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Executive Director's Report

New Year greetings to all our Fellows and friends, far and wide! It is 2022! To someone who grew up in the 1970's, "2022" sounds like a reference from a Star Trek episode. Unfortunately, I do not have a flying car or a robot maid (unless an old Roomba counts?) but the year is still young. And it is off to a great start here in beautiful San Antonio, Texas. We have been fortunate to dodge winter weather problems which plagued us this time last year, and it will be a toasty 87 degrees tomorrow before dropping back to 53 the next day. Never a dull moment!

PDF versions of S.L.A.A. pamphlets are selling very well. If you have not checked out this new offering on the webstore, please take a minute to do so. Having these available for immediate download is such a great option, especially for those members who prefer to not wait for postal mail delivery. You can have a pamphlet "in hand" in just minutes!

Since the last edition of the Newsletter, we received the exciting news that the 2022 ABC/M will again return to an in-person format! For 2022, we will be returning to lovely Sacramento, California. The Hilton Arden West hotel will be our venue this year, and the official dates are August 9th thru 12th. We have been diligently working on registration materials and other information/forms, and those will be available in the very near future. Please be sure to watch for those on the S.L.A.A. website (slaafws.org) and register to attend as soon as possible. We hope to see you there!

The promotional offer of free shipping on orders of \$75 or more was modified on December 13th to allow free shipping on orders of \$50 or more. This is a limited-time special, good through March 31st, so please do not hesitate to take advantage of this great offer while it lasts!

As always, the F.W.S. Office sends our warm wishes to everyone. We are here to serve you, so please reach out to us if we can assist you in any way – or simply to say "hello"!

Respectfully,

Pam Martin
Executive Director

Board of Trustees Chair's Message

Jaclyn R. has resigned from the Board of Trustees (BOT) for personal reasons and Christina M. (new Mom for the second time!) has gone on maternity leave so the BOT is currently two members short of having a full Board.

The BOT has signed the contract with the Hilton Arden West hotel in Sacramento, CA to host the 2022 ABC/M from August 9 thru August 12, 2022. This year, for the first in-person ABC/M in three years, the BOT will fully subsidize all delegates' room and board (for double occupancy) and for those delegates traveling to the ABC/M from outside of North America, the ABC/M registration fee of \$285 has been waived for this year.

The LifeSaver Program has raised almost \$80,000 from member, group and intergroup contributions since it began back in April 2020, helping the Fellowship realize close to \$160,000 in total revenue including the pledged matching funds.

The current BOT consists of seven members:

- Jay G. (OH) – Jay G. is responsible for supervising the office, is the Chair of the Board Human Resources and Personnel Committee (BHRPC) and is the acting Treasurer and Chair of the Board Finance Committee;
 - Rick S. (PA) – Rich chairs the Board 7th Tradition Committee (B7TC);
 - Gabriel G. (CA) – Gabriel has taken over as the acting Secretary during Christina's maternity leave and he chairs the Board Programs and Membership Committee (BPMC);
 - Hernan V. (CA) – Hernan is the Chair of the Board Outreach Committee (BOC);
 - Suzanne D. (TX) – Suzanne is the Chair of the Board Publishing and Distribution Committee (BPDC);
 - Juanita J. (VA) – was assigned to sit on the BCTC and the BPMC; and
 - Seth S. (MA) – I am the Board of Trustees Chair, President of the corporation and Chair of the Board Development Committee (BDC), the Board Copyright and Translation Committee (BCTC) and the acting Chair of the Board Technology Committee.
- Conference Committee liaisons have changed slightly as well. Current BOT Conference Committee liaisons are: Jay G. - CLC and CSC; Rick S. – CAC, CMRC and CSTCC; Gabriel G. – CDC and CICC; Hernan V. – CFC and CHRC; Suzanne D. – CBC and CPIC; Juanita J. – CJC, CSpC and CTIOC and Seth S. – CCC and Chairs call.

As pandemic concerns begin to lessen and we search for a new “normal” we are trying to reconnect to our program through more in-person interactions. Please stay safe out there.

Service feeds Sobriety,
Seth S.
Board of Trustees Chair

The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Service
Profit & Loss
October through December 2021

	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Nov 21</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
42000 · Contribution Income				
42100 · Groups	5,109.56	4,171.02	2,295.01	11,575.59
42200 · Individuals	4,607.89	4,843.11	7,550.47	17,001.47
42300 · Intergroups	870.40	15,158.52	1,471.08	17,500.00
42000 · Contribution Income - Other	0.00	0.00	102.00	102.00
Total 42000 · Contribution Income	10,587.85	24,172.65	11,418.56	46,179.06
44000 · Reserve & Endowment Income				
44200 · Prudent Reserve Income	1.79	1.74	1.79	5.32
46000 · Endowment Income	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.68
Total 44000 · Reserve & Endowment Income	2.01	1.97	2.02	6.00
48999 · Merchandise & Other Income				
49000 · Sales Income	10,186.97	15,027.65	14,232.34	39,446.96
49010 · E-Book Income	1,644.93	1,148.91	1,986.35	4,780.19
49015 · E Journal Income	143.69	174.22	151.70	469.61
49050 · Journal	213.00	170.20	294.00	677.20
49100 · Shipping	2,188.73	2,006.74	1,989.58	6,185.05
49110 · Subsidies				
49300 · Merchandise Discounts - POC	-138.06	-122.13	-196.47	-456.66
49110 · Subsidies - Other	-60.74	-59.88	-36.65	-157.27
Total 49110 · Subsidies	-198.80	-182.01	-233.12	-613.93
49902 · Dues, Fees, Licenses, Royalties	0.00	0.00	110.00	110.00
Total 48999 · Merchandise & Other Income	14,178.52	18,345.71	18,530.85	51,055.08
Total Income	24,768.38	42,520.33	29,951.43	97,240.14
Cost of Goods Sold				
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold				
50900 · Shipping Expense	2,731.78	3,122.75	2,740.30	8,594.83
66800 · Journal Printing & Mailing	417.00	0.00	261.92	678.92
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold - Other	1,780.48	2,333.63	2,347.62	6,461.73
Total 50000 · Cost of Goods Sold	4,929.26	5,456.38	5,349.84	15,735.48
Total COGS	4,929.26	5,456.38	5,349.84	15,735.48
Gross Profit	19,839.12	37,063.95	24,601.59	81,504.66
Expense				
62000 · ABC/M Conference Expenses				
62400 · Conference Committee				
62409 · Intergroup Communications(CCIC)	0.00	0.00	36.84	36.84
Total 62400 · Conference Committee	0.00	0.00	36.84	36.84
Total 62000 · ABC/M Conference Expenses	0.00	0.00	36.84	36.84
62700 · Contract Services				
62750 · Legal Fees	90.00	0.00	360.00	450.00
62780 · Webmaster Services	3,700.00	3,700.00	3,700.00	11,100.00
62790 · Contract Services - Labor	0.00	5,400.00	0.00	5,400.00
Total 62700 · Contract Services	3,790.00	9,100.00	4,060.00	16,950.00
62800 · Facilities and Equipment				
62900 · Rent	3,514.06	3,514.06	3,514.06	10,542.18
62910 · Telephone	245.86	245.86	245.86	737.58
62920 · FWS Website	349.81	398.81	349.81	1,098.43
Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment	4,109.73	4,158.73	4,109.73	12,378.19
65000 · General Office Expense				
65010 · Bank Charges/Fees	5.00	5.00	5.00	15.00
65020 · Vendor Fees	1,042.24	821.04	908.23	2,771.51
65060 · Meals	0.00	0.00	9.70	9.70
65070 · Mileage	0.00	0.00	22.43	22.43
65080 · Office Security	47.39	214.91	47.39	309.69
65095 · Gifts & Honorariums	0.00	0.00	421.65	421.65
Total 65000 · General Office Expense	1,094.63	1,040.95	1,414.40	3,549.98
67000 · Payroll Expense				
67200 · Employee Benefits	66.56	66.56	66.56	199.68
67300 · Payroll Accounting	103.54	103.54	353.54	560.62
67400 · Payroll Tax Expense	681.40	681.43	681.40	2,044.23
67500 · Salary Expense	9,029.66	9,029.66	9,029.66	27,088.98
67600 · Unemployment Insurance	1,431.02	0.00	0.00	1,431.02
67700 · Workman's Comp Insurance	0.00	0.00	378.00	378.00
Total 67000 · Payroll Expense	11,312.18	9,881.19	10,509.16	31,702.53
69000 · Operations				
69020 · Printing and Copying				
69035 · Printing&Copies Knight	63.29	708.00	0.00	771.29
Total 69020 · Printing and Copying	63.29	708.00	0.00	771.29
69040 · Office Supplies	173.73	265.49	119.57	558.79
69050 · Computer Supplies	148.00	0.00	0.00	148.00
69080 · Packaging and Supplies	159.78	0.00	0.00	159.78
Total 69000 · Operations	544.80	973.49	119.57	1,637.86

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	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	TOTAL
99999 - Suspense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	20,851.34	25,154.36	20,249.70	66,255.40
Net Ordinary Income	-1,012.22	11,909.59	4,351.89	15,249.26
Net Income	-1,012.22	11,909.59	4,351.89	15,249.26

Conference Committee Report Corner

Conference Intergroup Communications Committee (CICC)

Conference Committee Name/Abbreviation Conference Intergroup Communications Committee (CICC)

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.

Project Name S.L.A.A. Service Forum - we run the S.L.A.A. Service Forum to institute communication between Intergroups and fellows doing service. The forum is available at service.slaa.network, is linked to from the F.W.S. website main page as well as the CICC page and is for any member of S.L.A.A. who is doing service to contribute.

Project Name Intergroups/Meetings Contact List - - we have an ongoing project to keep the Intergroup contacts up to date which recently became active as a sub-committee to prepare the list of chairs to invite to the Virtual Intergroups meetings.

Project Name Virtual Intergroup Forum – currently planning the 2nd Virtual IG Forum scheduled for Saturday, 19th March 2022, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. EST, and Sunday, 27th Mar 2022, noon to 2 p.m. EST. Intergroups can send as many trusted servants as they wish, but we ask that there is only one spokesperson for the Intergroup. <https://go.slaa.network/IntergroupsVirtualForum2022> to signup.

Call/Meeting Day/Time Third Sunday of the month, 2 p.m. ET, 60 minutes

Conference Literature Committee (CLC)

Mission Statement:

The Conference Literature Committee (CLC) creates quality literature in support of S.L.A.A. 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: Susan G., Lee W., Ray H., Susan G., Mark M., Kelly C., Sam, Dave G., Gill, Fabiana, Jeff, Stephen S., Suanne, Sarah B., Anthony C., Troy, Vivian D., Timothy P., Ari, David B., Anthony

Volunteer Positions:

Facilitator/Chair: Susan G., New Chair
Vice Chair: Ray H., New Vice Chair
BOT Liaison: Jay G.

Minutes Recorder:
Spiritual Reminder: All
Timekeeper:

For the past service year, Lee W. continues serving on the LCEP (Literature Creation Editing and Publishing) Workgroup, along with Jeff C., where they are hammering out a new draft process for how literature is created and published.

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 discussion this year and may become Motions for approval at next year's ABM. They are as follows:

CLC Active Projects Spreadsheet:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1rNjJ9PNSIk6feES1t9mSkv0sL6LWMjEcz7DARTSuveA/edit?usp=sharing>

Draft literature discussed at the ABM Conference received many favorable and constructive comments. These were recorded as well as captured by a note taker 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, the Service Committee, the HOW folks in the UK, 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 the F.W.S. home page: slaafws.org (where all the Committees are listed, near the bottom of the page) look for more info there. *Of note: the 50th Anniversary Edition of the Basic Text is looking for stories. Please see the flyer on the CLC committee page, and submit your story here as well: <https://slaafws.org/committee/clc/> - Please be sure to sign the disclaimer located here as well, along with your story. Thank you for your service to the CLC!

Our one-and-a-half hour meetings are held on the fourth Saturday of the month at 11 a.m. central, eleven months out of the year.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6518051209?pwd=ek1pbVR4QmdUdXJUYkcrVmhmSV2pTZz09>

Meeting ID: 651 805 1209

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kzKPqADhp>

See you there and thank you for your service!

Susan G.
CLC Chair

Conference Member Retention Committee (CMRC)

Conference Committee Name/Abbreviation: Conference Member Retention Committee (**CMRC**) *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.*

Call/Meeting Day/Time/Length: Second Sunday of the Month, 10:00 a.m. Pacific, 1:00 p.m. Eastern; 2 hours

Zoom Meeting: Join Zoom meeting - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6518051209>

Manual login - Meeting ID: 651 805 1209

Passcode: 047887

Conference Committee Chair: Doug P. (OH)

Conference Committee Vice-Chair: John S. (CA)

BOT Liaison: Rick S.

Active Members: Doug P., John S., Bree X., Tavia K., Phil B., Clay B., Mona E., Nora B.

Project Name: Member Retention Booklet ("Literature Project")

Lead: Doug P.

Purpose: To identify the unique challenges experienced by long term members and provide tangible solutions to keep those members engaged and active in S.L.A.A.

Progress: We have an outline, with an Introduction, Conclusion, and one of two major sections (identifying the challenges) approved by the Committee. We are actively working (at each monthly meeting) to workshop and approve the remaining major section (solutions). Originally conceptualized as a "pamphlet," a "booklet" now seems required to cover the challenges and solutions.

Project Name: BAT Retention Project

Lead: Clay B.

Purpose: To retain the wisdom and experience of the Board Alumni Trustees (BATs) and keep those members engaged and connected.

Progress: There is now a BAT google group and the BATs have had several meetings.

Project Name: Journal Focus Booklet

Lead: Clay B.

Purpose: To review past Journal articles on "Member Retention" and publish the most highly-rated ones in a Journal Focus Booklet.

Progress: The Journal Focus Booklet is ready to be published

Project Name: Fantasy Subcommittee

Lead: Jeff (jeffinseattle)

Purpose: To gather, review, edit, and re-write currently-available literature on the “fantasy” aspects of sex and love addiction and make it readily available to the Fellowship as “Conference-Approved Literature.” Three current main projects: 1) Editing the Characteristics of Fantasy Addiction for submission to the CLC; 2) Editing the Promises of Healing Fantasy Addiction for submission to the CLC; 3) Conducting Reading Meetings to evaluate the 31 articles on fantasy addiction from *The Journal* for inclusion in a booklet on the topic.

Progress: The Subcommittee meets weekly to continue this work. An IFD for this year’s ABM is that the Fantasy Subcommittee become its own committee. It is likely that this will be voted on at this year’s ABM.

Budget: The Committee made no budget request this year.

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

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.

Question from the Fellowship (Committee Reference #2021-4):

The person who founded and runs a virtual writing group with associated video groups has recently begun requiring that members allow them to collect the written shares, with the purpose of utilizing the writings in a recovery-based book. The members' written shares are also being used to create personalized merchandise (mugs, t-shirts, etc.) which are then offered for sale to the group members.

I feel this is a breach of members' anonymity and believe that using individual members' private information for personal gain is wrong. Are S.L.A.A. virtual writing and video groups subject to the same guidelines / regulations / traditions as regular face to face meetings? Please advise on how the Steps, Traditions or Concepts apply to this situation.

Response #1:

According to the Traditions, anyone who doesn’t like this meeting does not have to attend, and, is free to start their own meeting that does follow their understanding of the traditions. The meeting is free to use and refer to S.L.A.A. literature if they find it helpful.

Meetings are autonomous and anyone who finds the literature helpful has a right to share it with anyone they want, as long as they are not reproducing it, and I think it’s ok if they are purchasing it from Amazon or S.L.A.A. and selling it to their members at cost. That’s what we do.

I suppose it’s unscrupulous if they are selling it at a profit margin, but even that is really none of our business.

Response #2:

If this meeting or group represents itself as an S.L.A.A. meeting, then it is clearly in breach of the Traditions. If the group is simply a writing group that happens to be mostly S.L.A.A. members in its membership, there is no breach.

If this is a meeting: Tradition Three tells us that the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop living out a pattern of sex and love addiction. Therefore, the meeting cannot require anything else of its participants. Tradition Twelve tells us that the spiritual foundation of our program is anonymity, and Tradition Eleven tells us we must guard the anonymity of our members with special care, so that tells me that the words of our members in shares should not be reproduced or sold. Tradition Five tells us that the primary purpose of a group is to carry the message, so creating a book or selling merchandise is straying from the primary purpose. Tradition Two tells us our groups should have no other affiliation besides to S.L.A.A., and Tradition Ten says we have no opinions on outside issues. The creation and sale of a book of members shares, as well the creation of merchandise from member shares, both seem to take us outside of the issues we are here in S.L.A.A. to treat, affiliating ourselves with outside non-conference approved literature, and endangering the clarity of the message of S.L.A.A. to someone who may be encountering it for the first time.

There are many reasons why the actions stated should not be carried out if this group is a meeting of S.L.A.A.

However, if this online meeting is not purporting itself as an S.L.A.A. meeting, and it is simply presenting itself as a group of people, some of which are in S.L.A.A., who get together to talk about recovery and anything else they please...they can choose what their primary purpose as an organization is, and how they choose to raise money etc. If some members of S.L.A.A. are members of this outside group, that doesn't mean that S.L.A.A.'s Traditions must be followed by that outside group.

S.L.A.A. has no enforcement body and cannot prevent people from breaking Traditions. However, if this group calls itself an S.L.A.A. meeting, they should definitely stop the actions stated.

Response #3:

"Each group has but one primary purpose — to carry its message to the sex and love addict who still suffers: Tradition 5. Not the message; its message. An S.L.A.A. group may collect and share its members' experience, strength and hope in carrying its message. For example, the approved Suggestions for Public Outreach suggest groups and intergroups "12. Post anonymous videos about sex and love addiction and recovery on the Internet.that share real S.L.A.A. stories of the insanity of addiction and the serenity of recovery."

The CSTCC has considered the role of anonymity in memoirs before. If the proposed book is available to the public, there are two clear options that satisfy Tradition Eleven (Anonymity). It is acceptable Twelfth Step work to spread the message by telling our personal story as long as the member does not disclose their real name or any other information that makes them identifiable and they make clear that they do not speak for S.L.A.A. as a whole. If the writer(s)' real name will be disclosed in the publication, it is important not to mention S.L.A.A. or disclose participation in Twelve Step at all.

Tradition Eleven is a suggestion and not a legal requirement. Members do sometimes choose to break their own anonymity at the level of public media. Each such incident is an outside matter on which S.L.A.A. has no opinion and seeks no controversy.

If the anthology of member writings is only for distribution within the S.L.A.A. group, then Tradition Twelve tells us that it is up to each individual to determine how they will handle their own anonymity. While it is never appropriate to break another member's anonymity without their permission, we are free to disclose our own membership however we see fit, if we choose, provided that we remain anonymous at the level of public media.

The question asks if an S.L.A.A. group can require (not merely request) its members to contribute their writings to the group. Tradition Four tells us that each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or S.L.A.A. as a whole. Members who do not want to donate their writings are free to "vote with their feet" and leave the group and/or try to remove the requirement by calling for a group conscience. Therefore, it is highly unlikely the decisions of this S.L.A.A. group affects other groups or S.L.A.A. as a whole.

For this group's purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as this Power may be expressed through their group conscience: Tradition Two. If the group's decisions are made by informed group conscience, no-one else has the right to judge. Every S.L.A.A. group has autonomy to experiment with new ways to achieve its primary purpose including to make its own mistakes.

Every S.L.A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions: Tradition Seven. Can a S.L.A.A. group raise funds by the sale of merchandise to members? This is a complex legal question beyond the scope of this committee, but the simplified answer is: usually yes. There is a large market for recovery merchandise in other fellowships.

It is unclear how the sale of merchandise (or literature) is for "personal gain". However, the sale of Recovery related products by individuals - who may or may not also be members - does occur in other fellowships. If that is happening to S.L.A.A. - and there is no evidence that it is - that is a commercial matter for the Board of Trustees to consider.

Response #4:

1. I believe virtual meetings are subject to the same Steps, Traditions and Concepts as face-to-face meetings, but the Steps, Traditions and Concepts are suggestions, not rules or regulations. Tradition Four basically says each meeting is free to make its own mistakes as long as they don't affect S.L.A.A. as a whole.

2. In my opinion, anonymity applies to each person's identity or position, not to information on how they acted out or what works for them in recovery. If parts of their shares make it into a recovery-based book I don't think it violates any of the Step, Traditions or Concepts as long as there is nothing in the writing that provides information about the person. For example: saying an engineer used his work computer to act out, vs using a first name and name of the company and more details about how he acted out that might identify him.

3. I also believe that anyone coming to the meeting should be notified that their shares may be anonymized and give them the option of staying in the meeting and sharing or leaving.

4. The creation of merchandise seems like a breach of the Sixth Tradition on outside enterprises, especially since they are being offered for sale to group members - there may be pressure to buy.

All that said, if this is a writing group (and not a meeting) and all participants are aware that what they share may be used in either a book or merchandise, and there is no personally identifiable information - I don't believe this violates the Steps, Traditions or Concepts since it does not purport to be a meeting.

There are other legal, copyright aspects of using someone else's story that I am not qualified to speak on, the author may need to get a signed release from the person who's story they share.

Response #5:

I believe whether the meeting is virtual or in person, if it is an S.L.A.A. meeting and not just a writing group, they must follow the same Steps and Traditions to protect the member safety and provide anonymity.

Question from the Fellowship (Committee Reference #2021-5):

It has come to my attention that a few Intergroup websites may not be adhering to the traditions. On a couple of the intergroup websites the following issues are taking place:

- The copyright notice does not name the intergroup, it only says Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, which could be confusing.
- There are several lengthy excerpts from copyrighted literature under the Newcomers menu.
- They sell AA literature alongside S.L.A.A. literature under the heading S.L.A.A. books.
- Free pamphlets and Newcomer Packets are being sold rather than given away.

After reviewing the Guidelines for Local S.L.A.A. websites and S.L.A.A. and Social Media, I wonder if these websites are breaking Traditions? And is there anything that we can do about this?

Response #1:

The issue of AA literature is illuminated in the F.W.S. approved S.L.A.A. Twelve Step Workbook. In the workbook AA literature is among the suggested readings. Tradition Five states "Each group has but one primary purpose -- to carry its message to the sex and love addict who still suffers." AA has always and continues to be an optional part of that message if a group conscious so approves it.

Response #2:

This committee does not police or control any intergroups, who are making a lot of efforts to have a meeting in the first place. One intergroup may contact another intergroup to get help in developing a more S.L.A.A. Traditions oriented website regarding AA versus S.L.A.A. literature. In my opinion, it is totally acceptable to refer to AA literature as S.L.A.A. literature.

Response #3:

This question itself is contrary to the letter and spirit of the Traditions.

No, there is nothing we can do about a member, a group, or an intergroup. We cannot tell them how to work their program. We cannot tell anyone how to work the Steps. We cannot tell anyone how to adhere to the Traditions. We honor the autonomy of every meeting.

We are a program of attraction rather than promotion. The suggestion in this question that we somehow enforce the suggestions in the Traditions is itself a failure to adhere to the Traditions.

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.

Call for 2022 (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:

2022 May 22 – June Issue

2022 August 21 – September Issue

2022 November 20 – December Issue

2023 February 19 – March Issue

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>.

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All are welcome to join!

The Annual Intergroups Forum is a meeting of all 74 Intergroups of SLAA to share updates, ask questions, spark ideas, and discuss matters. The Forum aims to improve communication between all the Intergroups and with the Board of Trustees, Conference Committees and Office of Fellowship Wide Services.

Saturday March 19, 2022

8:00pm to 10:00pm ET

Sunday March 27, 2022

12:00pm to 2:00pm ET

At this event we will have opportunities to share and learn ideas from other S.L.A.A. members and their Intergroups.

This is a great networking opportunity to
connect, expand and understand
ways your Intergroup can do more!



Hosted by the Conference Intergroup Communications Committee (CICC).
You will receive meeting information shortly after your registration is received.

Read the Proposed Revised Version of Chapters One, Two, and Three of the Basic Text

In honor of our fellowship's 50th anniversary in 2026, a special edition of the Basic Text is being prepared. Plans include a special hardback cover, a foreword to the new edition, introductions to each personal story as well as additional personal stories, and, possibly, an index. Additionally, the text of the book will be edited to correct problems of style, grammar, and clarity. Work on the first three chapters is complete, and the committee working on the project, the 50BTS, would like member feedback on the work.

If you are viewing this on the F.W.S. website, please contact the Conference Literature Committee to ask for the link to the first three chapters and it will be emailed to you: <https://slaafws.org/committee/clc/>.

***Your personal story** is needed for this new edition. To submit it for consideration, go here: <https://slaafws.org/committee/clc/>

Read about the New Recovery Book

There has been some confusion between the 50th-anniversary edition of the BT and a new book on recovery that is in the works, CLC project 083. Some of that misinformation is understandable because the direction the projects have taken has changed over the last year. The bullet points below should clarify any misunderstandings.

1. **There are not going to be multiple different versions of the Basic Text.** Any plan resembling that has been scrapped in light of the discussion at the Annual Business Meeting in 2021. To be clear, there is to be a 50th-anniversary edition of the book (described above) but it will not otherwise be revised. The expectation is that the 50th-anniversary edition text will become the second edition of the BT. (AA is working on its fifth edition.) At that point, we expect the current, first edition of the book will be supplanted by the 2nd edition—just as AA did many years ago—and the first edition will go out of print.
2. **The 083 project is NOT a reworking of the BT; it will be an entirely new book.** It was made perfectly clear at the 2021 ABM that trying to create an updated BT was futile. But the need for a new book that addresses the needs of the current fellowship has been clearly and repeatedly voiced in IFD feedback over decades and in last year's survey, "To Change or Not to Change." Project 083 will cover program basics, but will also address facets of our addiction that are not addressed in the Basic Text, such as anorexia, internet issues, and fantasy addiction. It also will address long-term sobriety, aging, and healthy relationships, and will reflect the diversity represented in our current membership. This exciting project is only in the planning stages. More will be revealed.

Stephen S.
Chair, 50th-Anniversary Basic Text Subcommittee

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 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/donate>. 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 501(c)3 organization and contributions to it are tax deductible.



The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc.

2022 S.L.A.A. Annual Business Meeting

HOSTED BY THE SACRAMENTO INTERGROUP



August 9 to August 12, 2022

Hilton Arden West
2200 Harvard St. Sacramento, CA 95815

Theme: **Tradition 8:** *"S.L.A.A. should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers."*

<https://slaafws.org/abminfo>

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

The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc.
ABC/M Time Line and Deadlines 2022

The following is a schedule of distribution and submission deadlines created by the CCC to help meet ABC/M needs and By-Laws requirements. Actions related to sign-up and registration of Conference Delegates for the ABC/M are in **Bold Text**.

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	APPROXIMATE TIME FRAME (prior to <u>ABC/M</u>)
Announcement of ABC/M to Fellowship Delegate Sign-up and Registration Forms Distributed ABM Agenda First Version Distributed to entire Fellowship	Sent	180 days (6 months) February 10, 2022
Motion/IFD Submissions for ABM Agenda Second Version	Due	120 days (4 months) April 11, 2022
ABM Agenda Second Version Distributed to entire Fellowship and Conference Committees	Sent	95 days (3 months, 1 week) May 6, 2022
Early ABC/M Registrations	Due	75 days (2½ months) May 26, 2022
Conference Committee Feedback/ Comments ABM Agenda; Motion/IFD Submissions for ABM Agenda Third Version Board of Trustees Nominations	Due	60 days (2 months) prior to ABC/M 60 days June 10, 2022
ABC/M Registrations Due ABM Agenda Third Version Distributed to entire Fellowship	Due Sent	45 days (1½ months) prior to ABC/M June 25, 2022

Although it is strongly recommended that the deadlines for submitting to the ABM Agenda be met, it is understood that this may not be possible. Motions and IFDs may be submitted to the CCC Chair no later than 7pm on the first day of the ABC/M (in the time zone of the hosting city of the ABC/M for an in-person ABM or Central Time zone of the F.W.S. Office for a Virtual ABM).

Considerations for Submission of a Motion/IFD to the 2022 ABM Agenda

The CCC (Conference Charter Committee) and the ARS (Agenda Review Subcommittee) request that you respect the ABM Agenda Submission Process by submitting all Motions/IFDs in a timely manner.

Please submit a Motion/IFD no later than **April 11, 2022**, the suggested date or, if possible, before. There are advantages to submitting a Motion/IFD by the suggested date including:

- 1. The ARS or others will be able to help the Submitter revise a Motion/IFD, if required.**
- 2. The ARS and CCC can assist the Submitter in having a Motion/IFD placed on the ABM Agenda Second Version.**
- 3. Allows time for comments from Conference Committees on a Motion/IFD to be placed on the ABM Agenda Third Version.**
- 4. Delegates and other Conference members will have the opportunity to fully review the Motion/IFD prior to the ABM.**

Alternatively, submitting a Motion/IFD after the suggested submission due date or submitting a Motion/IFD just prior to the 7PM deadline at the start of the ABM creates several disadvantages, including:

- 1. The Fellowship will not be able to provide comments regarding the Motion/IFD prior to the ABM and an informed group conscience will not be possible.**
- 2. Places an undue burden on members of the ARS and the CCC who are preparing the ABM Agenda Fourth Version for the ABM for distribution the next morning.**
- 3. A 'last minute submission' does not provide time for revision thus jeopardizing the chance of the Motion/IFD being placed on the ABM Agenda Fourth Version.**

All submissions will continue to be accepted for review until the 7:00 pm deadline, **August 9, 2022** (Central Time Zone).

In the spirit of fellowship, please be considerate of the service work of others and know we appreciate your participation in the ABM Agenda Submission Process.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joe C. Chair CCC
Jack S. Chair ARS
February 22, 2022

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 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 more than 1,600 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 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.

- Call 210-828-7900
- Fax 210-828-7922
- Email: <http://slaafws.org/contact>
- Mail:

**The Augustine Fellowship
1550 NE Loop 410, Ste 118
San Antonio TX 78209**

**Office Hours:
Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm CT.**

In the spiritual nature of the 7th Tradition
one person steps up to help another
Help F.W.S. now by joining the

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- ◆ Publish digital literature
- ◆ Build a new meeting finder
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Without your continued support,
these projects cannot happen.
Every dollar helps.

TOGETHER, WE MAKE ALL THIS POSSIBLE

S.L.A.A. members, Meetings, and Intergroups can join the LifeSaver Program.

thank you!

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The F.W.S. Newsletter

Our 7th Tradition states: " Every S.L.A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions." This means that only people who consider themselves members of S.L.A.A. can make a contribution.



Conference 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: 1 hr 4th Sunday @ 11:00am PT, 12:00pm MT, 1:00pm CT, 2:00pm ET, 8:00pm CEST

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 regards 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: 1 hr 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/ccg>

Meeting: 1 1/2 hr 1st Sunday @ 12:30PM ET, 11:30AM CT, 10:30AM MT, and 9:30AM 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: 1 hr 1st Saturday @ 9:00AM PST, 10:00 MST, 11:00 CST, and 12:00 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, Intergrups, 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: 1 hr 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: 1 hr 1st Sunday @ 10:00am PT, 11:00pm MT, 12:00pm CT, 1:00pm ET

CICC – Conference Intergroup Communications Committee is responsible for the ongoing open communication between the existing and new Groups and Intergrups 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: 1 hr 3rd Saturday @ 11:00AM PT, 12:00PM MT, 1:00PM CT, 2:00PM ET

This was created by the CSC. To update your committee information please contact the CSC using the request form - Updated 02/2022

Times and dates are subject to change as membership of each committee changes.



Conference Committees; What they do and when they meet!



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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 the Journal policies. For more info and call-in number contact:

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

Meeting: 1 hr 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 hrs 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: 2 hrs 2nd Sunday @ 10:00am PT, 1:00pm ET

CPIC (merged with CHIC) – The primary purpose of the Conference Public Information Committee is to carry the S.L.A.A. message to sex and love addicts by: (a) working with national and international service entities, intergroups, and local groups to convey S.L.A.A. information to the potential members and their supporters; (b) providing materials to help members carry the S.L.A.A. message; and (c) supporting service bodies to do outreach at intergroup and group levels.

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

Meeting: 1 hr 1st Sunday @ 1:00pm PT, 3:00pm CT, 4:00pm 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: 1 hr 2nd Friday @ 1:00pm PT, 3:00pm CT, 4:00pm EST

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: 1 hr 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: 1 hr 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 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: 1 hr Last Sunday of the month @ 10:30AM Pacific, 1:30PM Eastern, 7:30PM Central European Time

This was created by the CSC. To update your committee information please contact the CSC using the request form - Updated 02/2022

Times and dates are subject to change as membership of each committee changes.

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:

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| • Public information | • Diversity |
| • Sponsorship | • Finance |
| • Websites | • Steps, Traditions and Concepts |
| • Anorexia | • Translation and International Outreach |
| • Conventions | • Service |
| • Retreats | • Member Retention |
| • Literature | • Hospitals and Institutions |
| • Procedures and Guidelines / By-Laws | • Healthy Relationships |
| • Inspiration line | • Legal Issues |
| • Meetings | • Intergroup Communications |
| • Annual Business Meeting | |
| • Journals / Newsletters | |
| • Safety | |

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



**Are you a member of S.L.A.A. who speaks another language?
Are you willing to translate S.L.A.A. Conference-approved literature?**

**We are looking for bilingual S.L.A.A. members who are fluent in the following languages:
Hindi, Urdu, Chinese, Finnish, Japanese, Korean, 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**



Carry the Message...

JOIN THE CONFERENCE HOSPITAL AND INSTITUTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE!!

**Developing new ways for the
Fellowship to reach members who
are incarcerated, in treatment
centers, or otherwise unable to
attend regular meetings**

**To join our monthly meeting
slaafws.org/committee/cpic**

Help Others Reach Out to the Still Suffering Addict



SHARE YOUR INTERGROUP'S OUTREACH MATERIALS

The Conference Public Information Committee (CPIC) supports the fellowship as a whole to carry the message to suffering sex and love addicts.

Instead of every Intergroup “reinventing the wheel” with all-new materials, the CPIC exists to help Intergroups and Groups share materials.

If your Intergroup (or Group without an Intergroup) has used outreach materials successfully - especially using new technology - please consider sharing.

This includes digital:

- print files for letters, flyers, posters
- media items such as online news
- design files for outdoor signage
- audio and video recordings.

Items can be submitted at the CPIC page on the S.L.A.A. website:

<http://www.slaafws.org/committee/cpic>

In order to be shareable, the outreach materials must:

- be approved in Group Conscience for submission to the CPIC for sharing
- comply with the S.L.A.A. [12 Traditions](#) and [12 Media Guidelines](#)
- comply with the approved S.L.A.A. [Suggestions for Public Outreach](#)
- comply with the [CPIC Guidelines for Video](#)
- be only about S.L.A.A. informational topics and/or convey our message by the telling of our stories.

Necessary consents and releases are also required for the CPIC to share the content.

The CPIC works with Intergroups and Groups to ensure:

- all shared material complies with S.L.A.A.'s requirements as outreach or public information; and
- your service body is satisfied with the final format and how your material will be shared.



**Are you interested in helping
steer the fellowship's finances?**

**Join the Board Finance Committee! To join,
contact us at <https://slaafws.org/bottreasurer>**



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



To be elected to the Board :

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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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.
- 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.
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