

Special Edition of the Basic Text for our 50th Anniversary in 2026

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of S.L.A.A. in 2026, a special edition of our Basic Text, *Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous*, is being prepared. The 50th Anniversary Basic Text Subcommittee of the CLC (50BTS) meets monthly to work on this exciting project. Between meetings, two subcommittees (Stories Subcommittee and Style Committee) plus one working group (Timeline-Mandate Work Group) work diligently to support this project.

Four members of the 50BTS attended the 2021 ABM. Based on the discussion of our two IFDs and those of previous ABMs, along with the results of the survey, "To Change or Not to Change," we have determined that the fellowship would like the new version to be edited lightly. This light editing will consist of basic corrections for grammar, punctuation, and the like, along with some judicious edits for clarity.

In addition to the light editing, the special edition will include the following changes and additions to the current book:

- Hard cover
- Foreword to the special edition
- New personal stories that reflect modern addictive problems and the diverse nature of our membership
- Introductions to each personal story
- Glossary
- Index

Since this edition will differ significantly from the current one, and will incur publishing expense, we anticipate that the special edition, minus the hard cover, will become the second edition of the S.L.A.A. Basic Text. We anticipate that publishing expenses will be covered by presales, as were those of the daily meditation book, *A State of Grace*.

In order to encourage members to submit new personal stories for this 50th-anniversary edition of the S.L.A.A. Basic Text, a flier and release form have been developed. These will be available on the F.W.S. website soon. We hope you will submit your story.

The CLC chair has a plan to receive and catalogue new stories with the help of the F.W.S. webmaster. Any identifying information will be removed and a numeric code will be provided for identification purposes. Each anonymous numbered story will be sent to the Stories Subcommittee for review and rating using their previously constructed matrix. These evaluations will help us determine which stories to include based upon their content and quality.

Light editing of the first three chapters has been completed by the Style Subcommittee and feedback has been received from the 50BTS members. These three chapters along with a feedback form will be shared soon with others involved in service, including the 100-plus members of the CLC.

There will be at least one IFD on the first version of the 2022 ABM Agenda that will include the completed lightly edited chapters, so that everyone can let us know what they think. By gathering all this feedback, we hope to get the best possible version of the book that we can.

Finally, we also have determined that there is a strong desire on the part of our members to produce another book, *not* based upon the Basic Text, which will address the concerns of the 21st-century fellowship of S.L.A.A. A committee specific to that project has been formed. Look for more information about this exciting project in the future.