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Executive Director's Report

Hello from the beautiful, historic and hot/humid city of San Antonio, Texas! I hope that your summer has been great so far, and that you are keeping cool "in your neck of the woods." (Or warm, for those of you in the Southern Hemisphere who are enjoying winter right now!)

The 2021 Annual Business Conference/Meeting was held virtually the first week of August and it was a great experience! We had a nice turnout of delegates, observers and volunteers from far and wide this year. If you were not able to join us this year, I do hope you will consider participating in 2022.

We are now 98% sold out of the limited-edition hard-cover "A State of Grace" book! There are only about 30 copies remaining for sale and this hard-cover edition will not be re-printed. Don't forget that the holidays will be here before we know it, and what a great gift a whole year's worth of daily meditations would make!

Need literature? Then you are in luck! The promotion offering free shipping on orders of \$75 or more in merchandise is still running. Do not lose this great opportunity to stock up – with free shipping! This offer is valid for both U.S. and international shipping addresses.

As always, the F.W.S. Office sends to you all our very best wishes for a happy, healthy and safe late-summer-early-autumn. Cooler temps and falling leaves will be here before we know it!

Respectfully,

Pam Martin Executive Director

Board of Trustees Chair's Message

The Board of Trustees ("BOT") has begun the conference year with eight (8) members on the Board (one shy of a full nine (9) member Board). At the August 3-6, 2021 ABC/M, Hernan V., Jaclyn R. and Suzanne D. were elected to three (3) year terms. Sadly, both Nancy G. and P.A. K. opted to rotate off the BOT and we will miss them and their numerous contributions.

The BOT is optimistic about what we have to confront in the coming conference year. The Officers for the Augustine Fellowship S.L.A.A. Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc. are: Seth S. (MA), President and Chair, Jaclyn R. (MN), Treasurer and Christina M. (CA), Secretary. Jay G. (OH) will be responsible for supervising the F.W.S. office staff.

The Board Committee responsibilities are as follows:

B7TC: Rick S. (PA) Chair, Seth S. (MA)

BCTC: Seth S. (MA) Chair, Pam Martin (TX) Exec. Dir.
BDC: Seth S. (MA) Chair, Gabriel G. (CA), Hernan V. (CA)

BFC: Jaclyn R. (MN) Chair, Jay G. (OH), Hernan V. (CA), Gabriel G. (CA)

BHRPC: Jay G. (OH) Chair & Office Supervisor, Suzanne D. (TX)

BOC: Hernan V. (CA) Chair, Rick S. (PA)

BPDC: Suzanne D. (TX) Chair, Jay G. (OH), Christina M. (CA)

BPMC: Gabriel G. (CA) Chair, Jaclyn R. (MN)
BTC: Christina M. (CA) Chair, Gabriel G. (CA)

The Board conference liaisons are as follows:

CAC: Rick S. (PA) CBC: Jaclyn R. (MN) CCC (Chairs):Seth S. (MA) CDC: Gabriel G. (CA) CFC: Jaclyn R. (MN) CHRC: Hernan V. (CA) CICC: Gabriel G. (CA) CJC: Hernan V. (CA) CLC: Jay G. (OH) CMRC: Rick S. (PA) CPIC: Suzanne D. (TX) CSC: Jay G. (OH) CSpC: Suzanne D. (TX) CSTCC: Christina M. (CA) CTIOC: Christina M. (CA)

There are a lot of projects planned for the Board and the Fellowship this conference year which include further developing a plan for e-publications, further increasing our 7th Tradition donations, holding an in-person ABM in 2022 and finding new and creative ways to reach out to the addict who still suffers to name only a few. Board committees will be establishing their conference year goals and objectives in the next couple of months.

Our reality and our world as we know it continues to evolve and change as many of us have found it necessary to return to our shelter-in-place mode and attend virtual meetings. We want to be able to attend in-person meetings but there are still safety questions so we continue to remain isolated. Now more than ever we need to reach out to the addict who still suffers and reconnect with those who can help keep us sober and recover. Please stay safe.

Service feeds sobriety, Seth S. BOT Chair

Board Committee Reports

Board Publishing & Distribution Committee

The Board Publishing & Distribution Committee (BPDC) is still seeking members with experience in literature publishing, professional editing, and literature sales/marketing. Any experience with Digital literature is also particularly welcome. There is a six-month sobriety requirement to serve on any Board Committee and an application process to complete. We welcome SuZanne G. from San Antonio, TX to the BPDC as our new Chair! Current BOTs Christina M. and Jay G will serve on this committee as well, and Christina M. will continue work with the Literature Creation, Editing, and Publishing subcommittee (LCEP) to review the current literature publishing process. Some major changes to the Appendix H/Appendix I process have been suggested by the 2020 - 2021 LCEP subcommittee, which unfortunately did not get discussed at this year's ABM because we ran out of time to attend to the last few Agenda items, but the process with accompanying Flowchart will be on the Agenda for next year's ABM. We will be adding two volunteers from the CSTCC (Conference Steps, Traditions, & Concepts Committee) to the eight-person subcommittee, which already includes two CCC members, two CLC members, two BOTs, and two former Board Members.

Current BPDC projects include furthering our conversions of printed literature to digital versions. At this time, A State of Grace: Daily Meditations is available for purchase on Amazon Kindle and Apple iBooks, along with the S.L.A.A. Basic Text. Our pamphlets are available for purchase as read-only files (they cannot be printed or shared) on our own SLAAfws.org website. We look forward to continuing work with digital publishing as well as focusing attention on upcoming printed literature projects!

Board Technology Committee

The Board Technology Committee (BTC) finished out the Conference Year with the Annual Business Meeting/Conference (ABM/C) as our main event. We spent several months focused on tackling the challenges of hosting a totally virtual online event that needed to run according to the Conference Service Manual, which up to this point has only been held in person. Last year, due to the pandemic, we were forced to go virtual for an abbreviated one-day version of the ABM (during which no Agenda Items for Discussion or Motions were addressed). We built upon the experience from last year and coupled that with the use of an online platform built through a company called V Conference, which allowed us to host the entire four-day event with a complete Agenda and Board of Trustee Elections.

The BTC was grateful to have the support of all Board and Conference Committees working together to make this event a reality. Participation was enthusiastic and dedicated from the new and returning delegates. There was a lot of patience in the process, as we are all from different technological backgrounds and capabilities. Thankfully the BTC team is made up of strong collaborative individuals willing to communicate effectively with one another and other members of the Fellowship to help

further our mission of using timely, safe, and appropriate uses of technology while evaluating innovations to support strategic direction, overall capability, and investment. We just welcomed new member Jayk G. from Los Angeles to the BTC! The committee continues to grow and develop our skills as a team.

Our website is now managed by a subcommittee of the BTC called the Website Management Subcommittee. If you have any requests/suggestions for the SLAAfws.org website, please send them to WMS@slaafws.org.

As of June 30, 2021									Cash Basis
As of June 30, 2021	Oct 31, 20	Nov 30, 20	Dec 31, 20	Jan 31, 21	Feb 28, 21	Mar 31, 21	Apr 30, 21	May 31, 21	Jun 30, 21
ASSETS	OCI 31, 20	NOV 30, 20	Dec 31, 20	Jan 31, 21	Feb 20, 21	IVIAI 31, 21	Apr 30, 21	IVIAY 31, 21	Juli 30, 21
Current Assets									
Checking/Savings									
10400 · Vanguard Prudent Reserve Fund	201,685.12	201,693.01	201,699.58	201,805.34	211,393.56	211,395.42	211,397.16	211,398.91	211,400.69
10350 · Frost Bank - 0540	201,000.12	201,095.01	201,039.30	201,003.34	211,595.50	211,000.42	211,597.10	211,000.01	211,400.03
10455 · The Endowment Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,962.28	11,962.35
10450 · ABC/M & IRC Scholarship Fund	843.61	843.61	843.61	843.61	653.61	803.61	863.61	563.61	563.61
10350 · Frost Bank - 0540 - Other	72,380.44	67,888.57	72,615.29	72,791.20	80,819.16	93,983.85	84,082.44	88,937.85	103,456.39
Total 10350 · Frost Bank - 0540	73,224.05	68,732.18	73,458.90	73,634.81	81,472.77	94,787.46	84,946.05	101,463.74	115,982.35
10903 · Petty Cash-Pam Martin	36.01	36.01	36.01	23.52	23.52	23.52	23.52	23.52	23.52
Total Checking/Savings	274,945.18	270,461.20	275,194.49	275,463.67	292,889.85	306,206.40	296,366.73	312,886.17	327,406.56
Other Current Assets									
11200.1 · Acct Rec - contra	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,576.00	0.00	0.00
12000 · Undeposited Funds-Operating Acc	1,362.76	2,504.23	2,258.39	3,327.36	3,543.48	3,880.17	4,865.42	10,697.80	1,965.44
12020 · Undeposited Funds-Paypal	6,205.56	5,863.39	7,984.81	7,022.93	6,306.48	5,764.21	6,431.25	6,557.41	8,942.76
12100 · Inventory Asset	68,565.49	73,909.15	70,884.41	66,929.31	64,307.06	60,638.43	67,508.45	65,036.48	63,633.28
13000 · Prepaid Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	688.56	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	76,133.81	82,276.77	81,127.61	77,279.60	74,157.02	70,971.37	81,381.12	82,291.69	74,541.48
Total Current Assets	351,078.99	352,737.97	356,322.10	352,743.27	367,046.87	377,177.77	377,747.85	395,177.86	401,948.04
Fixed Assets									
15000* ⋅ Buildings and Equipment	58,904.97	58,904.97	58,904.97	58,904.97	58,904.97	58,904.97	58,904.97	58,904.97	58,904.97
17100 · Accum Depreciation	-57,368.35	-57,368.35	-57,368.35	-57,368.35	-57,368.35	-57,368.35	-57,368.35	-57,368.35	-57,368.35
Total Fixed Assets	1,536.62	1,536.62	1,536.62	1,536.62	1,536.62	1,536.62	1,536.62	1,536.62	1,536.62
TOTAL ASSETS	352,615.61	354,274.59	357,858.72	354,279.89	368,583.49	378,714.39	379,284.47	396,714.48	403,484.66
LIABILITIES & EQUITY									
Liabilities									
Current Liabilities									
Other Current Liabilities									
25000 · Sales Tax Payable	669.89	760.36	805.47	891.60	956.17	1,054.42	1,131.17	1,217.23	1,291.40
25000.1 · Sales Tax Payable - contra	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,217.23	-1,291.40
Total Other Current Liabilities	669.89	760.36	805.47	891.60	956.17	1,054.42	1,131.17	0.00	0.00
Total Current Liabilities	669.89	760.36	805.47	891.60	956.17	1,054.42	1,131.17	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	669.89	760.36	805.47	891.60	956.17	1,054.42	1,131.17	0.00	0.00
Equity									
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	354,686.95	354,686.95	354,686.95	354,686.95	354,686.95	354,686.95	354,686.95	354,686.95	354,686.95
Net Income	-2,741.23	-1,172.72	2,366.30	-1,298.66	12,940.37	22,973.02	23,466.35	42,027.53	48,797.71
Total Equity	351,945.72	353,514.23	357,053.25	353,388.29	367,627.32	377,659.97	378,153.30	396,714.48	403,484.66
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	352,615.61	354,274.59	357,858.72	354,279.89	368,583.49	378,714.39	379,284.47	396,714.48	403,484.66
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Profit & Loss										
October 2020 through June 2021										Cash Basis
	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	Mar 21	Apr 21	May 21	Jun 21	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense										
Income										
44000 · Reserve & Endowment Income										
46000 · Endowment Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.07
44200 · Prudent Reserve Income	9.33	7.89	6.57	5.76	3.22	1.86	1.74	1.75	1.78	39.90
44100 · Prudent Reserve Contributions	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	8.00	18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	126.00
Total 44000 · Reserve & Endowment Income	9.33	7.89	106.57	5.76	11.22	19.86	1.74	1.75	1.85	165.97
40000 · ABC/M Income										
40200 · ABC/M Registration	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	570.00	570.00	1,810.00	2,590.00	5,440.00	10,980.00
40200.1 · ABC/M Registration Disc/Schl	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-200.00	0.00	0.00	-300.00	0.00	-500.00
40400 · ABC/M Scholorship Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	150.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	220.00
Total 40000 · ABC/M Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	380.00	720.00	1,870.00	2,290.00	5,440.00	10,700.00
42000 · Contribution Income										
42100 · Groups	4,197.07	3,599.73	3,410.54	5,243.89	3,558.11	6,165.80	4,547.46	2,658.02	2,348.43	35,729.05
42200 · Individuals	5,785.62	5,897.76	8,758.98	7,324.86	21,826.57	4,782.43	4,323.39	16,400.65	5,628.56	80,728.82
42300 · Intergroups	540.00	873.55	3,209.88	1,695.16	1,508.20	3,788.20	1,898.00	5,314.00	4,755.60	23,582.59
Total 42000 · Contribution Income	10,522.69	10,371.04	15,379.40	14,263.91	26,892.88	14,736.43	10,768.85	24,372.67	12,732.59	140,040.46
48999 · Merchandise & Other Income										
49000 · Sales Income	14,649.47	12,344.10	10,073.52	23,432.36	14,100.51	21,721.57	16,641.33	15,276.17	13,415.94	141,654.97
49010 · E-Book Income	1,770.80	967.37	1,504.79	1,427.89	0.00	2,628.71	1,763.71	0.00	2,274.25	12,337.52
49015 · E Journal Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	119.63	0.00	228.26	347.89
49050 · Journal	406.80	362.00	538.00	452.80	402.00	641.00	466.00	561.40	484.60	4,314.60
49100 · Shipping	5,408.43	5,340.01	5,184.08	5,955.04	3,657.71	3,883.94	3,580.68	2,573.54	2,858.40	38,441.83
49110 · Subsidies	-246.97	-277.54	-374.32	-88.12	-2.62	-24.38	-11.66	-34.84	-46.39	-1,106.84
49902 · Dues, Fees, Licenses, Royalties	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,315.00	0.00	1.30	0.00	0.00	1,316.30
Total 48999 · Merchandise & Other Income	21,988.53	18,735.94	16,926.07	31,179.97	19,472.60	28,850.84	22,560.99	18,376.27	19,215.06	197,306.27
Total Income	32,520.55	29,114.87	32,412.04	45,449.64	46,756.70	44,327.13	35,201.58	45,040.69	37,389.50	348,212.70
Cost of Goods Sold										
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold										
50900 · Shipping Expense	5,396.70	4,483.35	4,678.45	8,053.30	4,336.80	7,591.45	4,310.90	2,584.35	4,463.30	45,898.60
66800 · Journal Printing & Mailing	400.00	128.64	462.59	55.00	207.50	185.00	652.76	0.00	362.88	2,454.37
70000 · Inventory adjustment	81.18	-37.58	-36.68	-112.28	-49.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-154.94
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold - Other	2,331.94	2,284.62	3,061.42	4,088.88	2,671.83	3,668.63	2,760.78	2,499.79	2,503.20	25,871.09
Total 50000 · Cost of Goods Sold	8,209.82	6,859.03	8,165.78	12,084.90	7,166.55	11,445.08	7,724.44	5,084.14	7,329.38	74,069.12
Total COGS	8,209.82	6,859.03	8,165.78	12,084.90	7,166.55	11,445.08	7,724.44	5,084.14	7,329.38	74,069.12
Gross Profit	24,310.73	22,255.84	24,246.26	33,364.74	39,590.15	32,882.05	27,477.14	39,956.55	30,060.12	274,143.58
Expense										
60000 · BOT										
60100 · BOT Accommodation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
60400 · BOT Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	505.16	505.16
Total 60000 · BOT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,005.16	1,005.16
62000 · ABC/M Conference Expenses										
62200 · ABC/M Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	401.01	14,901.01
62400 · Conference Committee										
62402 · By-Laws (CBC)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.88
62409 · Intergroup Communications(CC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.98	53.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	105.52
62411 · The Journal (CJC)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.88
62412 · Literature (CLC)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	162.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	162.55
62415 · Public Information (CPIC)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.89
62420 · Translation (CTC)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.89
Total 62400 · Conference Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.98	387.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	439.61
Total 62000 · ABC/M Conference Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,500.00	51.98	387.63	0.00	0.00	401.01	15,340.62
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62700 · Contract Services										
62710 · Editing and Formatting Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	340.63	340.63
62720 · Accounting Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
62750 · Legal Fees	630.00	90.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	270.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	1,190.00
62760 · Outside Contract Services	365.00	210.00	183.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	115.00	210.00	1,083.75
62780 · Webmaster Services	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,360.00	3,000.00	27,360.00
62790 · Contract Services - Labor	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	1,175.00	900.00	975.00	900.00	900.00	8,450.00
Total 62700 · Contract Services	4,895.00	4,200.00	4,083.75	3,900.00	9,175.00	4,170.00	3,975.00	4,575.00	4,450.63	43,424.38
62800 · Facilities and Equipment										
62880 · Real Estate, Personal Prop Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,887.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,887.40
62900 · Rent	3,723.61	3,723.61	3,723.61	3,723.61	3,723.61	3,723.61	3,723.61	3,723.61	3,514.06	33,302.94
62910 · Telephone	244.08	244.08	244.08	35.17	470.88	248.03	249.33	249.33	249.33	2,234.31
62920 · FWS Website	538.50	692.39	597.63	401.79	381.34	387.79	397.29	408.52	538.14	4,343.39
Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment	4,506.19	4,660.08	4,565.32	6,047.97	4,575.83	4,359.43	4,370.23	4,381.46	4,301.53	41,768.04
65000 · General Office Expense										
65010 · Bank Charges/Fees	5.00	5.00	5.00	15.00	5.00	5.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	53.00
65020 · Vendor Fees	1,302.51	942.51	959.77	1,225.71	1,495.07	1,127.37	1,333.89	1,106.37	2,048.90	11,542.10
65030 · Dues, Fees and Licenses	0.00	0.00	390.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	260.00	0.00	325.00	975.00
65040 · Federal and State Tax	608.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	608.31
65070 · Mileage	120.18	0.00	0.00	149.50	0.00	0.00	120.18	0.00	0.00	389.86
65080 · Office Security	44.92	136.17	212.44	44.92	0.00	262.30	148.39	47.39	214.91	1,111.44
65095 · Gifts & Honorariums	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.36	150.00	520.36
Total 65000 · General Office Expense	2,080.92	1,083.68	1,867.21	1,435.13	1,500.07	1,394.67	1,865.46	1,229.12	2,743.81	15,200.07
69000 · Operations										
69020 · Printing and Copying										
69035 · Printing&Copies Knight	276.29	363.00	0.00	708.00	0.00	424.83	0.00	810.97	0.00	2,583.09
69020 · Printing and Copying - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.94	-0.94	0.00	0.00
Total 69020 · Printing and Copying	276.29	363.00	0.00	708.00	0.00	424.83	0.94	810.03	0.00	2,583.09
69040 · Office Supplies	248.36	165.36	30.48	427.05	81.86	353.23	113.78	244.88	121.16	1,786.16
69050 · Computer Supplies	823.00	125.00	0.00	298.00	0.00	1,265.32	2,267.67	45.44	534.00	5,358.43
69080 · Packaging and Supplies	0.00	78.03	38.00	88.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	204.53
69090 · Postage, Mail Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62.00	55.00	0.00	0.00	55.00	172.00
Total 69000 · Operations	1,347.65	731.39	68.48	1,521.55	143.86	2,098.38	2,382.39	1,100.35	710.16	10,104.21
65100 · Other Types of Expenses										
65120 · Insurance - Liability, D and O	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	233.00	0.00	583.00
65170 · Staff Development	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	169.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	169.00
Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00	0.00	169.00	0.00	233.00	0.00	752.00
67000 · Payroll Expense										
67200 · Employee Benefits	62.36	313.77	63.07	63.07	63.07	63.07	63.07	63.07	63.07	817.62
67300 · Payroll Accounting	99.06	99.06	99.06	180.76	99.06	160.59	94.61	99.06	99.06	1,030.32
67400 · Payroll Tax Expense	676.46	676.47	676.47	636.07	684.61	997.07	688.56	684.65	684.61	6,404.97
67500 · Salary Expense	13,384.32	8,922.88	8,922.88	8,395.15	9,029.66	9,029.66	13,544.49	9,029.66	9,029.66	89,288.36
67600 · Unemployment Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.98	19.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.88
67700 · Workman's Comp Insurance	0.00	0.00	361.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-198.76	162.24
Total 67000 · Payroll Expense	14,222.20	10,012.18	10,122.48	9,275.05	9,904.38	10,270.29	14,390.73	9,876.44	9,677.64	97,751.39
Total Expense	27,051.96	20,687.33	20,707.24	37,029.70	25,351.12	22,849.40	26,983.81	21,395.37	23,289.94	225,345.87
Net Ordinary Income	-2,741.23	1,568.51	3,539.02	-3,664.96	14,239.03	10,032.65	493.33	18,561.18	6,770.18	48,797.71
Net Income	-2,741.23	1,568.51	3,539.02	-3,664.96	14,239.03	10,032.65	493.33	18,561.18	6,770.18	48,797.71

Conference Committee Report Corner

Conference Literature Committee

Mission Statement:

The Conference Literature Committee (CLC) 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.

Active Members: Lee W., Ray H., Carol S., Susan G., Mark M., Kelly C., Sam, Dave G., Gill, Fabiana, Jeff, Stephen S., Suanne, Sarah B., Anthony C., Troy, Sarah, Vivian D., Timothy P., Ari, David B.

Volunteer Positions:

Facilitator/Chair: Susan G., New Chair Minutes Recorder: Vice Chair: Ray H., New Vice Chair Spiritual Reminder: All

BOT Liaison: Timekeeper:

For the past service year, Lee W. has served this Committee faithfully as Chair. We are most grateful for the work he has done in leading this committee and in working with the BOT on the LCEP (Literature Creation Editing and Publishing Workgroup) where they hammered out a new draft process for how literature is created. We would also like to thank others who have served the CLC in the past year, Chris M. as Vice-Chair, Ray H. as timekeeper, and Carol S. for her time as minute recorder. It is with deep gratitude that we bid our BOT Liaison of the past year, Nancy G., farewell, and send good wishes for the future.

The CLC has had an exciting year with many working groups which have produced quality literature. Several of them were on the ABM Agenda for discuss. They are as follows:

IFDs for 2021 ABM — approved as IFD submissions by CLC

- CLC-055, Super service star brochure. (CSC Representative). The document is
 - at: https://drive.google.com/file/d/173X7T8F5I9VqOrcBGzfmUIBxRy46EsD/view ?usp=sharing
- CLC-062 The Importance of Making Outreach Calls (Phone Call Etiquette)
 (Fabiana Representative). The Writing Group feels this material is sufficient to be made into a
 - pamphlet. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XITb_K7a2q3cNd3id6lAUS-q9aHXo4p90nUcGclhWo0/edit?usp=sharing
- CLC-003 Twelve Steps of S.L.A.A. in Simplified English (Ray H. Representative). Editing on the Twelve Steps in Simplified English is

complete. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1L6IPsDg6pxEm94JqH4sZglbfkci 7HmrKC7ZFzvJ-_2A/edit?usp=sharing

- CLC-004 & CLC-050 A Framework for Living: Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts (Lee W. Representative).
 - a. Subcommittee has suggested the working title to A Framework for Living: The Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous. All Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts have been approved by the subcommittee. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PP1-9MVfPnaeKBhjvYxqpMAM7bAGiQgrGcY0_4qEGFw/edit?usp=sharing
- CLC-011 Anorexia 8,9 (Kelly C. Representative)
 https://docs.google.com/document/d/1M81pmEOff7GvsM70wA2i-bK8R_F0Ns63e0nbHBmxr1Y/edit?usp=sharing
- CLC-008 HOW documents Sponsorship Guide (Gill, Fabiana Representatives)

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1INmO62fUTgGZusbY9rwYFxvqQSt Rk5Mkv733EcOixhs/edit?usp=sharing_eil&ts=5f5bea3c

- 21n11/21-02 to obtain a mandate from the Conference as to <u>what</u> types of changes, if any, could be made to the Basic Text for a <u>50th Anniversary and/or 2nd Edition</u>.
- 21n12/21-03 to determine <u>how</u> to make changes to the Basic Text. A few examples are provided showing three versions of edits; none (original), lightly edited, heavily edited.
- 21n16/21-07 asking the Conference for approval to proceed with current projects:
 - a) **CLC-054** Sex and Love Addiction on the Internet
 - b) **CLC-068** Anorexia 10-11-12
 - c) **CLC-073** Making the Most of Meetings

The literature discussed at the ABM Conference received many favorable and constructive comments. These were recorded as well as captured by a notetaker as well. Minutes of the ABM (discussions and outcome of the motions) will likely be available in October. It has been wonderful to work with the various conference service committees, like the Anorexia Committee, the Conference Steps and Traditions Committee, the Journal Committee, the Service Committee, and all of the many writing groups like the HOW folks, The Basic Text 50th Anniversary Committee and many others, who are working tirelessly to get quality literature to you. If you are interested in being a part of this exciting work, please contact us on our Committee Corner, at the bottom of home page: slaafws.org (where all the Committees are listed) look for more info there.

Motions for 2021 ABM — approved as Motions by CLC:

21n09/20-07 — A joint committee of the CLC and BOC will review the 2018
 Conference Approved literature and the State of Grace as edited by the BOT to
 revise the current version to reflect the tone of the 2018 Conference Approved
 Literature. The results of vote on this motion was approved by the conference.
 At this time the Conference Journal Committee is meeting and plans to meet with
 the BOT at some future date.

Our meetings are held on the **4th Saturday** of the month at 11:00 a.m. central, eleven months out of the year. Join us at a Zoom Meeting at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85934260147 Meeting ID: 859 3426 0147. This is a 1-1/2 hour meeting.

Call for 2021 (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 <u>service experiences</u>, 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:

2021 November 21 – Winter Issue/December 2022 February 20 – Spring Issue/March 2022 May 22 – Summer/June 2022 August 21 – Fall Issue/September

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.

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, Groups, group contacts, meeting times and dates via the F.W.S. website. In addition keeps separate databases for Conference members, Committee members and <u>F.W.S.</u>
<u>Newsletter</u> 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 <u>F.W.S. Newsletter</u> quarterly with a distribution list of more than 1,600 members worldwide. The <u>F.W.S. Newsletter</u> 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 3,400 invoices, publishes and ships nearly 90,000 pieces of S.L.A.A. literature and recovery tools a year, including over 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 soft-cover, e-book and audio CD formats); a daily meditation reader (in limited-edition hard-cover and soft-cover formats); and a bi-monthly magazine, *the Journal*, with approximately 170 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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- Fax 210-828-7922
- Fax 210-020-7322Email:
- http://www.slaafws.org/contact/General+Questions
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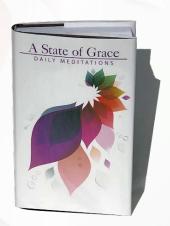
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Conference Service Committees; What they do and when they meet!



Check out the current projects or request information by completing the contact form on their link.

We'd love to have you share your thoughts, support and strengths.

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 4th 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 3rd 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 1st 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 1st 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 1st 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: Temporarily Inactive as of 09/2020

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 3rd Saturday Noon PT, 1:00PM MT, 2:00PM CT, 3:00pm ET, 8:00 pm UK (Saturday), 7:00am (Sunday) AET

This was created by the CSC. To update your committee information please contact the CSC using the request form - Updated 12/2020

Times and dates subject to change.



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



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We'd love to have you share your thoughts, support and strengths.

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 1st 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 4th 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** 2nd Sunday @ 10:00am PT, 1pm ET

CPIC (merged with CHIC) – The primary purpose of the Conference Public Information Committee is to carry the S.L.A.A. message to the sex and love addict who still suffers. This is accomplished through the following means(a) The C.P.I.C. works with international service entities, intergroups, and local groups to convey S.L.A.A. information to the general public (b) The C.P.I.C. provides materials to help members carry the S.L.A.A. message. (c) The C.P.I.C. encourages 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 1st Sunday @ 5:00pm PT, 7:00pm CT, 8:00pm EST

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: Temporarily Inactive as of 07/2020

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 3rd Thursday @ 6:00pm EST, 5:00pm CT, 3:00pm PT

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 4th Sunday @ 2:00pm PT, 3:00pm MT, 4:00pm CT, 5:00pm ET, 9:00pm GMT

CTIOC – Conference Translation and International Outreach Committee is 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 their own language. For more info and call-in number contact: https://slaafws.org/committee/ctioc **Meeting: 1hr** Last Sunday of the month, at 10AM Pacific, 1PM Eastern, 5:00PM Central European Time

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S.L.A.A. Service Forum

is a new way for people doing service in S.L.A.A. to connect with each other and share their struggles and solutions:

- questions and answers
- best practices
- new ideas and suggestions
- how to deal with problems



The forum was created and is maintained by the S.L.A.A. Conference Intergroup Communications Committee (CICC) which has the mission to:

- enable ongoing open communication between the existing and new groups and Intergroups of S.L.A.A.
- share information and work together to make the Fellowship more accessible and effective.

The forum is divided into discussion categories:

- Public information
- Sponsorship
- Websites
- Anorexia
- Conventions
- Retreats
- Literature
- Procedures and Guidelines / By-Laws
- Inspiration line
- Meetings
- Annual Business Meeting
- Journals / Newsletters
- Safety The F.W.S. Newsletter

- Diversity
- Finance
- Steps, Traditions and Concepts
- Translation and International Outreach
- Service
- Member Retention
- Hospitals and Institutions
- Healthy Relationships
- Legal Issues
- Intergroup
 Communications

Instructions to access S.L.A.A. Service forum

To participate or even see any of the forum you will need to create an account.

Just go to https://service.slaa.network, or you can scan the QR Code below.

Go to the "Sign Up" button, and create an account with an anonymous username. So if you are Anton Petrowski, you might put your first name and initial and maybe some numbers (eg. anton85p). You will need to use a password with at least 8 characters (more secure passwords use letters, numbers and special characters, eg. 1up#*~@8). You will also be asked for the Intergroup (or group) you are associated with.

Please remember that use of this forum is limited to members of S.L.A.A., and we endeavor to treat the forum as a closed meeting. We welcome your contributions, as long as they are considerate, respectful and collaborative in nature.

If you have any issues, contact us at admin@slaa.network





CONFERENCE TRANSLATION AND INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE



We are looking for bilingual S.L.A.A. members who are fluent in the following languages: Hindi, Urdu, Chinese, Finnish, Japanese, Corean, Russian, Arabic, Romanian, Vietnamese, Thai, Greek, Turkish, Bengali, Persian, Mandarin, Indonesian etc...

If you are interested in carrying the message of recovery to the suffering sex and love addict in their own language, please contact the Conference Translation and International Outreach Committee at:

https://slaafws.org/committee/ctioc or e-mail slaa.ctioc@gmail.com



Please Consider Joining the **Board of Trustees**Or nominate someone you know



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The Bylaws require the member to have three years of continuous, self-defined sobriety in S.L.A.A. (Non-S.L.A.A. members can be on the Board). See below ***

Board service commitments:

- Have a working knowledge of the 12 Steps and the 12 Traditions of S.L.A.A.
- Are willing to commit to a three-year term.
- Travel to the Annual Business Conference/Meeting (ABC/M) (7 days) each summer during their term to participate in Board meetings 3 days before and 1 day after the ABC/M (expenses paid).
- Are willing to participate in a minimum of six 3-hour Board conference calls plus BOT Committee meetings and many email discussions plus liaise with several Conference committees.
- Have at least 20-30 hours a month available for BOT service.

The following list is experience based items that the BDC recommends for potential board members but are not required by the Bylaws:

- Have skills and abilities valuable to the organization.
- Have served as non-BOT member of a BOT Committee for at least 3 months.
- work well in a group dynamic.
- Have a functional understanding of group conscience.
- Have experience in S.L.A.A. service at the Intergroup and/or Conference level.
- Have served as a delegate at the Conference level for at least one year.

Requirements for Non S.L.A.A. Board Members :

Those Trustees who are not qualified members of the Fellowship shall be persons from the community at large who have made substantial contributions to the purposes of the Fellowship principles stated in the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts.

*** BDC recommends for Non-S.L.A.A. members :

- To know and love the S.L.A.A. Fellowship for how it has helped family, friends or clients.
- To have skills from such areas as legal, financial and/or business fields.
- To bring an added perspective due to being outside the S.L.A.A. program.

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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.
- Make submissions in a .doc or .docx file, with the exception of flyers created for specific events or requests.
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