

## **Executive Director's Report**

Happy New Year (a bit late) from sunny San Antonio, Texas! I hope that 2019 has begun well for all of our Fellows, both near and far.

As you may have heard, the 2019 Annual Business Conference/Meeting will be held July 23-26 at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel in Sacramento, California. Information, registration forms, and other ABM-related documents are now posted on the F.W.S. website. Delegate Sign-Up Forms are due by March 25, and the early registration deadline is May 9. I hope that your intergroup will consider sending delegates to ABM this year. It is always such a joy to meet new delegates and to see familiar faces from ABMs past!

In Service,  
Pam Martin  
Executive Director  
February 13, 2019

## **Chairman of the Board of Trustees' Report**

Hello, All:

2019 is already zooming by and a lot has happened within the Fellowship the past three months. First, I am sad to announce that Bob G. (Mass.) resigned from the Board of Trustees in December. He served almost six years on the Board and served prior to that as a non-BOT member. His leadership and service are greatly appreciated and will be missed. With Bob's resignation, Earl D. (Texas), was elected as the new Secretary of the Corporation. P.A. K. (Texas), has taken over as chair of the Board Development Committee (BDC), and I have stepped up as chair of the Board Copyright Translation Committee (BCTC). Jay G. (Ohio) was elected Treasurer of the Corporation at our December Board meeting and assumed the chair of the Board Finance Committee.

Although it was a difficult decision, the Board voted to increase prices on some S.L.A.A. literature items effective May 1, 2019. S.L.A.A. literature prices remained constant for more than six years, despite increasing production costs. A rebalance was necessary. Pamphlets, which were \$1.10, will be going to \$1.25. The booklets that we sell will increase to \$4.00, from the current price of \$3.30. Plastic chips will increase from \$0.85 to \$1.00. The writings from *the Journal* will also go up from \$5.50 to \$6.00. We maintained prices on some items, however. There will be no increase in price on the Basic Text, audio CDs, medallions, or other items at this time. Further, quantity discounts for bulk purchases remain in effect.

Speaking of literature, the Board is trying a new order-and-ship business model for the "Store" at the ABC/M this year which will reduce the Fellowship's costs while protecting the advantages offered by our traditional retail approach. This year's Store will exhibit samples of our different literature pieces for sale, all of which can be ordered. We realize that many Intergroups use the ABC/M Store to replenish literature inventories and avoid shipping charges, so the Board voted to pay the shipping costs for one literature order for each Intergroup, beginning with the ABC/M on July 23 and ending 45 days after its close (Sept. 9). A special one-time code will be provided to address the shipping charges so Intergroups can continue to take advantage of the service.

The fellowship-wide survey is complete and I am pleased to announce that there were 841 participants this past year. Information is still being dissected by the Board Operating Committee and some information will be available for the Fellowship as soon as we can share it.

The Board reviewed and approved the reviewed financial statements and the Form 990 Tax Return prepared by Williams, Crow, Mask. The prompt work results in positive results, as once again, the return is being filed prior to the need of filing an extension.

At our February Board of Trustee meeting, the Board passed a Designated Giving Program Policy. More details are forthcoming soon, but if there are any projects you feel would be appropriate to have supported by designated giving, please feel free to send them through <https://slaafws.org/boardsuggestions> so that they can be forwarded to the Board Fellowship Self-Supporting Committee (BFSC).

The Board currently has seven members of the nine positions that can be filled. We are always looking for qualified candidates for both the Board of Trustees, as well as people to serve as non-BOT members on Board Committees. For me, the benefits of this service have enhanced my recovery. Remember, service keeps us sober.

I am grateful for all that this Fellowship has afforded me. As this year continues to move along, I wish all of you continued recovery.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rich K.  
Board Chair  
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