



# F.W.S. Newsletter

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## Welcome to the 2020 Spring Issue of the F.W.S. Newsletter

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## Editor's Note

Hello,

Welcome to the Spring 2020 issue of the F.W.S. Newsletter. I'm Chris D. and I am honored to be your new F.W.S. Newsletter Editor. Many thanks to Matt F. who did such a wonderful job producing this Newsletter beginning with the Winter 2017 edition. I've got some pretty big shoes to fill and I'm grateful for Matt's help and guidance. I'm also thrilled to follow in the footsteps of my very dear friends Deb W., editor from 2008 – 2016, and Rita H., editor from 2016 – 2017.

My professions since entering this program in 1991 include financial advisor, lawyer, and employee relations manager, so I have spent a lot of time reading, writing, and proofreading. Regarding my service history, I am fortunate enough to be serving as a delegate this year for the North San Diego County (CA) Intergroup and have served on Conference Committees (currently the Conference Journal and Member Retention Committees), Board Committees, and the Board. My home group meets Sunday at 4:30 p.m. My goal is provide the information needed by those interested in the business of the Fellowship. Matt explained it perfectly when he became editor:

"The F.W.S. Newsletter reports on the business of our fellowship: its finances, its development, and where the organization is heading. News is contributed by the F.W.S. Office, Board of Trustees, and Conference Committees. One feature in particular prominently displays the global reach of our organization: the International Pages. We need bilingual articles that share the author's experience strength and hope in English and the author's native language. For those of you outside the United States who are qualified to contribute, please consider offering our fellowship this type of service. Details are in the back of the newsletter. Again, welcome to this edition of the newsletter and feel free to offer feedback at <https://slaafws.org/fwsnews-submit>."

You will find a lot of information in here about our Annual Business Conference/Meeting (ABC/M) that will be held in Sacramento July 28 – 31, 2020. I want to ensure that everyone also knows that an International Recovery Convention (IRC) will immediately follow the ABC/M. It will start on Friday, July 31 and end on Sunday, August 2, 2020, at the same hotel in Sacramento. More information to follow. If you have not attended an IRC, I hope you can take this opportunity because the recovery that is shared is inspirational.

Finally, the Board of Trustees is requesting your input on the technology needs of the Fellowship to establish a realistic technology strategy. You will find a survey on the home page of the <https://slaafws.org> website.

Yours in service,  
Chris D.  
March 2020

## **Executive Director's Report February 11, 2020**

Greetings from San Antonio, Texas! Although the weather here swings wildly from 80 degrees one day to 40 degrees the next, we have hope that Spring may be just around the corner. The saying that "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb" will likely be tested in the coming weeks.

I am thrilled to announce that our special limited-edition book, "A State of Grace: Daily Meditations" is here and is now shipping! If you have not already ordered a copy (or 10!), please do not wait to place your order. Once these are sold out, no more of the hardcover will be printed. A soft-cover edition is planned in the coming months, so why not add both to your recovery bookshelf? These books make a thoughtful and beautiful gift for your sponsor, sponsee, recovery partner...and, of course, for yourself.

The Annual Business Meeting/Conference for 2020 will be held in lovely Sacramento, California, from July 28<sup>th</sup> thru 31<sup>st</sup>, at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento. Information and registration materials are posted on the F.W.S. website. Please register as early as possible. An International Recovery Convention (IRC), hosted by the Sacramento Intergroup, will be held immediately following the conclusion of ABM at the same hotel. More information on the IRC will be provided as it becomes available through the planning process.

I look forward to seeing you in Sacramento in July!

In Service,

Pam Martin  
Executive Director

## President's Message

The Board of Trustees ("BOT") has achieved some significant milestones over the past quarter. The largest single book publication by the Augustine Fellowship has begun being sent out to members, the long-term technology needs of the Fellowship have begun to be addressed, and the BOT has begun to further address the longer-term revenue needs of S.L.A.A.

After years of hard work by the authors of *A State of Grace: Daily Meditations*, 365 days of daily S.L.A.A. recovery-based inspirations, the book has been sent out to all of the members of the Fellowship who pre-ordered the special edition hardbound version of the book. This limited edition only has 1976 copies (the year S.L.A.A. was founded). A much larger printing of the soft cover version of the book will be available shortly for approximately half the price of the limited edition.

The BOT has also focused on the longer-term technology needs of the Fellowship and has established a Board level Technology Committee (the "BTC") which will take on a more central role in identifying better ways we can utilize technology to spread the message of recovery to the addict who still suffers. The BTC is reaching out to the members of the Fellowship to solicit assistance from those who would like to actively participate in this new focus. The BTC is beginning to address issues related to cyber security, a better understanding of the overall technology requirements of the Fellowship, and looking into new and creative ways of spreading the S.L.A.A. message.

The BOT is similarly looking at innovative ways to raise more 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition donations and gifts to the Fellowship. In the planning stages is a significant fundraising program which will seek to generate revenue for the Fellowship through a monthly giving program, which, it is hoped, will have matching funds from larger donors.

In addition, Anne K. (FL) joined the BOT in January. Welcome Anne.

Plus, BOT member Christina M. (CA) had a baby daughter on February 13, Everett Grace ("Evie"). Congratulations Christina!

Service feeds Sobriety,  
Seth S.

## **Board Committees**

### **Board Programs and Membership Committee (BPMC)**

The Board Programs and Membership Committee (BPMC) meets on the third Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM CT.

The BPMC offers services such as: meeting tools, literature, and an opportunity to serve. Two sub-committees branch off of the BPMC: the ABM & IRC Planning Committees. Both of these committees meet monthly. They are moving forward so everything is in place for the events to be successful. The main item being worked on is the revision of the ABM/C Manual, which is close to being finished. We are also looking at ways to implement the Scholarship Fund for the ABM and IRC.

Members include:

P.A., TX – Chair – B.O.T. member; Christina, CA – B.O.T. member; Anne, FL – B.O.T. member; Jim, CA – non-B.O.T. member; Gabriel, CA. – non-B.O.T. member; Austin, TX – non-B.O.T. member

### **Board Outreach Committee (BOC)**

Greetings from the Board Outreach Committee (BOC)! We have been having a great new Conference year filled with exciting projects and service opportunities. As many of you know, the BOC has many responsibilities, including:

- Media relations
- Responding to information requests from outside the Fellowship
- Helping Intergroups and members to “spread the message”
- Working with the F.W.S. Executive Director when they receive outreach requests
- Ensuring Conference Approved Literature gets edited and published

The BOC has been working effectively with the Conference Literature Committee on the new “Collaborative Editing Process.” Together we have edited “The Gift of No Contact” and look forward to getting it printed and ready for distribution in April 2020. The “Step Questions Workbook” remains in our pipeline as we edit this new “workbook” style document. We hope to have it ready for printing and distribution by the next ABC/M.

If you like to “spread the message,” help with outreach and media requests, care about Conference Approved Literature, and are eager to help with reading and editing, please contact the BOC at <https://slaafws.org/boc>. We would love to have you join us.

Gratefully and in Service,  
Ned J., Board Outreach Committee Chair  
Member – Board of Trustees  
Spring 2020

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**Balance Sheet - Monthly****Accrual Basis**

As of December 31, 2019

	<b>Oct 31, 19</b>	<b>Nov 30, 19</b>	<b>Dec 31, 19</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Checking/Savings</b>			
10400 · Vanguard Prudent Reserve Fund	200,206.20	200,487.91	200,758.48
10350 · Frost Bank - 0540	48,533.05	66,026.53	65,205.13
10903 · Petty Cash-Pam Martin	72.86	72.86	36.01
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>248,812.11</b>	<b>266,587.30</b>	<b>265,999.62</b>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>			
11200 · Accounts Receivable	7,084.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>7,084.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>			
12000 · Undeposited Funds-Operating Acc	0.00	26.75	1,419.45
12020 · Undeposited Funds-Paypal	5,779.78	5,524.64	6,415.43
12100 · Inventory Asset	50,422.75	54,902.28	53,316.03
13000 · Prepaid Expenses	18,683.01	19,508.18	19,508.18
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>74,885.54</b>	<b>79,961.85</b>	<b>80,659.09</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>330,781.65</b>	<b>346,549.15</b>	<b>346,658.71</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
15000* · Buildings and Equipment	58,904.97	58,904.97	58,904.97
17100 · Accum Depreciation	-54,510.75	-54,510.75	-54,510.75
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>4,394.22</b>	<b>4,394.22</b>	<b>4,394.22</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>335,175.87</u></b>	<b><u>350,943.37</u></b>	<b><u>351,052.93</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>			
25000 · Sales Tax Payable	866.29	974.13	1,014.85

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<b>25800 · Unearned or Deferred Revenue</b>	8,011.95	15,638.05	20,553.55
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	8,878.24	16,612.18	21,568.40
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	8,878.24	16,612.18	21,568.40
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	8,878.24	16,612.18	21,568.40
<b>Equity</b>			
<b>32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	324,528.28	324,528.28	324,528.28
<b>Net Income</b>	1,769.35	9,802.91	4,956.25
<b>Total Equity</b>	326,297.63	334,331.19	329,484.53
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>335,175.87</u></b>	<b><u>350,943.37</u></b>	<b><u>351,052.93</u></b>

The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Service  
Profit & Loss

October through December 2019

	Oct 19	Nov 19	Dec 19	TOTAL
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
44000 · Prudent Reserve				
44200 · Income on Prudent Reserve	317.06	281.71	270.57	869.34
<b>Total 44000 · Prudent Reserve</b>	317.06	281.71	270.57	869.34
40000 · ABC/M Income				
40400 · ABC/M Scholarship Fund	171.61	0.00	0.00	171.61
<b>Total 40000 · ABC/M Income</b>	171.61	0.00	0.00	171.61
42000 · Contribution Income				
42100 · Groups	4,157.33	1,260.13	2,840.45	8,257.91
42200 · Individuals	466.40	12,769.40	1,142.40	14,378.20
42300 · Intergroups	3,687.12	1,784.30	768.58	6,240.00
<b>Total 42000 · Contribution Income</b>	8,310.85	15,813.83	4,751.43	28,876.11
48999 · Merchandise & Other Income				
49000 · Sales Income	21,921.59	15,513.21	12,112.50	49,547.30
49010 · E-Book Income	1,758.98	929.07	1,723.59	4,411.64
49015 · E Journal Income	-19.00	0.00	0.00	-19.00
49050 · Journal	412.60	506.20	267.40	1,186.20
49100 · Shipping	3,286.47	2,581.58	2,104.79	7,972.84
49110 · Subsidies	-730.63	-1,046.03	-350.36	-2,127.02
49902 · Dues, Fees, Licenses,Royalties	180.00	0.00	0.00	180.00
<b>Total 48999 · Merchandise &amp; Other Income</b>	26,810.01	18,484.03	15,857.92	61,151.96
<b>Total Income</b>	35,609.53	34,579.57	20,879.92	91,069.02
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>				
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold				
50800 · E-Book Costs	454.81	354.33	438.86	1,248.00
50900 · Shipping Expense	3,414.20	2,066.29	1,946.70	7,427.19
66800 · Journal Printing & Mailing	220.00	430.03	384.34	1,034.37
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold - Other	2,981.23	2,304.64	1,586.25	6,872.12
<b>Total 50000 · Cost of Goods Sold</b>	7,070.24	5,155.29	4,356.15	16,581.68
<b>Total COGS</b>	7,070.24	5,155.29	4,356.15	16,581.68
<b>Gross Profit</b>	28,539.29	29,424.28	16,523.77	74,487.34
<b>Expense</b>				
60000 · BOT				
60200 · BOT Per Diem	152.30	0.00	0.00	152.30
60400 · BOT Travel	112.18	0.00	0.00	112.18
<b>Total 60000 · BOT</b>	264.48	0.00	0.00	264.48
62000 · ABC/M Conference Expenses				
62400 · Conference Committee				
62406 · Finance (CFC)	61.60	0.00	0.00	61.60
62415 · Public Information (CPIC)	0.00	82.96	0.00	82.96
62417 · Service (CSC)	0.00	99.00	0.00	99.00



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Total 62400 · Conference Committee	61.60	181.96	0.00	243.56
Total 62000 · ABC/M Conference Expenses	61.60	181.96	0.00	243.56
62700 · Contract Services				
62710 · Editing and Formatting Services	175.00	0.00	250.00	425.00
62750 · Legal Fees	0.00	0.00	255.00	255.00
62760 · Outside Contract Services	194.00	48.50	0.00	242.50
62780 · Webmaster Services	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	9,000.00
62790 · Contract Services - Labor	1,375.00	1,375.00	1,375.00	4,125.00
Total 62700 · Contract Services	4,744.00	4,423.50	4,880.00	14,047.50
62800 · Facilities and Equipment				
62900 · Rent	3,673.61	3,673.61	3,673.61	11,020.83
62910 · Telephone	206.55	206.55	206.55	619.65
62920 · FWS Website	762.82	232.87	857.87	1,853.56
Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment	4,642.98	4,113.03	4,738.03	13,494.04
65000 · General Office Expense				
65010 · Bank Charges/Fees	5.00	4.42	5.00	14.42
65020 · Vendor Fees	927.65	1,510.32	1,374.47	3,812.44
65030 · Dues, Fees and Licenses	295.00	0.00	0.00	295.00
65040 · Federal and State Tax	731.70	0.00	0.00	731.70
65060 · Meals	70.38	0.00	0.00	70.38
65070 · Mileage	31.90	0.00	0.00	31.90
65080 · Office Security	252.56	295.08	0.00	547.64
65095 · Gifts & Honorariums	0.00	0.00	450.00	450.00
65000 · General Office Expense - Other	0.00	91.25	0.00	91.25
Total 65000 · General Office Expense	2,314.19	1,901.07	1,829.47	6,044.73
69000 · Operations				
69020 · Printing and Copying				
69035 · Printing&Copies Knight	79.83	363.00	0.00	442.83
Total 69020 · Printing and Copying	79.83	363.00	0.00	442.83
69030 · Supplies	0.00	94.59	24.00	118.59
69040 · Office Supplies	174.14	221.83	163.94	559.91
69050 · Computer Supplies	260.00	148.00	299.00	707.00
69070 · Outreach	0.00	94.25	0.00	94.25
69090 · Postage, Mail Services	55.00	0.00	0.00	55.00
Total 69000 · Operations	568.97	921.67	486.94	1,977.58
67000 · Payroll Expense				
67300 · Payroll Accounting	148.59	99.05	99.06	346.70
67400 · Payroll Tax Expense	996.68	671.76	663.51	2,331.95
67500 · Salary Expense	13,028.45	8,701.68	8,673.42	30,403.55
67700 · Workman's Comp Insurance	0.00	377.00	0.00	377.00
Total 67000 · Payroll Expense	14,173.72	9,849.49	9,435.99	33,459.20
Total Expense	26,769.94	21,390.72	21,370.43	69,531.09
Net Ordinary Income	1,769.35	8,033.56	-4,846.66	4,956.25

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Net Income	<u>1,769.35</u>	<u>8,033.56</u>	<u>-4,846.66</u>	<u>4,956.25</u>

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## Income by Customer Summary

October 2018 through September 2019

	<u>Oct '18 - Sep 19</u>
Albany NY, Serenity Grp Fri 6pm	27.24
Allentown, PA, Mon 1PM	70.00
Ann Arbor, MI, Sun 6 pm	25.00
Anorexia 730am Monday, Sunset Place	87.28
Anorexia Sat 11am St. Francis Manhattan	19.55
Arlington, TX	88.00
Barnstable MA	40.00
Bellevue, KY, SAT, 8AM	179.00
Berkeley, CA, Fri, 7.30AM	80.40
Berkeley, CA, Thur 930am	60.00
Boise, ID Sunrise Mtg Wed	15.00
Boston MA, Wed Night	27.60
Boston, MA, Mon mtg	200.00
Boston, MA, Sat AM Arlington	347.60
Boulder, CO, Wed. Noon	25.26
Bridgeport CT 12-Step Tues mtg	120.00
Brookline, MA, Sat 10.30 AM	40.00
Bryn Mawr, PA, Sun 7PM	376.00
Cambridge MA, Mens Step Mon at Garden st	80.00
Cambridge, MA, Friday 7pm	40.00
Chicago IL Ravenswood Fellowship	148.80
Chicago IL Serenity on Sunday	52.00
Chicago, IL, Sat 9.30 AM	60.00
Chicago, IL, Sat AM St. Hedwig	63.68
Chicago, IL, Wed 730pm Womens	18.00
Chicago, IL, Womens Healthy Sexuality	189.46
Chicago,IL, NTAC Keep Coming Back	40.00
Cincinnati OH Emotional Stability Sat 2p	53.17
Cincinnati OH, Mon 7pm	80.00
Clearwater, FL, Sat 10.30AM	185.00
Cleveland, OH, Fri PM Return to Dignity	110.00
Cleveland, OH, Sat Cleveland Heights	180.00
Cleveland, OH, Sun 7 PM Downtown	100.00
Cleveland, OH, Tues Downtown	120.00
Cleveland, OH, Wed Middleburgh Heights	145.00
Corte Madera, CA, Tue 7PM	100.00
Costa Mesa CA Thur 7pm Mixed Gend	40.00
Costa mesa CA Wed 7pm	81.60
Costa Mesa, CA, Sun 7PM	104.00
Costa Mesa, CA, Wed 7PM Anorexia	40.00
Danvers, MA TuesPM	120.00
Decatur, GA, Sat 9.30 AM	950.00
Doylestown, PA Sun 7PM	204.00
E. Brookfield MA Thurs pm (unregistered)	50.00
East Hampton, NY 10 AM	120.00

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	<u>Oct '18 - Sep 19</u>
East Weymouth MA	35.00
Encinitas, CA Saturday Mens	100.00
Evanston, IL, Sun night	400.00
Fisherville, VA, Sat 9AM Group	131.00
Focus on Anorexia Telephone Mtg	5.00
GDVI Inspiration Line	5.00
Greenfield, MA Sun PM Men's	80.00
Harrisonburg, VA	150.00
Hartford CT, Looking Inward - Sat	40.00
Hartford, CT, Mon PM	125.00
Hartford, CT, Sun 7.30 Step UP	90.00
Haverhill, MA, Thur 7.30PM Gentle Path	40.00
High Falls, NY, Sun 7.30 PM	30.00
Hollywood, CA, FRI 6.30 Mens Stag	290.00
Houston TX Fri 730	200.00
Houston TX Lovett 930	45.00
Houston TX Thurs 7 pm	260.00
Houston, TX, Mon PM @ Chapelwood	100.00
Houston, TX, Sat 9AM Mens	550.00
Houston, TX, Sun 6PM Crossroads	50.00
Huntington NY Monday Night	40.00
Irvine, CA, Sat Morning Womens Stag	40.00
Kingston NY Fri 730 pm	100.00
Lake Worth, FL, Mon 7.45PM By The Book	557.50
Las Vegas NV There is a Solution	10.00
Las Vegas NV You Are Not Alone	65.10
Los Angeles, CA, Fri 6.30pm Mens	384.00
Love Avoidance phone grp	5.00
Memphis, TN, Tue 8PM, East Group	415.00
Mentor OH Just for Tuesday	40.00
Middleburg Hgts OH	80.00
Milwaukee Common Recovery Wed 6pm	50.00
Milwaukee Tues. 615pm Meeting	400.00
Milwaukee, MN, Sat 10AM	627.21
Mon Step Mtg Telephone Group	80.00
Montreal Canada La Cle De L'ame	37.00
Montreal QC Canada you are not alone	22.00
Morristown NJ Thurs	51.00
Morristown NJ Women's Meeting	20.00
Morristown, NJ Sat 7.30PM	141.00
Morristown, NJ Tues PM	80.00
Mountain View, CA Wed PM	100.00
Nashville, TN, Sat AM	665.00
Natick, MA, Christ Lutheran Church	60.00
New London, CT Fri Sun Night	200.00

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	<u>Oct '18 - Sep 19</u>
New York NY Developing Healthy Relationsh	150.00
New York NY Living in Recovery Healthy RI	114.68
New York, NY Fri 6.15PM	376.15
New York, NY, Becoming Unaddicted	529.43
New York, NY, Wed PM, Mens	431.03
New York, NY, Womens 3pm Sundays	45.00
Newburyport MA Sat 9 am Changing Tides NC	240.00
Newton PA Monday P.M. Meeting	50.00
Newton PA Wed Night Mtg	60.00
Newton, MA, Fri 8PM	84.00
Newton, MA, Thur 7PM Steps to Recovery	173.00
Newton, MA, Tue 7&8 pm	585.00
Newton, MA, Mon 7pm	75.00
North Hollywood Fantasy & Intrigue	200.00
Northumberland, PA, Hope and Recovery	25.00
Norwich, CT, Thur 730PM	83.75
NY, NY, Beginners Meeting	9.00
NY, NY, Monday Downtown Mes	400.00
NY, NY, Sat 6pm Beginners	104.00
NY, NY, Tue 6PM Withdrawal	300.00
NY, NY, Womens Step Writing Workshop	60.00
NYC Sat 6pm Beginners	41.50
NYC Sat AM Anorexia meeting	21.80
NYC Sun 11 Anorexia St. Francis	11.75
Oak Park, IL, M to F 9Am	120.00
Oak Park, IL, Sat AM	130.00
Oak Park, IL, Sun 7PM	45.00
Oakland, CA, Fri 7.30	296.75
Oakland, CA, Fri Noon	117.60
Oakland, CA, Kaiser Wed Noon Group	100.00
Oakland, CA, Mon Noon Step Study	60.00
Oakland, CA, Sat 10AM	86.11
Oakland, CA, Sat 8AM Mens	320.10
Oakland, CA, Sun 6PM	125.60
Ocala, FL	60.00
Palm Beach Gardens, FL, Tues PM	60.00
Paoli, PA, Sat. AM	294.00
Paoli, PA, Wed PM	480.00
Park Ridge, IL Mon pm	80.00
Philadelphia, PA, Sat 11 AM	174.00
Philadelphia, PA, Mon Thur Newman Ctr	100.00
Philadelphia, PA, New Leaf	560.00
Pittsburgh, PA St. Andrews	190.00
Pittsburgh, PA, East Steps and Topics	230.00
Pittsburgh, PA, Wed 6PM Downtown	23.00

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

## Income by Customer Summary

October 2018 through September 2019

	<u>Oct '18 - Sep 19</u>
Plenitud	100.00
Portland OR Anorexia Focus	20.00
Prescott, AZ, You Are Not Alone	750.00
Providence, RI, Mon 7.30PM	50.00
Providence, RI, New Beginnings Wed 730pm	60.00
Quakertown Dryland Mon 730	134.25
Quakertown, PA, Wed&Fri 8 pm	120.00
Raleigh, NC, Fri PM	90.00
Salem, NH, Tues PM	50.00
San Diego CA Wed Men's	57.58
San Diego North Park Sun Mixed	237.84
San Diego, CA, Wed 7PM Men's	296.00
San Francisco Web pm womens step mtg	80.90
San Francisco, CA, Sun 7.15pm	240.00
San Francisco, Focus on Anorexia	160.00
San Rafael, CA, 1st Thur 6.30 Womens	265.00
Santa Cruz, CA, Mens Freedom Group	66.00
Santa Cruz, CA, Sat AM Mens Feedback	66.00
Santa Monica CA Bldg Healthy Relat	80.00
Sarasota, FL Mon PM	300.00
Sarasota, FL, Thurs 7.30 PM	300.00
Saturday am 12 and 12 Living the Solution	118.00
Seattle, WA, Fri 6PMI Love Myself today	191.49
Serenity Sisters - Atlanta GA	70.00
Serenity Sisters Roswell GA	120.00
SF Men's Basic Text, Wed 8pm	32.00
SFEB Saturday Women	135.59
Shamebusters Group	98.00
SLAA Singapore Sunday Group	37.00
SLAA Trailblazers	262.63
Sobriety & Beyond	50.00
Solana Beach, CA Tues	260.00
Somerville, MA, Sharing our Strength	80.00
Soquel, CA, Womens Santa Cruz Fri 7pm	60.00
St Louis MO Mon 6 pm Womens	100.00
St. Louis, MO, Sobriety and Beyond	100.00
Strongsville, OH, Tues PM	160.00
Sugar Land TX Wed 7pm	50.00
Sun Valley ID	50.00
Sunday Greenwood Meeting	14.00
The Saturday Men's SLAA	50.00
The Spiritual Solution Mtg, NY NY	216.15
Trenton, NJ, Tues PM	70.00
Ventura, CA	100.00
Victoria British Columbia	164.80

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**Income by Customer Summary**

October 2018 through September 2019

	<u>Oct '18 - Sep 19</u>
Wednesday Night Beginners Telephone Mtg	10.00
Wilmington DE, New Straw Group	199.00
Women's SLAA Book Study	47.24
Worcester, MA, Fri PM	200.00
Y.A.N.A	157.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u><u>26,847.17</u></u></b>

	<b>Oct '18 - Sep 19</b>
Augustine Fellowship UK Intergroup	1,166.00
Austrailia (Adelaide) Intergroup	70.00
Chicago West Intergroup	50.00
DASA France Intergroup	205.00
Florida Roundup	2,000.00
Greater Delaware Valley Intergroup	656.00
Greater NY Area Intergroup	483.86
Houston Intergroup	1,470.00
Los Angeles Intergroup	6,910.51
Mid Maine Intergroup	100.00
New England Intergroup	635.00
North Texas Intergroup	150.00
Online SLAA Support	196.00
Ontario Canada Intergroup	2,000.00
Puget Sound Intergroup	1,500.00
Riksgruppen (Sweden Intergroup_	77.00
Sacramento Intergroup	869.17
San Antonio Intergroup	200.00
San Diego North County Intergroup	2,389.00
San Francisco East Bay Intergroup	1,149.90
Silicon Valley Intergroup	65.00
Southern Maine Intergroup	20.00
Switzerland Intergroup	472.49
Tampa Bay Intergroup	1,865.00
Tucson Intergroup	342.49
Western New England Intergroup	650.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,692.42</b>



# Conference Committee Report Corner

## Conference Charter Committee (CCC) and Conference Committees Chairs Reports

### Conference Charter Committee (CCC)

The CCC mission statement highlights how busy the CCC is before, during, and after an Annual Business Conference/Meeting (ABC/M):

*Responsible for the planning and 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 ABM Agenda, 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.*

The CCC is busy getting ready for the 2020 ABC/M. The Conference Service Manual (CSM) has been updated for 2020 and posted to the F.W.S. website. The Agenda Review Subcommittee (ARS) has distributed the 2020 ABM Agenda First Version and is currently working on the Second Version.

In the near future the CCC will start the following committees in preparation for the 2020 ABC/M.

1. ABC/M 2020 Scheduling Work Group – will be creating the schedules for the General Assemblies, Conference Committee sessions, and reaching out to returning Delegates to act as facilitators for the ABM.
2. ABC/M 2020 Mentors Work Group – pairing first time Delegates with returning Delegates who have volunteered to be mentors.

### Conference Committees Chairs Report

There have been two Conference Committee Chairs calls since the delegates left the 2019 Annual Business Conference/Meeting (ABC/M); November 17, 2019, and February 16, 2020. There will be one more meeting before the ABC/M on May 17, 2020.

There will also be two face-to-face meetings at the ABC/M and both of those meetings are open to any member present who wants to see how the business of the Conference Committee Chairs is conducted. During the Chairs call, Conference Committee Chairs submit reports on the progress of projects and bring forward items that may need to be discussed by the Chairs.

There are currently fifteen (15) 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: Anorexia (CAC), By-Laws (CBC), Conference Charter (CCC), Diversity (CDC), Finance (CFC), Healthy Relationships (CHRC), Intergroup Communication (CICC), Journal (CJC), Literature (CLC), Members Retention (CMRC), Public Information (CPIC), Service (CSC), Sponsorship (CSPC), Steps, Traditions, Concepts (CSTCC), and Translation/International Outreach (CTIOC).

I would like to thank all of the Conference Committee Chairs and their Committee members for their service to our Fellowship.

In Service,  
Phillip W., CCC Chair

## Conference Anorexia Committee (CAC) Chairs Report

CAC Members: Ava (NY), Charlotte (TX), Dave (CA), Doug (OH)

The CAC has had a productive year, continuing to work toward bringing the workbook series to the next ABM as an Item For Discussion (IFD) in the summer of 2020; Anorexia 8 & 9: Working the Program & Not the Problem. You are encouraged to share your stories on the F.W.S. website: Service Opportunities – Conference Anorexia Committee at <https://slaafws.org/committee/cac>.

The CAC subcommittee on Cleanup & Clarification has also begun review of all Conference Anorexia literature to ensure accuracy and clarity of our message throughout the S.L.A.A. fellowship. If you'd like to participate more directly, please join us on our monthly phone call, the fourth Sunday of the month (next one March 22<sup>nd</sup>), time: 11:00 a.m. Pacific, 12:00 noon Mountain, 1:00 p.m. Central, and 2:00 p.m. Eastern.

## Conference Journal Committee Chairs Report

### Identify Chair, Vice-Chair or Co-Chair and BOT Liaison:

· Chair – Susan G., Editor – Lisa C., Outreach Director: Becca M., Art Director: Fiona. BOT Liaison Rick S. Other regular attendees: Chris D., Kim B., Ava – Journal Rep New York, Glen C. – Journal Rep Los Angeles

### Meeting day/time/phone # of the monthly call(s) and any recent changes:

· 1:00 p.m. EST, 12:00 p.m. Central, 10:00 PST, 6:00 PMST. New call in number: (425) 436-6200. Access code: 2843888. This new conference call number has been newly established, as the previous numbers for International Callers could not be located. If anyone International wishes to attend the CJC meeting, please contact the Chair, Susan G., who will send the info.

The Journal continues to sell in a print version. A notice was sent out by F.W.S. with instructions for refunds and access to past issues missed for subscribers of the eJournal (which is no longer available due to technical difficulties with the platform). Refunds have been issued for the eJournal (\$55.00), 41 past issues have been resolved; 149 are unresolved as of November 2, 2019 (the most recent info available from F.W.S.), 129 emails which were sent regarding how to resolve the eJournal issue have not been opened. Of note: the CJC is exploring the possibility of subscriptions to the Journal via an app for smart phones.

In the month of October (most current statistics available), the following Focus issues were purchased: *Step 6* [15], *Anorexia* [24], *Sober Dating* [37], and *Step 7* [16].

The Journal is now accepting short shares and articles on:

#184	May/June	Living Alone to Moving In	Have you gone from living alone to moving in with a partner? Please share about the challenges you faced and how you dealt with them and/or any special stories about moving in.	March 15, 2020
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**Please note:** The deadline for the next Journal issue is March 15, 2020: Please ask your Committees to send their articles to the CJC.

**Meditation Book:** The Journal requested, along with the CLC, for the Board to remove the affirmations which were added by the BOC (& approved by the BOT). The Journal and CLC believe that the Top-Lines (removed from the book by the BOT) for each day's readings need to be restored to the book (as written and approved at the 2018 ABM). The Board has declined this request and is printing the book with affirmations. Currently the Journal, in coordination with the CLC, is considering/discussing submitting a motion requesting that the original Top-Lines be restored to the Meditation book and the affirmations inserted by the BOT be removed as approved at the ABM 2018.

**Projects:** The Committee is currently culling past issues and accepting new writing (submit to: <https://slaafws.org/journalsubmit>) with a mind to create new Focus Issues:

- **Spirituality Issue:** Steps 2, 3, 11, with the possibility of creating a book on "Spirituality" at some future date. Please join us in this important work!
- **Diversity Issue:** We need Journal articles. CDC – please consider encouraging your members to submit articles.
- **Healthy Relationships:** (project leader for this issue is needed).
- **International Issue:** Conference Translation and International Outreach Committee (CTIOC) – we have almost enough to create an International issue, but we need more! All stories for the International issue must be submitted in the native language plus and full English translation.
- **Member Retention:** We need articles! Feel free to submit them to the CJC.

The CJC requested info from the BOT Liaison regarding the process of International members translating past issues of the Journal – specifically how France and Poland may go about doing so.

Request received from GDVI to have a speaker from the Journal for their spirituality retreat in April (stipend available), however, none of the members of the Journal were able to attend.

**Agenda items pending outcomes:** Restoring Top Lines to Meditation book (pending CLC vote in two weeks). Journal App (pending SubCommittee formation). Focus Issues: Anorexia and

Sober-Dating are going to be available as an audio recording soon (being recorded imminently by CJC Members). eJournal subscriptions reimbursements of issues missed (pending status report from F.W.S. Webmaster). Dating pamphlet (pending subcommittee work on it – and ABM Motion).

**Future agenda items:**

- Production Policy (Appendix G) – revising and specifically looking at policy on cussing and grammar
- QR code for Journal
- Committee Corner update

## **Conference Steps, Traditions & Concepts Committee (CSTCC) Chairs Report**

### **Mission Statement**

To promote the study, understanding and application of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts throughout the S.L.A.A. fellowship.

### **To Join or Ask a Question**

The CSTCC welcomes questions from the fellowship concerning the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts. Our responses are individual, and neither binding nor authoritative. We do not speak for the whole of S.L.A.A.

To ask a question or to join the committee, please visit the CSTCC corner at [slaafws.org/CSTCC](http://slaafws.org/CSTCC) or call the F.W.S. office at (210) 828-7900.

### **Question Archives**

Previous questions addressed by the CSTCC are searchable at [slaafws.org/tq-search/](http://slaafws.org/tq-search/).

**Chair:** Jim B.

**Board of Trustee Liaison:** Nancy

**Twelve Concepts Writing Group:** Jim B., Sam F.

**Active Group Members:** Jim B., Sam F., Dave G., Mona, Lee W.

The conference committee meets the fourth Sunday of every month at 5:00 pm EDT / 4:00 pm CDT / 3:00 pm MDT / 2:00 pm PDT. The Conference Dial-in Number is 605-313-4818, and the Access code 867978#. The CSTCC has met three times since the ABM.

### **Twelve Concept Booklet**

Twelve Concept booklet initial draft is complete. The Committee decided to go back through and work on edits for all Concepts. Our goal is to have it ready for submittal as a Motion at the 2021 ABM.

**Questions from the Fellowship**

A total of nine Questions were received in 2019, and the Committee has provided Responses to all but one of them. When we receive a Question, the Chair sends it out the committee for Responses. Once all Responses are received, they are compiled and provided to the F.W.S. for posting, and also sent to the newsletter for inclusion.

**Steps, Traditions, Concepts workshop for the IRC**

The CSTCC is looking into providing a workshop at the 2020 IRC, and it seeking input and ideas from other committees and members on a format or topic. Please send an e-mail with ideas or questions to <https://slaafws.org/CSTCC>.

## **Conference Steps, Traditions, and Concepts Committee: Questions from the Fellowship**

### **Question from the Fellowship (Committee Reference #2019-9):**

I just got off the phone with the FWS about a meeting last night. I spoke about feeling suicidal the night before and the leader stopped the meeting to interrogate me about it, and I believe it broke traditions. I was not threatening suicide, but was just sharing how I felt the night before, and the leaders response was over the top. I wanted to share my feelings and this person made comments that if I was in a live meeting he would have called the cops. I told this person that I appreciated his concern but that I was feeling very uncomfortable with him "cross-talking" and also stopping the meeting. I felt bullied and shamed. If I was a newcomer and I shared this and the "Leader" had this type of response it could have made me feel more distraught, which would not be helpful. Even though I believe his intentions were in the right place, the leaders approach was aggressive. threatening and hostile. I read your committee responses about a similar issue, and it did not seem to support that action. The leader kept on saying he was the leader and that he had the right to stop the meeting and cross talk and make sure I did not have a plan to commit suicide. The FWS told me that there is no conference approved literature on the subject, but maybe the conference can create a document on how the SLAA traditions apply in this situation? I felt unsafe and am never going to that meeting again.

### **Response #1:**

There is general guidance in Tradition Two that could be utilized in a situation like this. Two separate spiritual principles from the Tradition could be applicable. First, our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern. The leader in the meeting appears to have been "governing" by unilaterally changing the meeting format, directly addressing one individual about their issues, and using language that was aggressive.

Second, it would have been helpful for the leader to understand that a loving God is the ultimate authority. From my experience, addicts in leadership roles can sometimes forget that our Higher Power is really in charge.

As to the creation of a document by the FWS or conference on this type of situation, I think that Tradition Four is most applicable. Each group is autonomous, and is responsible for making decisions about how their meeting is conducted. While a document could theoretically be created, it would be very difficult to include all possible meeting level conflicts and solutions in it. And, in keeping with Tradition Four, it would not be authoritative but for reference only.

### **Response #2:**

What an interesting question. At first I thought that it had nothing to do with the Traditions or the Concepts, but of course everything relates to the guidance in our three legacies.

The leader of the meeting in question was certainly unskillful. And of course there is nothing we can do about it. But this is not a meeting that I would want to go to. It is not an example of the Fellowship that I want to belong to.

I've noticed that in S.L.A.A. there is a tendency to confuse therapy with recovery. Therapy is a

wonderful tool, but it is not recovery. Working the Steps is different than going to a therapist. It seems to me the meeting leader was acting like a therapist. A leader in recovery would not act in this manner, would be more humble and welcoming, would be less controlling.

I have come to realize that the Steps teach me to adjust to the world and not to expect the world to adjust to me. I still have difficulty standing up for myself in confrontational or unfriendly situations. I would rather run than stand up. I have learned from our program that when I am upset there is something wrong with me. I need to take the situation through the Steps: getting my attitude straight in Steps One, Two, and Three. Then in Step Four uncovering my fears that lead to resentments and asking what God (he, she, it, or them) would have me do and what God would have me be. In the remaining Steps and working with my sponsor I find freedom. I can make a rational and healthy decision on how to proceed.

I have done this with meetings and in some cases, concluding that the meeting is not healthy, have decided not to go back. In other cases, in other situations, I continued to attend, paying attention to what I could bring to the meeting rather than what I could take from it. And bringing my issues to the group conscious or business meeting for the group. It's an individual choice. We can always start a new meeting, not an easy task, but possible.

Most importantly it seems we — our entire Fellowship — need to do a better job talking about safety in meetings. A rigorous educational effort that leads to safe meetings would be worth our time. The incident described here is not what we ever want to see. Safety is about more than sexual harassment. It is about feeling welcomed uncritically. It is about feeling loved unconditionally. It is about feeling the support of the We.

Lastly it's important to note that the Traditions cannot be broken. Their guidance can be ignored resulting in ill consequences, but they don't break.

### **Response #3:**

This question is very interesting and I think raises an extremely important issue for SLAA. I suggest:

- ☐ The member should request the Group to adopt trauma informed guidelines and/or try other meetings where she feels safer to share.
- ☐ The existing suicide guidance be replaced urgently in consultation with members of the Board who are medical clinicians and external expert advisers to the Board.

### **Response #4:**

I believe this situation calls for putting principles before personalities. I see this more as an issue of one member going rogue at a meeting, rather than as an issue of S.L.A.A. needing some kind of policy on how to deal with suicide.

I've experienced all sorts of crazy and unpredictable behavior from individuals at meetings, across all my various fellowships, including S.L.A.A. People disregard the Traditions all the time. But it is my responsibility to apply the Traditions in my own recovery, and to put principles before personalities. The truth is that no individual speaks for S.L.A.A., even if they claim they do. And as my sponsor says "We are not all here because we're well. We're all here because we're sick."

Traditions One says that group unity comes first, and Tradition Two says that our Higher Power will speak through the group conscience. So, if someone is doing something that threatens the group unity, I can request a group conscience. If that person is dominating the meeting in such a way that makes that unfeasible, then I can choose to attend a different meeting.

By practicing Tradition Twelve, placing principles before personalities, I remind myself that this person is not the program. I may feel "unsafe" to share openly, after a conflict, but that's my disease talking, trying to keep me small and isolated. I remind myself that the only authority is a loving higher power, and that I am, in fact, not unsafe. (In my distorted perception, I often *feel* unsafe in situations that are safe, and I have many times *felt* safe in situations that were completely unsafe.) Which is not to say that I have to accept unacceptable behavior. Just the opposite, in fact. I can do what I need to do to take care of myself, which may mean removing myself from the situation, while detaching from the other person's behavior, knowing that this is just one person's disease, and not allowing it to harm my own progress on my journey to recovery.

**Response #5:**

1. I believe the leader should have used tact in dealing with this member.
2. I was also troubled by the leader's comment that if the meeting was an in-person meeting he/she would have called the police. The room should be a safe haven.
3. Personally, I generally feel much more comfortable in in-person meetings where I can feel safe to let my vulnerability show. It's important to allow myself to tap into the spirituality generated by the group in the room.



## Call for 2020 (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:**

**2020 May 17 – Summer Issue/June**

**2020 August 23 – Fall Issue/September**

**2020 November 22 – Winter Issue/December**

**2021 February 21 - 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.

- Make submissions in a .doc or .docx file, except for 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>.

## **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.

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## 2020 S.L.A.A. Annual Business Meeting

hosted by the Sacramento Intergroup



July 28<sup>th</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Sheraton Grand Sacramento  
1230 J Street, 13th and J Street  
Sacramento, California 95814 USA

**ABC/M 2020 Theme is Tradition 6:** *"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."*

<https://slaafws.org/abminfo>

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



## International ABC/M Scholarship Fund

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 2020 Annual Business Conference/Meeting (ABC/M) in Sacramento, CA.

The **International ABC/M Scholarship Fund** provides financial assistance of \$500-\$1000 towards ABC/M registration fees. Up to \$3000 in total scholarships may be awarded.

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

- 1: Eligible for \$1000** - Intergroups that have not sent a Delegate in the last three years. Applications limited to these Intergroups through May 14, 2020.
- 2: Eligible for \$500** - 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) Apply May 14 through June 13, 2020.
- 3: Eligible for \$500** - the remaining scholarships (if any) to any international Delegates from outside the North American continent. Apply May 14 through June 13, 2020.

Please contact [abm2020@slaafws.org](mailto:abm2020@slaafws.org) to apply.





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## S.L.A.A. Auction Fundraiser at the Annual Business Meeting Wednesday July 29, 2020

### ***Some Ideas:***

- ♦ A unique T-shirt from a local event
- ♦ Native American artwork from the Southwest
- ♦ Pink sand from Bermuda
- ♦ Wooden shoes from Holland
- ♦ Peanuts from Georgia
- ♦ Tea from England
- ♦ Sports memorabilia from your home team
- ♦ Cowboy hat from Texas
- ♦ Maple Syrup from Vermont
- ♦ Recovery-oriented items
- ♦ A handcrafted item that a member of your group produces or creates



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What started as a spur of the moment, impromptu way to raise some extra money for F.W.S., has turned into the annual S.L.A.A. Auction.

The S.L.A.A. Auction is held on the Wednesday night of the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) and those members who attend the ABM supply items that are auctioned off. The auction contains silent and live portions.

In the spirit of unity and diversity we would like to request that each person attending the ABM bring an item for the auction. If possible, the item should be unique to the Intergroup or area of the world that you represent.

Please bring the item with you to the ABM Registration sign-in table. Let us know the name of your group and the significance of the donation. Due to legal requirements, please tell us the dollar value of each item you are donating.

This event has always been a fun and exciting way to generate financial support for the fellowship. Each participant may bid on any, or all items. There is, of course, no requirement to participate in the auction. Everyone is invited to attend and join the fun!

If you have any questions, let us know.

thank you!

for helping Fellowship-Wide Services!

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**Annual Business Conference/Meeting (ABC/M) and  
International Recovery Convention (IRC)  
Host Intergroup Application Form**

Intergroups interested in hosting an ABC/M and/or IRC should fill out all the fields in this application form to the best of their ability. **The application is for two years of hosting an ABC/M and/or IRC.** The information provided will help to inform the group conscience. Supplemental materials such as photos of the venue and rooms, marketing materials and tourist brochures are welcome. Most of this information will require meeting with Hotel staff to gather.

Applicants should submit the ABC/M Application and / or IRC Application for multiple venues. It's recommended (*not required*) that a first venue include a hotel. A second venue might include alternative accommodations (retreat center, college campus, etc.)

Special circumstances that are not addressed by this application form may be explained in the notes section, or separately in an attached document.

This application form represents one evaluative tool that the Board Program and Membership Committee (BPMC) employs to arrive at an informed group conscience at each stage of the decision-making process. As stated, the BPMC will consider all supplemental and/or alternative materials. The BPMC makes a recommendation to the Board of Trustees (BOT). The BOT makes the final decision by group conscience. The BOT will award and announce the Host Intergroup on the last day of the prior ABC/M.

Please return the completed applications to the BPMC chair. You may also send any questions to the BPMC chair at -- <http://www.slaafws.org/contact/bpmc>

**1. APPLY TO HOST ABC/M and/or IRC for Year: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Range of Dates as determined by the FWS: \_\_\_\_\_**

A decision by the Board of Trustees will be made one year prior to the ABC/M and / or IRC being applied for. Applications are required to be submitted four months prior to the date of Board of Trustees' decision making.

For example, the BOT will award and announce the Host Intergroup for the 2023 ABM on the last day of the 2022 ABM. The application for the 2023 ABM must be received by the BPMC four months prior to the last day of the 2022 ABM.

**2. LOCAL PLANNING TEAM (Applicants)**

Primary Contact for Applying Intergroup

First name/last initial:

Email:

Phone:

Address:

S.L.A.A. member since:

Sobriety date:

Service experience:

Secondary Contact

First name/last initial:

S.L.A.A. member since:

Sobriety date:

Service experience:

Has the Intergroup Elected A Local Planning Chair?

If so:

First name/last initial:

S.L.A.A. member since:

Sobriety date:

Service experience:

Include additional Trusted Servants as needed.

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_

**3. INTERGROUP:** \_\_\_\_\_

- a. What is the geographical area covered by the Intergroup?  
Specify City , County, Country or Region:\_\_\_\_\_
- b. How many meetings are included in the Intergroup?\_\_\_\_\_
- c. Can your Intergroup provide at least 8-10 volunteers?\_\_\_\_\_
- d. Possible group activities in the host city for attendees on Thursday night:
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. \_\_\_\_\_

Provide Intergroup meeting minutes reflecting the group conscious in support of this Application.

**4. ABC/M VENUE and DATES**

The goal of Intergroups will be to provide the FWS with 2-3 hotel options that have a nightly convention room rate of approximately \$130. This rate can change depending

upon location. **If your Application is accepted**, the FWS will choose the location that is most accommodating for the ABC/M and will carry out all financial negotiations with the hotel.

Proposed venue requirements include a conference room to accommodate 50+ people, 6-10 meeting rooms to each accommodate 6-20 people, a hospitality room and a registration room to welcome attendees and sell literature.

#### 4A. First Venue

(You must include at least two venues in an ABC/M application. It is recommended that at least one be a hotel.)

☐ Hotel, ☐ Retreat Center, ☐ College Campus, ☐ Other

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Venue Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Airport distance: \_\_\_\_\_ miles from nearest airport

Free airport shuttle to venue? ☐ Yes ☐ No

#### 4B. Second Venue

☐ Hotel, ☐ Retreat Center, ☐ College Campus, ☐ Other

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Venue Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Airport distance: \_\_\_\_\_ miles from nearest airport

Free airport shuttle to venue? ☐ Yes ☐ No

#### 4C. Third Venue (optional)

☐ Hotel, ☐ Retreat Center, ☐ College Campus, ☐ Other

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Venue Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_



Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Airport distance: \_\_\_\_\_ miles from nearest airport  
Free airport shuttle to venue? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

#### 4D. Dates

Information on FWS choices for dates:

- The BOT arrives early for 3 days of meetings, followed by 5 days for the ABC/M. Check-in is on Friday for the BOT. Checkout is the next Saturday. A 9-person Board room is needed for 8 days plus up to 9 single rooms are required. No meals for the first 3 days (Sat., Sun., Mon.).
- ABC/M attendees stay for 4 nights. Check-in/out: Monday to Friday. Some attendees will need to stay an extra night for travel arrangements.
- Normally the Board chooses the 4th week of July or the 1<sup>st</sup> week of August.

### **5. IRC VENUE, and DATES (Optional)**

Usually the IRC is held at the same location as the ABC/M. However, if the ABC/M site is not suitable for an IRC, the goal of Intergroups will be to provide FWS with 2-3 location options with an approximate nightly convention room rate of less than \$130. This rate can change depending upon location.

#### 5A. First Venue

(You must include two venues in an IRC application. It is recommended that at least one be a hotel.)

\_\_ Hotel, \_\_ Retreat Center, \_\_ College Campus, \_\_ Other  
Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Venue Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Website \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Airport distance: \_\_\_\_\_ miles from nearest airport  
Free airport shuttle to venue? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

#### 5B. Second Venue

\_\_ Hotel, \_\_ Retreat Center, \_\_ College Campus, \_\_ Other  
Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Venue Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Website \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Airport distance: \_\_\_\_\_ miles from nearest airport  
Free airport shuttle to venue? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

#### 5C. Third Venue (optional)

\_\_ Hotel, \_\_ Retreat Center, \_\_ College Campus, \_\_ Other  
Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Venue Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Website \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Airport distance: \_\_\_\_\_ miles from nearest airport  
Free airport shuttle to venue? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

#### 5D. Dates

The weekend immediately following the ABC/M.

#### 5E. Requirements

It must accommodate approximately 100 attendees for 2 nights. Check-in is on Friday, with check-out on Sunday. Proposed venue requirements from Friday to Sunday are as follows:

- a. Six or seven meeting rooms that can accommodate up to 20 people each.
- b. A large meeting room that can accommodate up to 50 people.

**There is usually a banquet meal with speaker on Saturday evening.**

**\*Information, timeliness and presentation will be considered by the BOT when evaluating the Applications.**

If there is anything that hasn't been addressed that you feel should be considered with this application, please let us know in the space provided below.

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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You may submit online at -- **<http://www.slaafws.org/contact/bpmc>**  
or mail to -- **BPMC - ABM/IRC Application**  
**c/o Fellowship-Wide Services**  
**1550 NE Loop 410, Ste 118**  
**San Antonio, TX 78209**

The BPMC will notify you promptly once the application has been received. If you do not receive notice of confirmation that the application was received by the deadline, please contact the BPMC Chair at <http://www.slaafws.org/contact/bpmc>.

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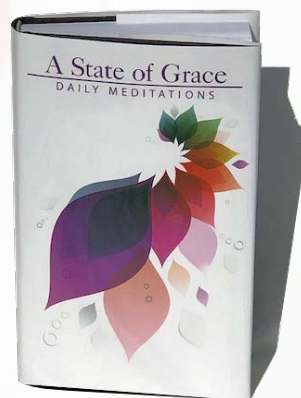
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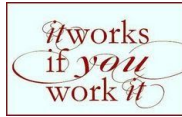


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## Conference Service Committees; What they do and when they meet!



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**CAC** – Conference Anorexia Committee is to carry the message to the S.L.A.A. community that sexual, social, and emotional anorexia can be an inherent part of sex and love addiction and encourages integrating this idea into all areas of the Fellowship and its literature. For more info and call-in number contact:

<https://slaafws.org/committee/cac>

**Meeting:** 1hr 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday @ 11:00am PT, 12:00pm MT, 1:00pm CT, 2:00pm ET

**CBC** – Conference By-Laws Committee is responsible for maintaining and updating the current S.L.A.A. By-Laws. It acts in an advisory capacity to the BOT and Fellowship-Wide Services and the Conference with regard to potential or requested By-Law changes. The committee also works with the BOT to facilitate changes to the by-Laws passed in accordance with Article XIV of the By-Laws. For more info and call-in number contact: <https://slaafws.org/committee/cbc>

**Meeting:** 1hr 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ 1:00pm PT, 2:00pm MT, 3:00pm CT, 4:00pm ET

**CCC** – Conference Charter Committee - Responsible for the planning and 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 ABM Agenda, 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. For more info and call-in number contact: <https://slaafws.org/committee/ccc>

**Meeting:** 1 1/2 hr 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday @ 3:00PM ET, 2:00PM CT, 1:00PM MT, 12:00PM PT

**CDC** – Devoted to fostering an inclusive environment within our Fellowship that ensures that we are welcoming to the full diversity that exists across those who are in the Fellowship, and those who still suffer. For more info and call-in number contact: <https://slaafws.org/committee/cdc>

**Meeting:** 1hr 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 8:00AM PST, 9:00 MST, 10:00 CST, and 11:00 EST

**CFC** – Conference Finance Committee is responsible for the allocation of funds to the various Conference committees based on their requests and the available funds provided by the BOT/F.W.S. Works with the BOT/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. For more info and call-in number contact: <https://slaafws.org/committee/cfc>

**Meeting:** 1hr 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday @ 08:00am PT, 9:00am MT, 10:00am CT, 11:00am ET

**CHRC** – The Conference Healthy Relationships Committee is responsible for the development and implementation of resources and tools that enhance our recovery as sex and love addicts by increasing our capacity for building and sustaining healthy relationships of all types. For more info and call-in number contact: <https://slaafws.org/committee/chrc>

**Meeting:** 1hr 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday @ 11:00am PT, 12:00pm MT, 1:00pm CT, 2:00pm ET, 8:00pm

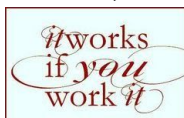
**CICC** – Conference Intergroup Communications Committee is responsible for the ongoing open communication between the existing and new groups and Intergroups of S.L.A.A. It focuses on sharing information and working together to make the Fellowship more accessible and effective.

For more info and call-in number contact: <https://slaafws.org/committee/cicc>

**Meeting:** 1hr 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Noon PT, 1:00PM MT, 2:00PM CT, 3:00pm ET, 8:00 pm UK (Saturday), 7:00am



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(Sunday 19th) AET

**CJC** – Conference Journal Committee is responsible for the creation of the monthly/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 Journal policies and budget needs.

For more info and call-in number contact: <https://slaafws.org/committee/cjc>

**Meeting: 1hr** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday @ 10:00am PT, 11:00am MT, 12:00pm CT, 1:00pm ET

**CLC** – Conference Literature Committee creates quality literature in support of SLAA recovery; guides the planning, writing, and editing of literature from writers, writing groups or service bodies within S.L.A.A.; and approves draft literature prior to submission for full Conference approval For more info and call-in number contact: <https://slaafws.org/committee/clc>

**Meeting: 1 1/2 hr** 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday @ 9:00am PT, 10:00am MT, 11:00am CT, 12:00pm ET

**CMRC** – Conference Member Retention Committee is 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. For more info and call-in number contact: <https://slaafws.org/committee/cmrc>

**Meeting: 1hr** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ 10:00am PT, 1pm ET

**CPIC (merged with CHIC)** – Conference Public Information Committee works with international service entities, intergroups, and local groups to convey S.L.A.A. information to the general public. They also provide materials to help members carry the S.L.A.A. message and encourage the creation of public information entities at regional and local levels. For more info and call-in number contact:

<https://slaafws.org/committee/cpic>

**Meeting: 1hr** Meets monthly – Request date and time through contact form

**CSC** – Conference Service Committee is responsible for educating and increasing members' commitment to service. For more info and call-in number contact: <https://slaafws.org/committee/csc>

**Meeting: 1hr** 2nd Wednesday @ 6:00pm PT, 8:00pm CT, 9:00pm ET

**CSPC** – Conference Sponsorship Committee is to support and strengthen all forms of S.L.A.A. Sponsorship.

For more info and call-in number contact: <https://slaafws.org/committee/cspc>

**Meeting: 1hr** 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday @ 6:00pm PT, 7:00pm MT, 8:00pm CT, 9:00pm ET

**CSTCC** – Conference Steps, Traditions and Concepts Committee is to promote the study, understanding and application of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts throughout the S.L.A.A. fellowship.

For more info and call-in number contact: <https://slaafws.org/committee/cstcc>

**Meeting: 1hr** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday @ 2:00pm PT, 3:00pm MT, 4:00pm CT, 5:00pm ET, 9:00pm GMT

**CTIOC** – Conference Translation and International Outreach Committee 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. For more info and call-in number contact: <https://slaafws.org/committee/ctioc>

**Meeting: 1hr** Last Sunday of the month, at 10 AM Pacific, 1 PM Eastern, 7 PM Central European Time

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### **Board Candidate Requirement per the By-Laws**

- ✓ 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
- ✓ Have at least 20-30 hours per month available for BOT service
- ✓ Are willing to commit to a three-year term

### **\*Non-S.L.A.A. Board Candidate Ideally...**

- ✓ Knows and loves the S.L.A.A. Fellowship as it has helped family, friends, or clients
- ✓ Have a specialized skill in areas such as legal, financial, or business
- ✓ 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](http://slaafws.org/bdc).



## DID YOU KNOW THAT THE FELLOWSHIP-WIDE SERVICES (F.W.S.) OFFICE...

...provides worldwide meeting information to newcomers, to members moving or traveling to other locations, as well as to other interested parties via the website, telephone, mail and email.

...maintains a database of worldwide Groups, Intergroups, Lone Groups, group contacts, meeting times and dates via the F.W.S. website. In addition keeps separate databases for Conference members, Committee members and F.W.S. Newsletter subscribers.

...gives free information to potential newcomers as well as to professionals who may be interested in further information about S.L.A.A.

...provides/updates Group/Intergroup Starter Kits and assists new Groups in getting started.

...with the help of volunteers and committees publishes the F.W.S. Newsletter quarterly with a distribution list of 1600 members worldwide. The F.W.S. Newsletter is distributed via email or at cost for hard copies plus postage to anyone that does not have access to email.

...provides a place for Groups and Intergroups to turn to for feedback and information on group related issues.

...works with Intergroups, Groups and other S.L.A.A. "offices" to provide information to members and those seeking help.

...supports Conference Committees in their work such as helping provide prison outreach to correctional institutions, assisting with production of *the Journal* and creating new recovery products/tools and new literature.

...generates more than 2,500 invoices, publishes and ships more than 80,000 pieces of S.L.A.A. literature and recovery tools a year including 20 pamphlets; booklets such as Triggers as a Resource, Anorexia, and a Companion to Chapter Four of the Basic Text; 8 *Journal focus* booklets; the S.L.A.A. Basic Text in softbound and e-book format, as well as on audio CD; and a bi-monthly magazine, *the Journal*, with approximately 250 digital and print subscribers.

...responds to national and international media and the professional community inquiries via the Board Outreach Committee and the F.W.S. staff.

...sponsors the Annual Business Conference and Meeting (ABC/M). This involves securing a site, handling logistics, securing housing, food and audio/visual equipment, handling all aspects of pre- and onsite registration, administering the Travel Equalization Fund, obtaining local volunteer help, running the auction, processing all monies, and attending to anything that may arise when preparing for the Conference.

...has to be maintained so that all of the above can happen. Employees and volunteer Board members handle all facets of the office operations including: purchasing of supplies, equipment and merchandise, production of merchandise, creating a budget and monitoring it, all accounting and tax functions, and adherence to government guidelines regarding administration of a non-profit organization.

...does all of the above solely to help fulfill the primary purpose as stated in Tradition Five, to carry the S.L.A.A. message to the sex and love addict who still suffers.

...is fully self-supporting according to Tradition Seven. The F.W.S. Office does not accept any contributions from outside sources. It relies entirely on contributions from groups and their members to support its functioning as well as the sales of S.L.A.A. Conference-approved literature

If you have questions or would like more information on S.L.A.A.

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- Email: <http://www.slaafws.org/contact>
- Mail:

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## **Guidelines and Deadlines for Submissions**

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

### **Deadlines for Submissions are Sundays:**

**2020 May 17 – Summer Issue/June**

**2020 August 23 – Fall Issue/September**

**2020 November 22 – Winter Issue/December**

**2021 February 21 - Spring Issue/March**

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>.