We also had our regular 1-hour meeting on November 20th, December 4th and February 5th. The Committee did not have a regular meeting in January as it was New Year's Day. This Committee has made an extraordinary effort to ready the new literature, approved by the Fellowship, by meeting 4 hours per month instead of the required one hour a month. I am deeply grateful for each and every Committee member.

What follows is the directive of the BOC as stated in the Charter and Work Plan (as approved by BOT), The Committee rated itself for whether it had performed this directive in the past service year. Areas that need work are the focus in this service year:

Board Outreach Committee 2016-2017 Service Year Committee Self-Evaluation

Committee	Indicator	Met	Needs Work	N/A	Don't Know
BOC	a. The organization evaluates, by soliciting Fellowship input, whether its mission and activities provide benefit to the Fellowship.		3		1
BOC	b. The organization has a value statement (Traditions) that is reflected in the agency's activities and is communicated by its constituents.	4			
BOC	c. The organization has a clear, meaningful written mission statement which reflects its purpose, values and people served.	4			
BOC	d. The organization actively informs the public about its programs and services.		4		
BOC	e. F.W.S. networks and/or collaborates with other organizations to produce the most comprehensive and effective services to Members.		4		

Webmaster update:

The Webmaster has been very busy. She has been managing the F.W.S. website, managing email difficulties, and she got the 2018 Membership Survey posted online January 1.

- **Membership Survey Report from Webmaster** - <https://slaafws.typeform.com/to/EfEut3>
 - We have 168 responses so far.
 - On average, the survey takes 8.5 minutes to complete.
 - The survey completion rate is 30 percent, which The Webmaster says is high.
 - One interesting fact is that 70 percent of respondents said they noticed their addiction problems prior to age 18.

Board Outreach Committee (BOC) Report – continued

Media Requests:

1. Washington Post: A sex-identified Sex and Love Addict reporter was given info- 40 questions, “What is Sex and Love Addiction” given “Media Guidelines” link and warned using meetings for material in the article is not allowed.
2. An SLAA member in UK was seeking history of SLAA for a speaker share he was going to be giving in a meeting. Our history was sent.
3. Erik Kerr - request for affiliation for therapeutic treatment event. We turned down twice (1/12/18 and again after that)
4. Neli Mihaylova in Germany – referred to SAA 1/12/18, as she is seeking a sex addict primarily in her area to interview, as SAA is in her area and will be able to offer her more choices as they are bigger than we are.
5. “Pure” – Show in U.K. Script used for a show in production for Channel 4 (similar to U.S.’s PBS stations) was discussed. The producers want the 12-Step group to be S.L.A.A. This requires a script change on page six, to which they have already agreed. Discussion followed about our participation and the use of our logo. The committee was unanimously in favor of participating in the production and permitting use of our logo. Webmaster sent logos and written permission to use the logo and our name.

Conference Approved Literature:

Editing is underway (3-hour literature meetings once a month) on assigned publications. Grammatical errors were corrected in the Chapter 4 Companion and the review was finished. It was approved by the Board to format for publishing by a Desktop Publisher (using inDesign software). Soon after printing it will be available for purchase. Editing of the Healthy Relationships Pamphlet is now underway. The Anorexia Tools will be reviewed after that. We will have our next literature editing meeting on Monday, Feb. 19.

Other Projects:

- **Welcoming Newcomers Project** – topic of what groups/members of the Fellowship can do to make newcomers feel more welcoming
- **Group Inventory Project** – Two documents regarding to a group conscience inventory were secured by the committee and discussed. One idea was to combine the documents and other research to create a free pamphlet or brochure for groups to use. The Webmaster mentioned she receives regular requests for this. We are going to contact the author of one of the group inventories to see about copyright issues about making the Inventory available to the Fellowship

Thanks for letting me be of service,
Susan G., BOC Chair
Jan. 13, 2018

Board Development Committee (BDC) Report

The BDC has met twice since the last report, December 16 and January 20.

The committee has been diligently working to find members to replace the open positions and have forwarded a candidate to the BOT for their approval of appoint.

The committee is now working to fill the position left open with the resignation of David F.

Board Development Committee (BDC) Report – continued

The committee is also reviewing the election process at the ABC/M and is working on a policy regarding service on BOT Committees for non-BOT members.

David R. from Ireland has stepped back from service on this committee, and Barry B. will be joining the committee beginning with its February call.

Membership:

Chair:	Rich K.
BOT Members:	Steve B.
Non-BOT Members:	Lindsey H., Barry B.

Respectfully submitted,
Rich K.
February 15, 2018

Board Finance Committee (BFC) Report

The BFC has met three times since the Annual Business Meeting (ABM): November 26, December 28, and January 28.

Since the last report, this committee reviewed the December 31, 2017 financials and meeting minutes for October, November, and December, and forwarded these to the BOT for their review and approval.

We have reviewed the tax return, and the reviewed financial statements from our accounting firm, and have forwarded them to the BOT for approval.

A contributions policy has been completed and sent to the BOT for approval.

With the resignation of David F. from the BOT, Ashly B. will be joining the committee beginning with our next meeting.

Membership:

Chair:	Rich K.
BOT Members:	Bob G., Ashly B.
Non-BOT Members:	Lindsey H., Phillip W.

Respectfully submitted,
Rich K.
February 15, 2018

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Balance Sheet - Monthly

Accrual Basis

As of December 31, 2017

	Oct 31, 17	Nov 30, 17	Dec 31, 17
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
10300 · BofA 1117 Texas Corp	46,813.09	54,896.70	51,953.66
10400 · Vanguard Prudent Reserve Fund	192,236.06	192,401.24	192,585.59
10903 · Petty Cash-Pam Martin	175.24	175.24	110.88
Total Checking/Savings	239,224.39	247,473.18	244,650.13
Accounts Receivable			
11200 · Accounts Receivable	4,830.00	4,830.00	4,048.00
Total Accounts Receivable	4,830.00	4,830.00	4,048.00
Other Current Assets			
12000 · Undeposited Funds-Operating Acc	554.05	-64.54	1,446.45
12010 · Undeposited Account-Amazon	2,821.17	2,821.17	2,821.17
12020 · Undeposited Funds-Paypal	6,671.16	10,451.10	11,540.32
12100 · Inventory Asset	50,087.44	47,304.55	46,002.09
13000 · Prepaid Expenses	3,068.01	3,068.01	4,318.01
Total Other Current Assets	63,201.83	63,580.29	66,128.04
Total Current Assets	307,256.22	315,883.47	314,826.17
Fixed Assets			
15000* · Buildings and Equipment	58,266.97	58,266.97	58,266.97
17100 · Accum Depreciation	-49,153.20	-49,153.20	-49,153.20
Total Fixed Assets	9,113.77	9,113.77	9,113.77
TOTAL ASSETS	316,369.99	324,997.24	323,939.94
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable			
20100 · Accounts Payable	1,693.78	1,693.78	1,693.78
Total Accounts Payable	1,693.78	1,693.78	1,693.78

This statement has not been externally audited or reviewed and is
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Accrual Basis

As of December 31, 2017

	Oct 31, 17	Nov 30, 17	Dec 31, 17
Other Current Liabilities			
25000 · Sales Tax Payable	26.05	103.30	114.91
25010 · Other Payable	887.32	0.00	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	913.37	103.30	114.91
Total Current Liabilities	2,607.15	1,797.08	1,808.69
Total Liabilities	2,607.15	1,797.08	1,808.69
Equity			
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	309,033.36	309,033.36	309,033.36
Net Income	4,729.48	14,166.80	13,097.89
Total Equity	313,762.84	323,200.16	322,131.25
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>316,369.99</u>	<u>324,997.24</u>	<u>323,939.94</u>

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Profit & Loss

October through December 2017

	Oct 17	Nov 17	Dec 17	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
42000 · Contribution Income				
42100 · Groups	2,044.54	2,034.14	2,811.80	6,890.48
42200 · Individuals	1,120.07	13,103.40	1,758.40	15,981.87
42300 · Intergroups	1,386.94	3,256.00	1,395.32	6,038.26
Total 42000 · Contribution Income	4,551.55	18,393.54	5,965.52	28,910.61
45000 · Investments				
45020 · Change in Investment Account	159.48	165.18	184.35	509.01
Total 45000 · Investments	159.48	165.18	184.35	509.01
48999 · Merchandise & Other Income				
49000 · Sales Income	22,321.22	21,122.80	13,886.60	57,330.62
49010 · E-Book Income	1,394.75	1,194.12	1,420.67	4,009.54
49015 · E Journal Income	87.00	49.00	180.00	316.00
49050 · Journal	472.00	453.50	237.95	1,163.45
49100 · Shipping	2,422.01	3,478.04	1,598.69	7,498.74
49110 · Subsidies	-162.93	-1,383.32	-446.06	-1,992.31
Total 48999 · Merchandise & Other Income	26,534.05	24,914.14	16,877.85	68,326.04
Total Income	31,245.08	43,472.86	23,027.72	97,745.66
Cost of Goods Sold				
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold				
50800 · E-Book Costs	237.30	308.05	375.50	920.85
50900 · Shipping Expense	1,916.49	3,790.45	2,093.10	7,800.04
66800 · Journal Printing & Mailing	0.00	207.17	139.36	346.53
70000 · Inventory adjustment	-10.75	-474.33	-129.37	-614.45
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold - Other	2,921.22	3,257.22	2,549.63	8,728.07
Total 50000 · Cost of Goods Sold	5,064.26	7,088.56	5,028.22	17,181.04
Total COGS	5,064.26	7,088.56	5,028.22	17,181.04
Gross Profit	26,180.82	36,384.30	17,999.50	80,564.62
Expense				
60000 · BOT				
60100 · BOT Accommodation	1,802.29	0.00	0.00	1,802.29
60400 · BOT Travel	697.12	0.00	0.00	697.12
Total 60000 · BOT	2,499.41	0.00	0.00	2,499.41
62000 · ABC/M Conference Expenses				
62300 · ABC/M TEF	693.78	0.00	0.00	693.78
62400 · Conference Committee				
62414 · Prison Outreach (CHIC)	0.00	0.00	127.50	127.50
Total 62400 · Conference Committee	0.00	0.00	127.50	127.50
Total 62000 · ABC/M Conference Expenses	693.78	0.00	127.50	821.28

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Profit & Loss

October through December 2017

	Oct 17	Nov 17	Dec 17	TOTAL
62100** · Contract Services				
62140 · Legal Fees	0.00	1,617.00	69.30	1,686.30
63300 · Webmaster Services	1,416.67	1,416.67	1,485.67	4,319.01
63400 · Contract Services - Labor	1,375.00	1,675.00	1,926.25	4,976.25
Total 62100** · Contract Services	2,791.67	4,708.67	3,481.22	10,981.56
62800 · Facilities and Equipment				
62880 · Real Estate, Personal Prop Tax	0.00	1,300.57	0.00	1,300.57
64200 · Rent	3,477.00	3,477.00	3,477.00	10,431.00
64300 · Telephone	0.00	461.32	187.12	648.44
64400 · FWS Website	199.20	322.70	372.69	894.59
Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment	3,676.20	5,561.59	4,036.81	13,274.60
65000* · General Office Expense				
65100* · Bank Charges/Fees	46.97	45.00	0.00	91.97
65200 · Vendor Fees	502.33	732.11	1,363.27	2,597.71
65400 · Federal and State Tax	67.29	0.00	0.00	67.29
65550 · Meals	98.79	0.00	6.58	105.37
65600 · Mileage	0.00	0.00	45.48	45.48
65640 · Office Security	0.00	40.33	248.18	288.51
65700 · Gifts & Honorariums	0.00	0.00	361.92	361.92
Total 65000* · General Office Expense	715.38	817.44	2,025.43	3,558.25
65000** · Operations				
65030 · Printing and Copying				
65035 · Printing&Copies Knight	0.00	300.00	37.98	337.98
Total 65030 · Printing and Copying	0.00	300.00	37.98	337.98
65670 · Office Supplies	349.60	71.93	73.28	494.81
66100 · Computer Supplies	0.00	1,472.14	0.00	1,472.14
66300 · Miscellaneous Expenses	471.55	0.00	0.00	471.55
66500 · Packaging and Supplies	0.00	164.58	43.70	208.28
66600 · Postage, Mail Services	0.00	0.00	245.00	245.00
66900 · FWS Outreach	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Total 65000** · Operations	1,821.15	2,008.65	399.96	4,229.76
67000 · Payroll Expense				
67300 · Payroll Accounting	81.48	122.22	81.48	285.18
67400 · Payroll Tax Expense	650.39	975.60	613.32	2,239.31
67500 · Salary Expense	8,501.88	12,752.81	8,017.19	29,271.88
67600 · Unemployment Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
67700 · Workman's Comp Insurance	0.00	0.00	413.00	413.00
67000 · Payroll Expense - Other	0.00	0.00	-127.50	-127.50
Total 67000 · Payroll Expense	9,233.75	13,850.63	8,997.49	32,081.87

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October through December 2017

	Oct 17	Nov 17	Dec 17	TOTAL
68300 · Travel and Meetings				
68320 · Travel	20.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
Total 68300 · Travel and Meetings	20.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
Total Expense	21,451.34	26,946.98	19,068.41	67,466.73
Net Ordinary Income	4,729.48	9,437.32	-1,068.91	13,097.89
Net Income	<u>4,729.48</u>	<u>9,437.32</u>	<u>-1,068.91</u>	<u>13,097.89</u>

Conference Charter Committee (CCC) Report

Conference Charter Committee (CCC)

Is responsible for the facilitation of the ABC/M in cooperation with the BOT and F.W.S. (In the absence of a CCC, the BOT and F.W.S. are responsible for running the ABC/M.) Creates the agenda, develops the business meeting items to be addressed, generally chairs the ABC/M, and is liaison for the entire Conference to the BOT and F.W.S. The Chair of the CCC is a voting member of the Conference as per the By-Laws Article V, Section 2 since August 2015. (excerpt p11 CSM 2018).

There are ten (10) active members of the CCC

- Chair – Rita H. (QC)
Vice-Chair – Jay G. (OH)
BOT liaison – Bob G. (MA) BOT Chair and Rich K. (BOT observer)
- Active members (attend calls regularly)
 1. Phillip W. (AR) ARS Chair and ABM Agenda Editor
 2. Andrew K. (KY)
 3. Anthony P. (IL)
 4. David B. (MA)
 5. Gabriel G. (CA)
 6. Joe C. (AR)
 7. Ron G. (CA)
 8. Stephen F. (CT)
- Meets the first Sunday of the month 12:30pm ET for 90 min
- Budget request - \$0 F.W.S. pays travel, accommodations, registration and food for the CCC chair to attend the ABC/M.

Projects, Standing Committees, Work Groups and Discussions include:

- ABC/M 2018 dates Tues-Fri July 31-Aug 3 in San Antonio TX at the Hilton San Antonio Airport Hotel with Feb 1st the 6-month deadline for sending out information. Info sent Jan 22nd.
- CCC reviewed/provided edits of seven (7) documents to the ABM 2018 Planning Committee (ABM PC) Dec 3rd
 1. Time Line/Deadlines 2018
 2. Gen Info
 3. Early Delegate Sign-up Form
 4. Registration Form
 5. TEF Form
 6. ABM 2018 Motions to Change By-Laws Submission Form
 7. ABM 2018 IFDs/Motions Submission Form
- Agenda Review Subcommittee (ARS) Phillip W., Chair with Chris F. (IL), Jack S. (FL), Sarah C. (TX), and Irv B. (CT) provided CCC with the ABM Agenda 2018 1st Version plus Attachment which were reviewed with final approval by the CCC Jan 6th
- The Conference Service Manual (CSM) Revision Work Group (RWG) 2018 Phillip W. - facilitator, met weekly Aug-Dec to review/update the CSM 2018. Members included the CCC, ARS, BOT Chairs as well as 3 other members of the CCC. Last meeting Dec 11th; dissolved Feb 4th.
 - Submitted CSM 2018 edits to CCC – approved Jan 6th
 - Sent to ABM PC 2018 and BOT Chair for review, distribution/posting
 - Discussed **Appendix H** update that will require a major overhaul of CSM with Appendix; suggest action item for the CSM RWG for the CSM 2019
- ABM Planning Committee (ABM PC) 2018 met for 60 min:
 - **Thurs Dec 14th** – reviewed above seven (7) documents from CCC Dec 3rd; updated/approved by email Dec 28th and sent to CCC for final review/approval Jan 6th
 - **Mon Jan 15th** – reviewed all forms to be distributed/posted on website
 - **Next calls Feb 19th and March 19th**

- Conference Chairs Calls – facilitated by the CCC chair bimonthly/minutes by CCC vice-chair
 - **Appendix H update** approved by the Chairs on Jan 21st
 - Meeting/call information, members and chairs/vice-chairs or co-chairs updates provided in written reports and sent Feb 3rd.
 - Some Conference Committees are struggling with dwindling membership and leadership.
 - See detailed report in this newsletter.
- CCC Discussion Items – new and continuing
 - 12 Concepts Study
 - No posting of draft literature in the ABM Agenda Attachment on a public website
 - Appeal through Conference
 - Conference Committee Reformation Request of MRBOTC – merged with CCC 2014
 - Concept 12 and BOT Statement at ABM 2017 re: Distribution of Draft Literature
 - IFD from CCC re: Deadline for Floor Nominations to the Board sent to ARS after Feb 4th call

In service,
 Rita H.
 CCC Chair
 February 18, 2018

Chairs Call Report Conference Year 2017-18

The Chairs Call on **Jan 21** was attended by sixteen (16) members with fourteen (14) Conference Committees represented and all fifteen (15) active Conference Committees submitting written reports. The CCC Vice-Chair, Jay G., continues to be the record keeper.

The **updated Appendix H** was passed with a **Motion: 13-0-1** of the **14 voting members**.

Three committees (CDC, CLC and CTIOC) requested additional time to review so all comments/edits to be received within 30 days as per group conscience/consensus.

- It was noted that this update will become effective for the new Conference Year 2018-19 (after the last General Assembly of the ABM 2018).
- Final version to be submitted to the CCC and Chairs Call Google groups by March 4.
- CSM2019 will require a major update as many appendices will be removed and reordering required including addition of the *New Conference Chairs Orientation* as an appendix.
- For the Conference Year 2018-19 there will continue to be two (2) face-to-face meetings before/after the ABC/M; and, three (3) phone meetings (currently 6 phone meetings). This is in the original **Appendix H** currently in the CSM 2018 but increased over the last five (5) years.

The reports continue to make it possible to update the Conference Committees Members List and the Conference Committees Meetings Call Info Day Time. These were submitted to the F.W.S., BOT Chair, Chairs Google Group and CCC on Feb 3.

A number of Conference Committees expressed concerns in low membership, changing leadership and lack of continuity with projects. Please see the article in this newsletter describing the work of the Conference Committees and how you can join and serve.

The next calls are **March 18**, **May 20** and **July 15**

There have been a total of three Chairs Calls: Sept. 17, Nov. 19 and Jan. 21.

In service,
Rita H.
CCC Chair
February 18, 2018

**If You are Looking to Stay Sober try Service:
Join One of the Many S.L.A.A. Conference Committees**
February 18, 2018

There are no sobriety requirements or length of terms to join a Conference Committee. All you need is an interest in one of the descriptions below of the many Conference Committees working to carry the message. Go to the F.W.S. website <https://slaafws.org/conference>: You will find a list of Conference Committees at the bottom of the web page with contact information.

Conference Anorexia Committee (CAC)

Responsible for carrying the message to the entire S.L.A.A. community that sexual anorexia, social anorexia, and emotional anorexia can be an inherent part of sex and love addiction as a whole. The Committee encourages the integration of this idea into all areas of the Fellowship and literature as a service to those who identify as anorexic. To raise awareness of anorexia across the fellowship, the Committee collects and shares member stories, and creates anorexia recovery tools and literature.

Conference By-Laws Committee (CBC)

Responsible for maintaining and updating the current S.L.A.A. By-Laws, in cooperation with the Board of Trustees (BOT). It acts in an advisory capacity to the BOT, Fellowship-Wide Services, and the Conference with regard to potential or requested By-Law changes. The committee also works with the BOT to facilitate amendments to the By-Laws passed in accordance with Article XIV of the By-Laws.

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Conference Diversity Committee (CDC)

A group of ABM delegates and individual members of Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous interested in the following goals:

- Representing and honoring the considerable diversity of patterns and forms of sex and love addiction inside and outside S.L.A.A.
- Honoring and helping diverse groups within S.L.A.A. get their recovery needs met in the Fellowship.
- Supporting groups in creating formats to carry the S.L.A.A. message to other sex and love addicts.
- Carrying the S.L.A.A. message to broader groups of people around the world.

Conference Finance Committee (CFC)

Responsible for the allocation of funds to the various Conference Committees based on their requests and the available funds provided by the BOT and F.W.S. Works with the BOT and F.W.S. to help increase financial support from the individual groups, Intergroups, and other sources that are available to The Augustine Fellowship within the guidelines of the Twelve Traditions of S.L.A.A.

Conference Healthy Relationships Committee (CHRC)

This committee is devoted to developing resources that enhance our capacity for healthy relationships. The current CHRC writing project is a Healthy Relationship pamphlet.

Conference Hospitals and Institutions Committee (CHIC)

The Conference Hospitals and Institutions Committee strives to carry the message of hope and recovery to sex and love addicts who are incarcerated, in treatment centers for substance abuse, residing in women shelters or halfway houses, or those who are otherwise confined and cannot attend regular meetings. CHIC supports outreach programmes at the local Intergroup level.

Conference Intergroup Communications Committee (CICC)

Conference Intergroup Communications Committee (CICC) is responsible for the ongoing open communication between the existing and new S.L.A.A. Intergroups, groups, and Lone Groups. Focused on sharing information and working together to make the Intergroup more effective.

Conference ~~the~~ Journal Committee (CJC)

Responsible for the creation of the bi-monthly “meeting in print” magazine focusing on S.L.A.A. recovery and related issues. The committee works with the BOT and F.W.S. to ensure publication and to address *the Journal* policies and budget needs.

Conference Literature Committee (CLC)

The Committee (including its subcommittees, writing groups, and partner service bodies) encourages and participates in the planning, writing, editing, and approval of S.L.A.A. literature.

Conference Member Retention Committee (CMRC)

Responsible for the development and implementation of tools and methods to retain members, as well as accessing the wisdom, experience, strength, and hope of long-time members.

Conference Public Information Committee (CPIC)

The primary purpose of the Committee is to carry the S.L.A.A. message to the sex and love addict who still suffers. This is accomplished through the following means:

- The C.P.I.C. works with international service entities, Intergroups, and local groups to convey S.L.A.A. information to the general public.
- The C.P.I.C. provides materials to help members carry the S.L.A.A. message.
- The C.P.I.C. encourages the creation of public information entities at regional and local levels.

Conference Service Committee (CSC)

Responsible for educating and increasing members' commitment to service.

Conference Sponsorship Committee (CSPC)

The mission of the CSPC is:

1. To conduct the business of the CSPC in line with the principles of the S.L.A.A. Steps and Traditions.
2. To develop new S.L.A.A. literature to submit to the CLC for possible publication on topics pertaining to sponsorship in its various forms.
3. To utilize the S.L.A.A. resources to increase knowledge of sponsorship and to promote sponsorship.
4. To strengthen and support S.L.A.A. members seeking sponsors and to support those already sponsoring.

Conference Steps, Traditions, and Concepts Committee (CSTCC)

The CSTCC provides thoughtful comment and insight from our personal experiences, to any questions relating to the Steps, Traditions and Concepts. These comments come from various members with varying lengths of experience from all parts of the world. Our comments are neither binding nor authoritative; we do not speak for the whole of S.L.A.A.

Conference Translation and International Outreach Committee (CTIOC)

The Conference Translation and International Outreach Committee (CTIOC) is responsible for providing support to International S.L.A.A. Intergroups and/or groups to carry the message of recovery to the suffering sex and love addict in his/her own language.

The CTIOC goals include:

- Creating and updating an inventory of all S.L.A.A. copyrighted literature that has been translated.
- Collecting the 8 Core Documents of S.L.A.A. from as many Intergroups/Groups that have translated them, and get them posted on the F.W.S. website.
- Encouraging translating groups to work on translations and to maintain communication with F.W.S. in their work.

Collaborating with the Copyright-Translation Subcommittee and the BOT in Copyright and Document Approval Processes.

International Page

Call for Articles

We are a global fellowship with a world of stories. Each story told has the potential to strengthen recovery for all of us.

We are looking for articles from members outside the United States that share your experience strength and hope. Articles are in English and your native language. Suggested article length varies from 250-500 English words on a single spaced typewritten page. Deadlines are as follows:

2018 May 20 – Summer Issue/June

2018 August 26 – Fall Issue/September

2018 November 18 – Winter issue/December

However, feel free to submit articles sooner if you are moved to serve the fellowship in this way. Below are additional guidelines to help you.

- 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 this email address for submissions: <https://slaafws.org/fwsnews-submit>.

You are also welcome to submit flyers created for specific S.L.A.A. events, which should be submitted in English as a .pdf file.

Questions? Contact the editor at <https://slaafws.org/fwsnews-submit>.



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

2018 S.L.A.A. Annual Business Meeting

hosted by the San Antonio Intergroup



July 31st to August 3rd, 2018

Hilton San Antonio Airport
611 NW Loop 410 San Antonio, TX 78216 USA

Theme: Tradition 4: "Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or S.L.A.A. as a whole."

<https://slaafws.org/abminfo>

S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Services Office: 1-210-828-7900

Announcing the 2018 S.L.A.A. Membership Survey

Help F.W.S. to better serve our Fellowship



<https://tinyurl.com/slaasurvey>

Join your fellow S.L.A.A. members and take the survey. No personally identifying information is collected or shared.



May Is Individual Contribution Month

“Giving Back What Has So Generously Been Given”

Ever think about all the money you spent on your addiction? Donating a small part of that amount directly to S.L.A.A.’s Fellowship-Wide Services (F.W.S.) helps provide materials that aid us in recovery from our devastating illness.

Each May, members of Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous are invited to contribute directly to Fellowship-Wide Services (F.W.S.), thereby acknowledging their gratitude to the Fellowship that in some cases saved, and in many cases sustained their lives as recovering addicts.

Consistent with Tradition Seven, (“Every S.L.A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.”) such donations ensure that the infrastructure we need to help ourselves and others is financially sustained. Giving is easier than ever before at <https://slaafws.org/members>. Every amount helps.

What is Fellowship-Wide Services (F.W.S.)?

The F.W.S. Office is a general services office that groups, Intergroups, and in some cases individuals go to for materials and other recovery support. Further, the F.W.S. Office assists the Board of Trustees in performing its duties and legal requirements. The following is a list of what F.W.S. handles.

- 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
- 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
- Bookkeeping and maintenance of legal documents

How to Give

- Individuals are encouraged to increase their weekly F.W.S. basket contributions (if your group has this practice), as contributions are made to F.W.S. at the Intergroup level.
- Individuals can set up recurring contributions (i.e. monthly) to be automatically deducted from your debit or credit card at <https://slaafws.org>.
- Individuals can make a one-time contribution online at <https://slaafws.org>.
- Individuals can make a one-time contribution by check.
- Make check payable to **Fellowship-Wide Services** and write *Individual Contribution Month* on memo line and mail to F.W.S., 1550 NE Loop, 410 Suite 118, San Antonio, TX 78209 USA.

Special Note: S.L.A.A. is a 501c3 organization and contributions to it are tax deductible.

F.W.S. Newsletter

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.
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Please feel free to ask questions, make suggestions and become part of the international community of S.L.A.A. You can contact the editor at: <https://slaafws.org/fwsnews-submit>.