



F.W.S. Newsletter

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Executive Director's Report

Good afternoon from beautiful, warm South Texas! Spring has all but given way to summer here, and it will not be long before the kids are out of school for summer. Time does fly!

Speaking of time flying, it is hard to believe that we are only a bit over two months away from ABM 2019 in Sacramento! Planning and preparations at the F.W.S. Office are in full swing. The Second Agenda was sent out to registered attendees in mid-April, and the Third Agenda soon will follow in early June. Please review these materials carefully, as they are integral to the important work you will be doing in representing your group/intergroup at the meeting.

If you have not yet registered to attend ABM this year, please do so. It is a wonderful experience, and I always look forward to seeing old friends from years past, as well as meeting new friends from our Fellowship. The deadline to register without a late fee is June 8th, but please do not wait until the last minute. Having an accurate headcount truly does help us here in the office with planning and preparing the best ABM experience possible for you.

In Service,
Pam Martin
Executive Director
May 17, 2019

Chairman of the Board of Trustees' Report

Hello, All:

I can't believe we are just over two months away from the 2019 ABC/M. A lot has happened within the Fellowship the past three months.

First, I am pleased to announce that Seth S. (MA) has been appointed to the Board, filling a position which will expire at the 2019 ABC/M. Seth, who was already a part of the BHRPC, has also taken on a role with the BDC. He was also designated as the liaison to the CTIOC and CSTCC. I welcome Seth and look forward to working with him.

The Board of Trustees approved two new non-BOT members to BOT Committees, one to the BFSC and one to the BDC. Also approved are the financial statements for the second quarter ending March 31, 2019, which appear later in this issue of the F.W.S. Newsletter.

The Board authorized funding for the approved At Cash Register Giving Policy. The Fellowship's webmaster is working with the BFSC Chair to find a vendor to put the framework in place for our webstore.

Further, the Board updated or approved three policies in the last three months. The Non-BOT Member Service Rotation Policy was updated to provide an exception for workers paid by F.W.S. The Policy for Reimbursing Travel Expenses was also updated to include items which were not previously reimbursable.

Also approved were a Thank You Note Policy which follows IRS Regulations and an updated Host Intergroup Application for the ABC/M, which will be posted to the S.L.A.A. website soon for Intergroups interested in hosting an upcoming ABC/M.

Presently, the Board has eight members in the nine positions that can be filled. We are always looking for qualified candidates for the Board of Trustees and people to serve as non-BOT members on Board Committees. For me, the benefits of this service have enhanced my recovery.

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 and look forward to meeting some of you at the ABC/M in Sacramento this July.

Respectfully submitted,
Rich K.
Board Chair
May 12, 2019

Board Committees

Board Outreach Committee (BOC) Report

The BOC focuses on matters of outreach and the Fellowship's public image. It also handles requests from the media and is a resource to the Board of Trustees (BOT). The BOC is chartered to review, augment, and recommend to the BOT all Conference-approved literature. It takes the processes of review and content changes seriously by maintaining high standards of quality and messaging intent. The committee creates policies, coordinates with the BOT, and acts as a consultation resource to F.W.S. on the following topics:

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

BOC Committee Composition

- BOT: Earl D. (Chair) and Ned J.
- Non-BOT Members: Beth S., Matt F.

BOC Completed Activities

- The edits for the "Meditation Book" are complete and stands as an agenda item for the BOT
- The second pass of edits have been made to the "Anorexia Steps 4-5-6-7" booklet

BOT Ongoing Projects and Activities

- Final (in-depth) reviews and edits for the "Anorexia Steps 4-5-6-7" booklet
- Website survey (There were a total of 841 responses.)
- Address all requests from the media and media-related questions from the Fellowship
- Re-review of the bus bench advertising outreach tool
- Review of ADA-compliance of materials and better typographical elements for readability and cost savings
- Analysis of group inventory materials

Final Comments

- To remove any confusion, the BOC has used the working title "Daily Reader" for the "Meditation Book." The acceptance of the book title and subtitle will be subject to copyright review by the BOT and BCTC.
- The BOC seeks the "Meditation Book" to be professionally designed, bound, and published—based on BOT review and funding.

If you wish to take your service to a new, exciting level, the BOC is seeking additional Non-BOT members. If you are a professional writer or editor, those skills are needed.

In service,
Earl D., BOC Chair
May 10, 2019

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The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Service
Balance Sheet - Monthly
As of March 31, 2019

	Oct 31, 18	Nov 30, 18	Dec 31, 18	Jan 31, 19	Feb 28, 19	Mar 31, 19
ASSETS						
Current Assets						
Checking/Savings						
10350 · Frost Bank - 0540	11,891.81	29,728.77	100,298.01	108,549.32	121,581.10	131,282.73
10300 · BofA 1117 Texas Corp	57,518.05	58,857.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10400 · Vanguard Prudent Reserve Fund	195,325.92	195,671.39	196,045.13	196,429.48	196,781.42	197,174.94
10903 · Petty Cash-Pam Martin	80.13	80.13	80.13	80.13	80.13	80.13
Total Checking/Savings	264,815.91	284,337.42	296,423.27	305,058.93	318,442.65	328,537.80
Other Current Assets						
12000 · Undeposited Funds-Operating Acc	34.55	574.31	1,263.24	37.60	1,604.10	756.05
12020 · Undeposited Funds-Paypal	24,179.06	15,918.32	7,468.08	8,987.29	6,933.48	6,910.73
12100 · Inventory Asset	32,300.72	41,102.98	38,885.22	35,888.49	33,070.98	31,801.37
13000 · Prepaid Expenses	3,068.01	4,484.68	3,068.01	3,068.01	3,068.01	3,068.01
Total Other Current Assets	59,582.34	62,080.29	50,684.55	47,981.39	44,676.57	42,536.16
Total Current Assets	324,398.25	346,417.71	347,107.82	353,040.32	363,119.22	371,073.96
Fixed Assets						
15000* · Buildings and Equipment	58,266.97	60,754.97	60,754.97	60,754.97	60,754.97	60,754.97
17100 · Accum Depreciation	-53,544.75	-53,544.75	-53,544.75	-53,544.75	-53,544.75	-53,544.75
Total Fixed Assets	4,722.22	7,210.22	7,210.22	7,210.22	7,210.22	7,210.22
TOTAL ASSETS	329,120.47	353,627.93	354,318.04	360,250.54	370,329.44	378,284.18
LIABILITIES & EQUITY						
Liabilities						
Current Liabilities						
Other Current Liabilities						

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25000 · Sales Tax Payable	509.30	587.82	615.69	110.05	177.32	269.11
Total Other Current Liabilities	509.30	587.82	615.69	110.05	177.32	269.11
Total Current Liabilities	509.30	587.82	615.69	110.05	177.32	269.11
Total Liabilities	509.30	587.82	615.69	110.05	177.32	269.11
Equity						
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	333,174.34	333,174.34	333,174.34	333,174.34	333,174.34	333,174.34
Net Income	-4,563.17	19,865.77	20,528.01	26,966.15	36,977.78	44,840.73
Total Equity	328,611.17	353,040.11	353,702.35	360,140.49	370,152.12	378,015.07
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>329,120.47</u>	<u>353,627.93</u>	<u>354,318.04</u>	<u>360,250.54</u>	<u>370,329.44</u>	<u>378,284.18</u>

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Profit & Loss

October 2018 through March 2019

	Oct 18	Nov 18	Dec 18	Jan 19	Feb 19	Mar 19	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
40000 · ABC/M Income							
40200 · ABC/M Registration	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,275.00	6,135.00	4,380.00	11,790.00
40300 · ABC/M TEF Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	750.00	600.00	1,500.00
40400 · ABC/M Scholarship Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Total 40000 · ABC/M Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,425.00	6,885.00	5,080.00	13,390.00
42000 · Contribution Income							
42100 · Groups	2,556.24	2,465.58	2,198.68	6,945.91	2,608.18	3,705.37	20,479.96
42200 · Individuals	563.80	25,635.17	2,871.40	686.60	531.40	502.40	30,790.77
42300 · Intergroups	60.20	4,578.23	3,064.00	6,644.60	2,316.00	716.09	17,379.12
Total 42000 · Contribution Income	3,180.24	32,678.98	8,134.08	14,277.11	5,455.58	4,923.86	68,649.85
45000 · Investments							
45020 · Change in Investment Account	342.13	345.47	373.74	384.35	351.94	393.52	2,191.15
Total 45000 · Investments	342.13	345.47	373.74	384.35	351.94	393.52	2,191.15
48999 · Merchandise & Other Income							
49000 · Sales Income	13,686.06	17,997.53	14,566.63	18,052.87	19,747.31	20,964.04	105,014.44
49010 · E-Book Income	1,645.71	1,317.40	1,696.70	1,422.76	1,248.75	1,555.67	8,886.99
49015 · E Journal Income	109.85	30.00	38.00	62.50	57.00	30.00	327.35
49050 · Journal	575.00	466.65	360.05	474.50	345.00	339.90	2,561.10
49100 · Shipping	2,524.23	3,165.25	3,264.34	3,239.29	3,298.26	3,387.16	18,878.53
49110 · Subsidies	-78.16	-921.12	-1,295.99	-277.27	-1,448.93	-1,225.77	-5,247.24
Total 48999 · Merchandise & Other Income	18,462.69	22,055.71	18,629.73	22,974.65	23,247.39	25,051.00	130,421.17
Total Income	21,985.06	55,080.16	27,137.55	39,061.11	35,939.91	35,448.38	214,652.17
Cost of Goods Sold							
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold							
50800 · E-Book Costs	498.02	406.27	419.96	465.73	456.97	466.14	2,713.09
50900 · Shipping Expense	2,788.60	2,877.55	3,251.90	3,695.40	3,330.17	2,932.90	18,876.52
66800 · Journal Printing & Mailing	317.50	38.70	317.50	185.00	220.00	140.64	1,219.34
70000 · Inventory adjustment	-1,504.02	-249.01	-54.49	-67.66	-259.79	0.00	-2,134.97
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold - Other	2,010.89	3,615.95	2,272.25	3,064.39	3,077.30	2,748.61	16,789.39
Total 50000 · Cost of Goods Sold	4,110.99	6,689.46	6,207.12	7,342.86	6,824.65	6,288.29	37,463.37
Total COGS	4,110.99	6,689.46	6,207.12	7,342.86	6,824.65	6,288.29	37,463.37
Gross Profit	17,874.07	48,390.70	20,930.43	31,718.25	29,115.26	29,160.09	177,188.80
Expense							
60000 · BOT							
60100 · BOT Accommodation	917.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	917.32

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60400 · BOT Travel	566.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	566.99
Total 60000 · BOT	1,484.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,484.31
61000 · BOT ABC/M							
61300 · BOT ABC/M Travel	0.00	0.00	-174.00	504.00	398.00	0.00	728.00
Total 61000 · BOT ABC/M	0.00	0.00	-174.00	504.00	398.00	0.00	728.00
62000 · ABC/M Conference Expenses							
62100* · ABC/M Accomodation/Facilities	1,190.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,190.18
62300 · ABC/M TEF	0.00	0.00	-620.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	-620.83
62400 · Conference Committee							
62407 · Healthy Relationships (CHRC)	0.00	0.00	-68.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-68.00
62415 · Public Information (CPIC)	42.28	6.34	0.00	40.70	198.57	108.36	396.25
Total 62400 · Conference Committee	42.28	6.34	-68.00	40.70	198.57	108.36	328.25
Total 62000 · ABC/M Conference Expenses	1,232.46	6.34	-688.83	40.70	198.57	108.36	897.60
62700 · Contract Services							
62710 · Contract Services - Editor	1,087.88	1,324.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	3,912.00
62720 · Accounting Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
62750 · Legal Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	285.00	285.00
62760 · Outside Contract Services	196.50	0.00	1,364.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,560.50
62780 · Webmaster Services	1,416.67	1,417.67	1,416.67	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	8,751.01
62790 · Contract Services - Labor	1,375.00	1,375.00	1,375.00	1,375.00	1,375.00	1,458.86	8,333.86
62795 · Contract Services - Other	175.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	175.00
Total 62700 · Contract Services	4,251.05	4,116.79	4,155.67	7,875.00	2,875.00	4,743.86	28,017.37
62800 · Facilities and Equipment							
62880 · Real Estate, Personal Prop Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,552.72	0.00	0.00	1,552.72
62900 · Rent	3,578.79	3,578.79	3,578.79	3,623.61	3,623.61	3,623.61	21,607.20
62910 · Telephone	302.27	304.76	637.74	-144.96	446.85	57.07	1,603.73
62920 · FWS Website	278.20	346.15	296.20	296.20	325.20	296.20	1,838.15
Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment	4,159.26	4,229.70	4,512.73	5,327.57	4,395.66	3,976.88	26,601.80
65000 · General Office Expense							
65010 · Bank Charges/Fees	0.00	0.00	20.00	5.00	5.00	17.00	47.00
65020 · Vendor Fees	746.63	476.53	1,869.51	835.77	996.00	1,088.76	6,013.20
65030 · Dues, Fees and Licenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	275.00	0.00	275.00	550.00
65040 · Federal and State Tax	405.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	405.65
65050 · Insurance - Liability	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-102.00	-102.00
65060 · Meals	150.80	0.00	34.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	185.40
65070 · Mileage	0.00	0.00	29.43	0.00	0.00	46.40	75.83
65080 · Office Security	42.52	210.04	9.73	0.00	42.52	352.56	657.37
65095 · Gifts & Honorariums	0.00	0.00	279.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	279.96
65000 · General Office Expense - Other	0.00	0.00	91.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	91.25

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Total 65000 · General Office Expense	1,345.60	686.57	2,334.48	1,115.77	1,043.52	1,677.72	8,203.66
69000 · Operations							
69020 · Printing and Copying							
69035 · Printing&Copies Knight	0.00	442.70	0.00	0.00	495.51	0.00	938.21
69020 · Printing and Copying - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 69020 · Printing and Copying	0.00	442.70	0.00	0.00	495.51	0.00	938.21
69030 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	115.50	0.00	115.50
69040 · Office Supplies	454.27	397.20	307.04	253.08	120.69	54.40	1,586.68
69050 · Computer Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	298.00	0.00	1,231.23	1,529.23
69060 · Miscellaneous Expenses	-0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.09
69080 · Packaging and Supplies	164.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	164.35
69090 · Postage, Mail Services	-2.65	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.35
Total 69000 · Operations	615.88	839.90	357.04	551.08	731.70	1,285.63	4,381.23
65100 · Other Types of Expenses							
65120 · Insurance - Liability, D and O	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00	0.00	0.00	350.00
Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00	0.00	0.00	350.00
67000 · Payroll Expense							
67300 · Payroll Accounting	94.78	142.17	94.78	147.82	106.78	94.78	681.11
67400 · Payroll Tax Expense	660.43	990.64	659.43	694.75	703.36	695.02	4,403.63
67500 · Salary Expense	8,593.47	12,949.65	8,619.89	8,673.42	8,651.04	8,714.89	56,202.36
67700 · Workman's Comp Insurance	0.00	0.00	397.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	397.00
Total 67000 · Payroll Expense	9,348.68	14,082.46	9,771.10	9,515.99	9,461.18	9,504.69	61,684.10
Total Expense	22,437.24	23,961.76	20,268.19	25,280.11	19,103.63	21,297.14	132,348.07
Net Ordinary Income	-4,563.17	24,428.94	662.24	6,438.14	10,011.63	7,862.95	44,840.73
Other Income/Expense							
Other Expense							
80000 · Ask My Accountant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Income	-4,563.17	24,428.94	662.24	6,438.14	10,011.63	7,862.95	44,840.73

Conference Committee Corner

Conference Charter Committee (CCC) and Conference Committees Chairs Reports

Conference Charter Committee (CCC)

Since the last report to the F.W.S. Newsletter Spring/March 2019 there have been three (3) CCC calls (Mar 3rd, Apr 7th and May 5th).

Discussions, actions and reports included:

1. Board Chair Report (Rich K.) – monthly
2. Executive Director (ED) Report (Pam Martin) – monthly
3. ARS Report (Phillip W.) – 2019 ABM Agenda with Attachment Second Version distributed April 19th
4. Conference Committee Chairs – (Rita H. facilitator) met May 19th (see Chairs Call report in this newsletter); next meetings are face-to-face before and after the 2019 ABC/M July 23-26th (Tues-Fri).
5. CSM 2019 Revision Work Group (RWG) Report – inactive
6. ABM Minutes Work Group – forms after the ABM 2019 with 3 members: CCC, BOT and ARS Chairs
7. ABM2019 Planning Committee – this is a board committee with two CCC, one CFC, one LPC, ED, webmaster, BOT Chair, and two other BOT members (includes Treasurer) for a total of 9 members. Meetings occurred Mar 18th, Apr 15th and May 18th. The selection and guidelines for an ABM Record Keeper are under review.
8. ABC/M 2019 Scheduling Work Group – met May 6th and discussed with LPC, Gabriel G.
9. ABC/M 2019 Mentors Work Group – now active
10. CCC Manual work group formed Mar 3rd
11. 12 Concepts discussions continue
12. Updated Member List, Phone #/Day/Time and a list of Conference Committee contacts for requests from the F.W.S. website prepared Mar 16th and May 1st.
13. Draft literature copyright information is normally done by the CLC but all service entities responsible
14. Safety Statement as used by another 12-Step fellowship and read at the 2018 ABM; defer to the BOT
15. Role of BOT Liaisons includes resource and support; owners of Google Groups and/or F.W.S. contact - refer to Chairs
16. ABM Record Keeper Selection Process – CCC has no role in the selection and suggests BOT develop guidelines
17. Diversity Training discussed after consulting with another 12-Step fellowship; consensus this is the purview of the BOT/Office with possible legal requirements; not the Conference which is based on 12-Step principles.

Conference Committees Chairs Report

There are fifteen (15) active Conference Committees. Any member of S.L.A.A. may join one or more of these Conference Committees at any time by contacting the Conference Committee or the CCC chair via the F.W.S. website. The Conference Committees are:

1. Anorexia (CAC) – **new Chair**
2. By-Laws (CBC)
3. Conference Charter (CCC)
4. Diversity (CDC)
5. Finance (CFC)
6. Hospital/Institutions (CHIC) – **inactive/merging with CPIC**
7. Healthy Relationships (CHRC)
8. Intergroup Communication (CICC)
9. Journal (CJC)
10. Literature (CLC)
11. Members Retention (CMRC)
12. Public Information (CPIC)
13. Service (CSC)
14. Sponsorship (CSPC)
15. Steps, Traditions, Concepts (CSTCC)
16. Translation/International Outreach (CTIOC)

There was a Chairs Call on May 19th with 17 members present and 15 written reports.

Highlights included:

- The new CAC Chair, Kelly R., happy to be on the call and connected to service at this level.
- The CBC will be looking for input from the Conference on the use of he/she vs. member/person in the By-Laws.
- The CDC continues to work on an online diversity training for the BOT/Staff.
- The CFC Chair introduced a discussion about Conference Committee budgets the last few years and minimal use of the money available. IFD submitted by CFC for 2019 ABM Agenda for further discussion.
- The CHRC working on draft literature about how to end a relationship.
- CHIC remains inactive but CPIC consensus to merge to be discussed further before approval by the Chairs and CCC. ED report summarized Office response to inmate mail and costs \$347.63 to date to the CPIC/CHIC budget.
- CICC purchased a domain name for the draft site for a forum for Intergroups.
- CJC has not received submissions for a new Journal editor. *The Journal* is celebrating 30 years with the ABM Issue July-August 2019 issue #179. Future Journal focus booklets include spirituality, diversity, healthy relationships and an International issue.
- CLC discussions include copyright issues, organizing CLC folders/projects on Google Drive and how to improve process for bringing literature to the ABM. The Twelve Concepts draft (IFD 2018) will be a Motion in 2020; and, *12 Steps of S.L.A.A. in Simplified English* a continuing project.
- The CPIC meets quarterly and will discuss merging of the CHIC at its next call.
- CMRC submitted a Motion for an 18-month Sobriety Medallion.
- CSC submitted IFD for a service brochure, Super Service Dog.
- CSPC phone meeting “Focus on Sponsorship” meets weekly with 30 participants regularly. There were 14 inquiries from the Fellowship in the last 3 months. Projects include writing projects: How to Sponsor, Service Sponsorship, Sponsoring Anorectics, Co-Sponsorship, Recovery Partners and more.

- CSTCC discovered that the F.W.S. website contact form not working and received a number of questions for 2019.
- CTIOC project to find best possible management tool to make all translation and outreach information accessible is at a standstill as focus on consolidating membership and service.

In the spirit of service,
Rita H., CCC Chair
May 19, 2019

Conference Sponsorship Committee (CSPC) Report

If you are passionate about sponsorship, the Conference Sponsorship Committee (CSPC) could use your help! The CSPC is currently working on several exciting projects including a service brochure; literature focused on sponsorship and recovery partners, and now has a weekly fellowship-wide phone meeting focused on sponsorship.

Please join us at the Focus on Sponsorship phone meeting every Monday at 8 p.m. ET (USA). The U.S. call-in number is 712-770-5537 and the passcode is 754522#.

If you would like to get involved in service with the CSPC, please contact us at <https://slaafws.org/committee/cspc>.

In service,
Anne K., CSPC Chair
April 2, 2019

Conference Anorexia Committee (CAC) Report

The Conference Anorexia Committee (CAC) is developing a new step booklet with the working title: Anorexia 8-9: Working the Program and Not the Problem. The booklet will be the third item in the anorexia recovery series, joining Anorexia 1-2-3 (published in 2013) and Anorexia 4-5-6-7 (currently in review with the Board Outreach Committee). Having formed the writing group, additional members are sought to write and share their experience, strength and hope in the area of anorexia.

Besides tackling the writing tasks of a booklet, the CAC seeks Fellowship members willing to share about working Steps Eight and Nine to recover from sexual and social anorexia. If you are interested in participating in the writing group or submitting a member share, visit <https://slaafws.org/anorexia8-9> for more information and complete the submission form.

In service,
Kelly R., CAC Chair
May 18, 2019

Conference Journal Committee (CJC) Report

At the May 4th meeting of the Conference Journal Committee (CJC), Lisa C. was re-elected as editor of the *Journal*, S.L.A.A.'s meeting in print. She ran unopposed for the biennial term.

The *Journal* is published quarterly in paper and electronic formats. In regard to the electronic format, an additional project is underway to address our natural concerns for appropriate security and the necessary protection of our digital assets, as we look to improve the *eJournal's* viewing software. One proposal is under consideration by the BOT and other "e" delivery methods are being explored. If you have questions about your *eJournal* subscription service, you are encouraged to contact the CJC Chair by visiting <https://slaafws.org/committee/cjc>.

Susan G., CJC Chair
May 19, 2019

Conference Steps, Traditions and Concepts Committee (CSTCC): Questions from the Fellowship

Question from the Fellowship (Committee Reference #2019-1):

During meetings, has any S.L.A.A. group accepted the presence of a non-addict American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter to facilitate the meeting participation of one or more deaf S.L.A.A. addicts? Restated another way, has any S.L.A.A. group accepted the presence of a non-addict translator to facilitate the participation of one or more non-English speaking addicts attending their meetings?

Editor's Note: *The comments below were given by 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.*

Response #1:

Tradition 5 provides guidance in addressing this question. It states that our purpose is to carry the message to the addict. To reach those who cannot hear, using a translator or interpreter is crucial to carrying out that purpose. I believe that this should override any other concerns.

While I have not personally experienced this, if it were to come up at my home group or Intergroup, I would strongly support allowing the translator or interpreter to be there.

Response #2:

I have not experienced an ASL interpreter in any S.L.A.A. meeting, although I experienced it in meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). In AA, we try to find a recovering alcoholic interpreter, but if we cannot, we proceed nevertheless, making sure attendees understand it is an "open" meeting. Open meetings are meetings that anyone can attend, whether they are alcoholic or not. Open meetings are more common in AA than in S.L.A.A., so the issue seems to be less of a concern in AA.

I do believe making a meeting available to someone with disabilities is more important than keeping the meeting closed.

Response #3:

I have not seen it happen in any of the 12-Step meetings I attend, but I believe it falls under the spirit of Tradition 8 wherein “we may employ special workers.” It’s important for all the members attending a meeting to know that a non-member is there so they could choose to not attend. It is also important that the interpreter understand our concern about anonymity.

Note from the CSTCC: *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 we receive. In our responses, we may reference other non-S.L.A.A. literature, including that of other 12 Step recovery fellowships. We hope that wider discussion within S.L.A.A. evolves our recovery customs and practices to better represent the loving guidance of a Higher Power. We affirm the autonomy of each group and suggest that everyone follow their 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.*

International Page

Call for 2019 (and Beyond!) 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 service experiences, as well as your strength and hope. Some information to include in the article might be answers to the following questions:

- When did you first begin to realize you could be of service?
- What was your first service experience? How did you feel about it?
- When did you begin sponsoring others?
- What has service done for you?
- What types of service work have you done and what types are you doing now?

Articles are in English and your native language. Suggested article length varies from 250-500 English words on a single-spaced typewritten page.

Deadlines for Submissions are Sundays:

2019 August 25 – Fall Issue/September

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2020 February 16 - Spring Issue/March

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.

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- 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>.



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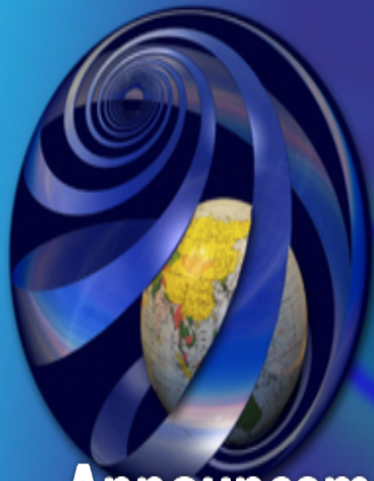
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S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Services Office: 1-210-828-7900

Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous



Announcement to International Intergroups

The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Services (F.W.S.) Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the International ABC/M Scholarship Fund to encourage worldwide participation at the 2019 Annual Business Conference/Meeting (ABC/M) in Sacramento, CA.

The International ABC/M Scholarship Fund provides \$500.00 USD towards the registration fee.

Available to up to six international Intergroups from outside the North American continent on a first to register basis, with the following priority to Intergroups:

1. First, Intergroups that have not sent a Delegate in the last three years,
2. Second, Intergroups who received priority for a scholarship last year (based on the fact that last year was the first year that they sent a Delegate in the previous three years); and
3. Finally, the remaining scholarships (if any) to any international Delegates from outside the North American continent.

Please contact: abm2019@slaafws.org

THE WHO - WHAT - WHY - WHEN

OF THE S.L.A.A. CONFERENCE SERVICE COMMITTEE (CSC)?



Who we are? Mission Statement: The Conference Service Committee (CSC) educates and increases member commitment to service.

What we do? The CSC is involved in projects that are designed to increase individual members' awareness of the importance of service, both for the individual him/herself, and for the Fellowship as a whole.

Why? *THE CONFERENCE SERVICE COMMITTEE (CSC)* is looking for Fellowship members to become involved in projects that are designed to increase individual members' awareness of the importance of service, both for the individual him/herself, and for the Fellowship as a whole. There are recent projects we've executed, including creating a draft literature of a Super Service Dog brochure in 2019 and now our current project is a pamphlet dedicated to service. We'd love to hear some of your ideas.

When? Once a month on the 2nd Wednesday of the month: 9pm EST / 8pm CST via teleconference calls. Please join us. Calling is not a commitment but just an opportunity to find out more about what the CSC is doing.

For more information, please email us at: slaa.servicecommittee@gmail.com

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- ✓ Have three years of continuous, self-defined sobriety in S.L.A.A.
(Non-S.L.A.A. members can be on the Board of Trustees; see below*)

Board Candidate Ideally...

- ✓ Served as a Conference Delegate for at least one year
- ✓ Works well in a group dynamic
- ✓ Have a functional understanding of group conscience
- ✓ Have skills and abilities valuable to the organization
- ✓ Have a working knowledge of the 12 Steps and the 12 Traditions of S.L.A.A.
- ✓ Have worked through at least Step Seven
- ✓ Have experience in S.L.A.A. service at the Intergroup or Conference level

Expectations of Trustees

- ✓ Travel to the Annual Business Conference/Meeting (ABC/M) (approximately seven days) each summer during their term to participate in Board meetings, three days before and one day after the ABC/M (expenses paid)
- ✓ Are willing to participate in a minimum of six 3-hour regular Board Conference calls and six 2-hour interim Conference calls, plus BOT Committee meetings, many email discussions, and liaise with several Conference committees
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- ✓ Bring an added perspective being outside the S.L.A.A. Program

Please Let Us Know

If you are interested in serving or know anyone who might, please contact the S.L.A.A. Board Development Committee (BDC) at SLAAFWS.org/bdc.

Guidelines and Deadlines for Submissions

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

- The mission of the F.W.S. Newsletter is to publish items related to S.L.A.A. service and business, the Conference and the Conference Committees, the F.W.S. Office, and the Board of Trustees news; and, to share this information as widely as possible in order to keep members around the world up-to-date with the Fellowship.
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