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Editor's note: Please be sure to check <https://slaafws.org/events> for upcoming events.

Executive Director's Report

Hello from hot, sunny San Antonio, Texas! We are still a month shy of the official "first day of summer," but one would never know that from the record-breaking temperatures here in the Alamo City. That old saying "April showers bring May flowers" never quite rang true, as our April was extremely dry. But as Nature often reminds us, life down here is quite resilient and South Texas is now alive with colorful wildflowers even in the midst of a drought. As Spring gives way to Summer, the bluebonnets along the roadside will give way to prickly-pear cactus blossoms in all shades of pink and purple. (And those taste pretty great, too!)

We are now about 11 weeks from the start of ABM 2022 in beautiful Sacramento, California! The dates this year are August 9th thru 12th, and our venue is the Hilton Arden West. We are excited to finally be returning to an in-person ABM after two years of being online due to public health concerns. We are already gearing up with preparations as the F.W.S. Office and are much looking forward to seeing familiar faces once again... as well as meeting new friends! For those of you who have not been able to attend an ABM in the past, you might consider adding that to your "recovery bucket list". Registration for ABM 2022 is underway, and there is a \$50 discount for registrations received on or before May 26th. This year, the Board of Trustees has also approved an automatic \$610 scholarship for all delegates. Of course, if your Intergroup is fortunate enough to have funds to do so, please consider making an additional contribution at the time of ABM registration to further assist other Intergroups who may wish to attend. The goal is to have wide and varied representation from Intergroups both large and small, domestic and international alike.

PDF versions of S.L.A.A. pamphlets continue to sell well on our web store. Ordering pamphlets in digital format provides the reader with immediate access at no shipping cost. That is a win-win!

From the F.W.S. Office to all our Fellows around the world, we send our best wishes. We look forward to seeing you in Sacramento soon!

Respectfully,

Pam Martin
Executive Director

Board of Trustees Chair's Message

Sam E. (NJ) was elected to the Board of Trustees (BOT) by the BOT and Christina M. (new Mom for the second time with baby Luke) has returned to the BOT from her maternity leave so the BOT is now a full nine-member Board.

The LifeSaver Program has raised over \$90,000 from member, group and intergroup contributions since it began back in April 2020, helping the Fellowship realize in excess of \$180,000 in total revenue including the pledged matching funds. The LifeSaver Program has helped us navigate the challenges of COVID.

The second quarter (through March 31, 2022) financials indicate that the current financial condition of the Fellowship is sound.

While the Board has increased the subsidy or scholarships provided to delegates for the 2022 ABC/M to offset room and board costs and registration costs for delegates travelling from outside of North America, there is still a need to get groups and intergroups who are sending delegates to provide additional financial assistance if they have the ability to do so. Contributions should be made to the ABC/M Fundraiser or the travel funds to assist those groups or intergroups that would like to send a delegate but do not have the financial means to do so.

In addition, the BOT is seeking members who would like to up their level of service to consider running for a seat on the Board of Trustees at this year's ABC/M. The Fellowship needs dedicated trusted servants to step up and help us grow.

The current BOT consists of nine 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);
- Christina M. (CA) – Christina heads up the Board Technology Committee and is the Secretary;
- Gabriel G. (CA) – Gabriel chairs the Board Programs and Membership Committee (BPMC);
- Hernan V. (CA) – Hernan is the Chair of the Board Outreach Committee (BOT);
- Suzanne D. (TX) – Suzanne is the Chair of the Board Publishing and Distribution Committee (BPDC);
- Juanita J. (VA) – was assigned to sit on the B7TC and the BPMC;
- Sam E. (NJ) – was assigned to sit on the B7TC and the BFC;
- 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).
- Conference Committee liaisons have changed slightly as well. Current BOT Conference Committee liaisons are: Jay G. - CLC and CSC; Rick S. – CAC and CMRC; Christina M. – CSTCC; Gabriel G. – CDC and CICC; Hernan V. – CFC and CHRC; Suzanne D. – CPIC; Juanita J. – CJC, CSpC and CTIOC; Sam E. – CBC; 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.
BOT Chair

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

Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2022

	<u>Oct 31, 21</u>	<u>Nov 30, 21</u>	<u>Dec 31, 21</u>	<u>Jan 31, 22</u>	<u>Feb 28, 22</u>	<u>Mar 31, 22</u>
ASSETS						
Current Assets						
Checking/Savings						
10350 · Frost Bank - 0540 - Other	91,262.95	102,099.70	111,441.35	109,062.84	109,041.69	104,278.53
10400 · Vanguard Prudent Reserve Fund	211,407.80	211,408.54	211,411.33	211,410.33	211,515.63	211,527.44
10450 · ABC/M & IRC Scholarship Fund	63.61	63.61	63.61	63.61	63.61	63.61
10455 · The Endowment Fund	27,433.65	27,433.65	27,433.65	39,611.20	39,611.20	39,611.43
10903 · Petty Cash-Pam Martin	16.88	16.88	16.88	16.88	16.88	16.88
12020 · Paypal (PRIOR Undeposited Fund)	6,552.53	6,698.70	6,167.14	6,155.56	4,993.38	4,916.01
Total Checking/Savings	<u>336,737.42</u>	<u>347,721.08</u>	<u>356,533.96</u>	<u>366,320.42</u>	<u>365,242.39</u>	<u>360,413.90</u>
Accounts Receivable						
11200 · Accounts Receivable	0.00	1,610.00	0.00	0.00	2,576.00	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,610.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,576.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Other Current Assets						
12000 · Undeposited Funds-Operating Acc	2,447.03	4,156.58	1,342.10	4,436.46	4,735.54	8,645.15
12100 · Inventory Asset	54,516.40	62,644.94	59,872.53	56,610.64	54,320.54	56,604.64
Total Other Current Assets	<u>56,963.43</u>	<u>66,801.52</u>	<u>61,214.63</u>	<u>61,047.10</u>	<u>59,056.08</u>	<u>65,249.79</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>393,700.85</u>	<u>416,132.60</u>	<u>417,748.59</u>	<u>427,367.52</u>	<u>426,874.47</u>	<u>425,663.69</u>
Fixed Assets						
15000 · Furniture and Equipment	58,904.97	58,904.97	58,904.97	58,904.97	58,904.97	58,904.97
17100 · Accum Depreciation	<u>-57,868.29</u>	<u>-57,868.29</u>	<u>-57,868.29</u>	<u>-57,868.29</u>	<u>-57,868.29</u>	<u>-57,868.29</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>1,036.68</u>	<u>1,036.68</u>	<u>1,036.68</u>	<u>1,036.68</u>	<u>1,036.68</u>	<u>1,036.68</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>394,737.53</u></u>	<u><u>417,169.28</u></u>	<u><u>418,785.27</u></u>	<u><u>428,404.20</u></u>	<u><u>427,911.15</u></u>	<u><u>426,700.37</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY						
Liabilities						
Current Liabilities						
Other Current Liabilities						
25000 · Sales Tax Payable	53.01	113.23	164.82	145.44	213.19	274.74
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>53.01</u>	<u>113.23</u>	<u>164.82</u>	<u>145.44</u>	<u>213.19</u>	<u>274.74</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>53.01</u>	<u>113.23</u>	<u>164.82</u>	<u>145.44</u>	<u>213.19</u>	<u>274.74</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>53.01</u>	<u>113.23</u>	<u>164.82</u>	<u>145.44</u>	<u>213.19</u>	<u>274.74</u>
Equity						
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	750,880.10	761,704.35	761,704.35	761,704.35	761,704.35	761,704.35
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	-355,146.92	-355,146.92	-355,146.92	-355,146.92	-355,146.92	-355,146.92
Net Income	<u>-1,048.66</u>	<u>10,498.62</u>	<u>12,063.02</u>	<u>21,701.33</u>	<u>21,140.53</u>	<u>19,868.20</u>
Total Equity	<u>394,684.52</u>	<u>417,056.05</u>	<u>418,620.45</u>	<u>428,258.76</u>	<u>427,697.96</u>	<u>426,425.63</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>394,737.53</u></u>	<u><u>417,169.28</u></u>	<u><u>418,785.27</u></u>	<u><u>428,404.20</u></u>	<u><u>427,911.15</u></u>	<u><u>426,700.37</u></u>

The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Service
Profit & Loss
October 2021 through March 2022

	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
40000 · ABC/M Income							
40100 · ABC/M Fundraiser Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.50	150.50
40200 · ABC/M Registration	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	665.00	4,830.00	5,495.00
40300 · ABC/M TEF Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.50	150.50
Total 40000 · ABC/M Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	665.00	5,131.00	5,796.00
42000 · Contribution Income							
42100 · Groups	5,109.56	4,171.02	2,295.01	5,504.68	2,316.53	2,117.55	21,514.35
42200 · Individuals	4,607.89	4,843.11	7,550.47	16,784.90	4,656.04	4,491.20	42,933.61
42300 · Intergroups	870.40	15,158.52	1,471.08	255.50	1,431.57	1,352.38	20,539.45
42000 · Contribution Income - Other	0.00	0.00	102.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	102.00
Total 42000 · Contribution Income	10,587.85	24,172.65	11,418.56	22,545.08	8,404.14	7,961.13	85,089.41
44000 · Reserve & Endowment Income							
44100 · Prudent Reserve Contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	102.00	0.00	102.00
44200 · Prudent Reserve Income	1.79	1.74	1.79	0.00	3.30	11.81	20.43
46000 · Endowment Income	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.23	0.45
44000 · Reserve & Endowment Income - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.30	0.00	0.30
Total 44000 · Reserve & Endowment Income	2.01	1.74	1.79	0.00	105.60	12.04	123.18
48999 · Merchandise & Other Income							
49000 · Sales Income	10,186.97	15,027.65	12,122.12	17,716.89	18,220.32	25,450.59	98,724.54
49010 · E-Book Income	1,644.93	1,148.91	1,986.35	1,535.60	1,100.59	2,349.18	9,765.56
49015 · E Journal Income	143.69	174.22	151.70	228.76	145.44	263.00	1,106.81
49050 · Journal	213.00	170.20	294.00	451.00	302.00	452.80	1,883.00
49100 · Shipping	2,188.73	2,006.74	1,989.58	2,104.69	1,926.16	1,653.10	11,869.00
49110 · Subsidies							
49300 · Merchandise Discounts - POC	-138.06	-122.13	-196.47	-276.12	0.00	-223.02	-955.80
49110 · Subsidies - Other	-60.74	-59.88	-36.65	-1.00	-238.95	0.00	-397.22
Total 49110 · Subsidies	-198.80	-182.01	-233.12	-277.12	-238.95	-223.02	-1,353.02
49902 · Dues, Fees, Licenses,Royalties	0.00	0.00	110.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	110.00
Total 48999 · Merchandise & Other Income	14,178.52	18,345.71	16,420.63	21,759.82	21,455.56	29,945.65	122,105.89
Total Income	24,768.38	42,520.10	27,840.98	44,304.90	30,630.30	43,049.82	213,114.48
Cost of Goods Sold							
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold							
50900 · Shipping Expense	2,786.43	3,122.75	2,740.30	4,714.15	4,689.50	5,324.80	23,377.93
66800 · Journal Printing & Mailing	417.00	0.00	261.92	82.98	290.00	0.00	1,051.90
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold - Other	1,780.48	2,695.71	2,772.41	3,261.89	3,507.26	4,667.90	18,685.65
Total 50000 · Cost of Goods Sold	4,983.91	5,818.46	5,774.63	8,059.02	8,486.76	9,992.70	43,115.48
Total COGS	4,983.91	5,818.46	5,774.63	8,059.02	8,486.76	9,992.70	43,115.48
Gross Profit	19,784.47	36,701.64	22,066.35	36,245.88	22,143.54	33,057.12	169,999.00
Expense							
62000 · ABC/M Conference Expenses							
62400 · Conference Committee							
62409 · Intergroup Communications(CCIC)	0.00	0.00	36.84	0.00	43.44	0.00	80.28
62413 · Member Retention (CMRC)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	43.44	0.00	43.44
62415 · Public Information (CPIC)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	43.44	0.00	43.44
62420 · Translation (CTC)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	43.45	0.00	43.45
Total 62400 · Conference Committee	0.00	0.00	36.84	0.00	173.77	0.00	210.61

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Total 62000 · ABC/M Conference Expenses	0.00	0.00	36.84	0.00	173.77	0.00	210.61
62700 · Contract Services							
62720 · Accounting Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
62750 · Legal Fees	90.00	0.00	360.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
62760 · Outside Contract Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	105.00	105.00
62780 · Webmaster Services	3,700.00	3,700.00	3,700.00	3,700.00	3,700.00	3,700.00	22,200.00
62790 · Contract Services - Labor	0.00	5,400.00	0.00	3,600.00	1,900.00	1,800.00	12,700.00
Total 62700 · Contract Services	3,790.00	9,100.00	4,060.00	7,300.00	5,600.00	10,605.00	40,455.00
62800 · Facilities and Equipment							
62880 · Real Estate, Personal Prop Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,356.57	0.00	0.00	1,356.57
62900 · Rent	3,514.06	3,514.06	3,514.06	3,514.06	3,514.06	3,514.06	21,084.36
62910 · Telephone	245.86	245.86	245.86	242.73	242.73	242.73	1,465.77
62920 · FWS Website	349.81	398.81	349.81	608.81	349.81	535.49	2,592.54
Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment	4,109.73	4,158.73	4,109.73	5,722.17	4,106.60	4,292.28	26,499.24
65000 · General Office Expense							
65010 · Bank Charges/Fees	0.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	5.00	20.00
65020 · Vendor Fees	1,029.03	821.04	1,160.48	1,117.58	1,031.33	1,731.29	6,890.75
65040 · Federal and State Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	762.71	0.00	0.00	762.71
65060 · Meals	0.00	0.00	9.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.70
65070 · Mileage	0.00	0.00	22.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	22.43
65080 · Office Security	47.39	214.91	47.39	0.00	179.00	217.52	706.21
65095 · Gifts & Honorariums	0.00	0.00	421.65	0.00	153.53	0.00	575.18
65000 · General Office Expense - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	91.25	91.25
Total 65000 · General Office Expense	1,076.42	1,040.95	1,666.65	1,885.29	1,363.86	2,045.06	9,078.23
65100 · Other Types of Expenses							
65120 · Insurance - Liability, D and O	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00	0.00	0.00	350.00
Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00	0.00	0.00	350.00
67000 · Payroll Expense							
67200 · Employee Benefits	66.56	66.56	66.56	168.56	66.56	5.43	440.23
67300 · Payroll Accounting	103.54	103.54	353.54	162.00	103.54	170.31	996.47
67400 · Payroll Tax Expense	681.40	681.43	681.40	701.12	720.85	1,081.27	4,547.47
67500 · Salary Expense	9,029.66	9,029.66	9,029.66	9,287.37	9,545.08	14,317.62	60,239.05
67600 · Unemployment Insurance	1,431.02	0.00	0.00	521.02	29.59	22.59	2,004.22
67700 · Workman's Comp Insurance	0.00	0.00	378.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	378.00
Total 67000 · Payroll Expense	11,312.18	9,881.19	10,509.16	10,840.07	10,465.62	15,597.22	68,605.44
69000 · Operations							
69020 · Printing and Copying							
69035 · Printing&Copies Knight	63.29	708.00	0.00	0.00	778.63	0.00	1,549.92
Total 69020 · Printing and Copying	63.29	708.00	0.00	0.00	778.63	0.00	1,549.92
69040 · Office Supplies	173.73	265.49	119.57	168.04	99.87	558.66	1,385.36
69050 · Computer Supplies	148.00	0.00	0.00	298.00	115.99	1,231.23	1,793.22
69080 · Packaging and Supplies	159.78	0.00	0.00	44.00	0.00	0.00	203.78
Total 69000 · Operations	544.80	973.49	119.57	510.04	994.49	1,789.89	4,932.28
99999 · Suspense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	20,833.13	25,154.36	20,501.95	26,607.57	22,704.34	34,329.45	150,130.80
Net Ordinary Income	-1,048.66	11,547.28	1,564.40	9,638.31	-560.80	-1,272.33	19,868.20
Net Income	-1,048.66	11,547.28	1,564.40	9,638.31	-560.80	-1,272.33	19,868.20

Conference Committee Report Corner

Conference Literature Committee

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.

Our Code of Ethics:

To keep each of our meetings safe and productive, we:

- **Communicate our views honestly and respectfully** on issues raised, especially controversial ones. We do not raise our voices, stoop to sarcasm, cuss, or try to bully others into our way of thinking.
- **Are tolerant** when we differ. We share our meeting time fairly so that each of us has an equal opportunity to comment.
- **Are willing to put our egos aside** when our opinions do not win favor with others. We are able to let go, trust our group conscience, and strive for the “unity and harmony that our Fellowship requires for the successful accomplishment of its primary purpose. Our service structure exists to support us” (per Concept Six, from our draft ‘Framework for Living’) and works for the greater good.
- **Encourage one another** by doing our part to maintain a safe and supportive atmosphere.

This has proved to be our blueprint for success. We ask your cooperation in continuing these traditions as we work together in the coming months. Thank you for helping the CLC by contributing your time and talents. Your Twelfth Step work is deeply appreciated!

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

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:

1. **Very Important:** The Literature Creation Editing and Publishing (LCEP) Workgroup (of the Board Publishing and Distribution Committee (BPDC) with appointed CLC members) is as follows: BPDC structure: BPDC membership is BOT: Suzanne (Chair), Christina, Jay. Non-BOT: Anthony, Lee, Tavia. LCEP membership is BOT: Suzanne (Chair), Christina, Jay (interim). CLC: Jeff, Lee. CCC: Anthony, Open. Former BOT: Deb, Stephen). The LCEP is hammering out a new draft process for how literature is created and Published: [LCEP Proposed](#)

[Workflow VERSION 3 r2 20220309](#) This item is **on the ABM Agenda 2022 as an IFD. Please familiarize yourself with this important document.** It will ultimately change the process of creating and publishing new literature. Next year it is likely to be a motion, and if approved will introduce sweeping changes for all writing groups and Conference Committees who create literature. Currently the CLC is piloting this effort by beginning to align with it. The LCEP committee which is a joint CLC and BPDC, is informed by this piloting effort as glitches that become apparent are being worked out along the way. We strongly urge you to ask questions and make comments. We look forward to hearing your ideas on it.

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 last year and some have become CLC approved Motions for approval at this year's ABM. They are as follows:

Here is a list of the items we have sent to the ARS to be **Motions** for the 2022 ABM:

- **12 Steps in Plain Language: Accepted by the ARS for 2022 ABM. Now on Second Agenda**
- **A Framework for Living: Accepted by the ARS for the 2022 ABM. Now on Second Agenda**
- **The Importance of Making Outreach Calls: Accepted by the ARS for the 2022 ABM, Now on Second Agenda**
- **Anorexia 8, 9: Accepted by the ARS for 2022 ABM. Now on Second Agenda**
- **Super Service Star: Accepted by ARS onto the 2022 ABM Agenda. Now on Second Agenda**

Writing projects to be IFDs at 2022 ABM:

- **Sex and Love Addiction on the Internet: Accepted by ARS for 2022 ABM. Now on Second Agenda**
- **Making the most of Meetings: Accepted by the ARS for 2022 ABM; Now on Second Agenda**
- **50th Anniversary Basic Text*: Accepted by the ARS for 2022 ABM. Now on Second Agenda**

- **Anorexia 10,11,12: Approved by CLC to be submitted as an IFD.**

IFD literature discussed at the ABM Conference last year received many favorable and constructive comments. The feedback was recorded as well as captured by a note taker (you may request these minutes from the F.W.S. website). It has been wonderful to work with the various Conference Service Committees and writing groups 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 submit your story here: <https://www.slaafws.org/committee/clc/> - Thank you for your service to the CLC!**

Join us!

Here's a list of our active projects. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1rNjJ9PNSIk6feES1t9mSkv0sL6LWMjEcZ7DARTSuveA/edit?usp=sharing>

Any one of these writing groups would be happy to have you join them in the writing of the piece of literature, or in your feedback on the piece.

Our one-and-a-half hour meetings are held on the **4th Saturday** of the month at 11:00 Central, eleven months out of the year.

Join Zoom Meeting
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Thank you all for your service!

Susan G.
CLC Chair

Conference Service Committee (CSC)

Mission Statement:

The Conference Service Committee (CSC) is responsible for educating and increasing members' commitment to service.

Announcement:

CSC is seeking additional members. Any S.L.A.A. member may become a member of the CSC. Volunteers are essential to the continuation of our many active projects!

Meeting Info:

Monthly, second Friday, one hour Zoom meeting, 892 0060 0554, passcode: 121976
4:00 p.m. Eastern, 3:00 p.m. Central, 2:00 p.m. Mountain, 1:00 p.m. Pacific

Established/Active Projects:

Super Service Star: Motion on 2022 ABM agenda.

Committee Info ("Conference Committees; What they do and when they meet!"):

This project maintains the "PDF Schedule of Conference Committee Meeting Times" found at <https://www.slaafws.org/conference-committees/>

Creative Service Media:

Needs a project leader. Seeks to produce visual/multimedia content to educate and inspire service. Some content is available to help carry on this project.

S.L.A.A. Service Manual:

Seeks to produce a manual for providing information about service. A draft is pending.

Sticking to Service:

How to adhere to service goals in the face of opposition: Needs a project leader. Seeks to produce written content for describing common challenges faced in being of service and solutions for maintaining a commitment to be of service in light of challenges that arise. Concept has been discussed and background information for content was collected but not organized into written form before the departure of the former project lead.

Committee Meeting Consolidated Schedule (Google Calendar):

This project maintains the Google Calendar data about Conference Committee meetings. The data has been published as a *.ics file that is downloadable from <https://www.slaafws.org/conference-committees/>. This resource is also available via <https://bit.ly/SLAACConfCmteCal>

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 #2022-1):

We started an S.L.A.A. virtual meeting in another part of the world – and it is the only one meeting in S.L.A.A. to that uses the language of that region. The group is fairly new (about eight months) and the maximum number of attendees is 15 on good days. A group conscience was taken (I wasn't there), and it was decided that only members who worked their Seventh Step are entitled to vote.

This means that the group decisions will be made by two or three (who worked their Seventh step). I feel this is in violation of the Twelve Traditions. I would very much appreciate your feedback on this.

Response #1:

Was this vote to restrict the vote to the people who have worked their Seventh Step a vote of all the members of the meeting present or only members who had worked their Seventh Step? (If only the 2-3 who have worked their Seventh Step, I have concerns that it was not a group conscience).

What is the logic of the Seventh Step? Why not the Third or the Ninth, or a six months of sobriety requirement? (The Seventh Step: "Humbly asked God to remove our shortcomings." doesn't seem magical).

I have seen some groups restrict the vote to people who regularly attend the meeting, to stop someone from recruiting "ringers" support of a particular motion they favor.

The thing is the Fourth Tradition says each group should be responsible to its group conscience. (In other words, each group is free to make its own mistakes).

If the majority of the group doesn't like the restrictions on the group conscience, they are free to start a new group and the original group would only have the few members who support the Seventh Tradition rule.

Remember the Traditions are only guidelines, they are not rules, so I wouldn't call what this meeting has done a "violation," but I do think that restricting the definition of the

voting members of the group for a group conscience is inconsistent with the spirit of the Traditions.

When I was first asked to be a delegate to the ABM and chaired a conference service committee, I was still working my Fourth Step. So while I was trusted by my intergroup and members of the ABM to vote on items affecting the fellowship as a whole, I would not have been allowed to partake in a group conscience vote at the meeting you asked about.

Response #2:

I agree, voting shouldn't be limited to members who worked certain steps, unless there is an election of service positions that requires working up to Step Seven in this case, and the requirements are in the meeting format. It is a violation of Traditions.

Response #3:

Tradition Four guides us to acknowledge that each group is autonomous. That means that a group has the right to be wrong, to make mistakes, to do things that are irrational. A group can do things that are contrary to the spirit of our Steps, Traditions, and Concepts.

We do not govern. Personally, I find a rule to limit voting to be unprincipled, but the group can do as they wish.

I highly encourage a study of the Twelve Concepts. Concept Twelve in part says that we "will always remain democratic in thought and action." In my opinion limiting voting based on recovery progress (or anything else for that matter) is undemocratic.

Response #4:

Tradition Four states that each group is autonomous unless it would affect another group or S.L.A.A. as a whole. Since this decision would not seem to affect any other groups, it is in keeping with this Tradition to make that decision.

However, Tradition Two indicates that our that our leaders are but trusted servants, and should not govern. By limiting decision making to only certain members who have worked through Step Seven, it would seem that those few members would be governing the ones who had not worked them yet. That would appear to be in conflict with this Tradition.

Concept Twelve provides sound guidance as well. Warranty C specifies that no member be placed in unqualified authority over others. Warranty D indicates that important decisions be made, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity. And, Warranty F states that we should remain democratic in thought and action. This decision to exclude certain members from having a vote does not seem to align with the Warranties.

Question from the Fellowship (Committee Reference #2022-2):

There are three questions that I would like input on:

1. Can the Twelve Traditions be abrogated by Intergroup via the bylaws?
2. Is specifying majority rule in a bylaw contrary to the Second Tradition?
3. My local S.L.A.A. Intergroup has taken the position that they will list groups that are not registered with Fellowship Wide Services. This includes meetings that are limited to people of a specific gender or race. That also includes my meeting that is just nervous about being listed on the F.W.S. website. Is this okay?

It will be interesting to me to hear different interpretations of the Traditions.

Response #1:

My responses to the three questions are:

1. Absolutely not. The Traditions cannot be abrogated. They may not be abolished, annulled, or treated as nonexistent. They are always a part of our program.

The Traditions are guidelines. In *The Framework for Living* they are called "points of light that guide us out of the darkness." But they are not laws, or rules, or commandments. They are guidelines.

Bylaws are laws. They are used to govern. Our intergroups — all of our service organizations — exist to serve the fellowship, not govern the fellowship.

The Concepts may be more relevant to this discussion. Concept Seven in particular addresses bylaws which are "empowering the trustees [or by extension, intergroups] to **manage and conduct** world service affairs." And, "also relies on tradition." The Traditions are spiritual in nature. They always supersede man made laws. However, we live in a practical world and must use the tools (including bylaws) we have to navigate through that world.

2. Not at all. However, we are guided both in the Traditions and in the Concepts to strive for substantial unanimity. Each group must decide for itself how best to do that.
3. Absolutely OK. Maintaining a complete meeting list at the intergroup level is excellent service to the addict who needs to find a meeting. Registration with F.W.S. is not what determines membership in our fellowship (see Tradition Three.) Note, however, that the F.W.S. website's meeting list links to each intergroup's website. So, if the intent is to not be visible on slaafws.org, that will not be possible.

I highly suggest reading a draft copy of *A Framework for Living* which will be available to your intergroup's ABM delegate shortly. It includes essays on the Concepts and the Traditions that are worth studying.

Response #2:

Very interesting Questions, responses as follows:

- 1) Remember the Traditions are only guidelines, they are not rules any intergroup or group may choose by group conscience to follow or not follow the Traditions. I would suspect that an intergroup that differs widely from the traditions would not be successful in the long run.
- 2) I believe that each group or intergroup may interpret "group conscience" in their own way. For some it may be 50% +1, for others they may strive for substantial unanimity (however you might define it). If any member of the group feels that substantial unanimity has not been met they should be able to call for a group conscience vote. At the ABM unless there is a unanimous vote, there is the opportunity for the minority opinion to advocate for their position and have a second vote.
- 3) If they call themselves and S.L.A.A. group and have no other affiliation, they are an S.L.A.A. group as defined in Tradition Two (*Any two or more persons gathered together for mutual aid in recovering from sex and love addiction may call themselves an S.L.A.A. group, provided that as a group they have no other affiliation.*) It doesn't matter if they have chosen to register with F.W.S. or be listed on the F.W.S. website. Your intergroup is free to decide if they want to list them on the website.

I worry that meetings that are restrictive by gender or race are violating the spirit of the Fifth Tradition (*to carry its message to the sex and love addict who still suffers*) if an addict needing support shows up at one of these meetings will they the meeting offer the support they need?

If the meeting has multiple affiliations (i.e., double winners A.A. and S.L.A.A.) then it is up to the intergroup to decide how to list them, but my opinion is that they should be clearly labeled showing the multiple affiliations.

Response #3:

Abrogate" in the Merriam Webster's definition means to treat as non-existent, to fail to do what is required by (something, such as responsibility).

Traditions cannot be treated as non-existent and bylaws cannot ignore or override traditions.

Traditions are guarding our safety, anonymity, singleness of purpose, and above all, “there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as is expressed in our group conscience”.

Bylaws are good to have, but they must respect all Twelve Traditions.

Response #4:

My personal responses to the three questions:

- 1) An intergroup using bylaws to abrogate Traditions would seem to be in conflict with Tradition Four. Tradition Four allows groups to be autonomous, unless the decision could affect other groups or S.L.A.A. as a whole. This decision would potentially affect many groups (at least all in the Intergroup area), and depending upon area size, could affect S.L.A.A. as a whole. The ramifications of overriding the Traditions could be far reaching and consequential.
- 2) There is nothing in Tradition Two that directly, or indirectly, dictates how to conduct a group conscience. In my program experience, use of majority rule is quite common. I do not see any potential conflict with Tradition Two or any other Traditions.
- 3) Neither the Traditions or Concepts have any requirement or suggestion concerning specific meeting listings with F.W.S. Tradition Four allows each group, including Intergroups, to be autonomous unless it would affect other groups or S.L.A.A. as a whole. This decision would not seem to have a negative impact on any group. In fact, it seems like it would positively impact them by helping more people find the meetings. There would also seem to be no impact on S.L.A.A. as a whole, so it appears to be in keeping with the Tradition.

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 August 21 – September Issue
2022 November 20 – December Issue
2023 February 19 – March Issue
2023 May 21 – June 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>.

Friends in Recovery,

Fifteen months ago, the 50th-Anniversary Basic Text Subcommittee (50BTS) began its work in reviewing the 623 responses to the “Change or Not to Change” survey - the survey designed to help determine which direction to take with the Basic Text 50th Anniversary edition for 2026.

We are grateful to all that responded to this survey. The responses you submitted helped us move in the direction of lightly editing the Basic Text chapters, respecting the voice of the writer but correcting for punctuation, spelling, formatting, and, as needed, changing parts of the text to read more clearly.

The first three chapters of the Basic Text are ready to read and available as draft literature for your feedback. The 50BTS wants to include you again in reviewing these chapters and asking for your feedback on them.

Please announce this opportunity in your meetings, groups and Intergroup and share the attached flier. The flier includes the link to a red-line edit of Chapters 1-3 and a short feedback form. Your feedback is important to us!

Gratefully,

The 50th-Anniversary Basic Text Subcommittee



We need your help...

to review a draft of lightly edited chapters of the S.L.A.A. Basic Text for a 50th-anniversary edition to be published in 2026.

Go to...

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/>





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

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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

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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, 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: 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 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: 1 hr 3rd Saturday @ 11:00AM PT, 12:00PM MT, 1:00PM CT, 2:00PM ET



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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

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 |
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The F.W.S. Newsletter

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.

If you are interested in serving or know anyone who might be; please Let Us Know by sending an email at this link: www.slaafws.org/bdc

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

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

...maintains a database of worldwide Groups, Intergroups, 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://www.slaafws.org/contact/General+Questions>
- Mail:
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FELLOWSHIP-WIDE SERVICES has a quarterly online newsletter.

Find out about new literature, new tools for recovery on the F.W.S. website, what happened at the Annual Business Meeting, what is going on with F.W.S. finances, and more. There are 4 issues plus a special ABM Edition, totaling 5 issues per year.

Subscribing is easy.

Text FWSNEWS to 42828

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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.
- Remember to maintain anonymity by using first name and last initial.
- Place periods between the initials in the fellowship name in written material that is made public: **S.L.A.A.**
- The newsletter is not a recovery-oriented publication per se and not to be confused with the *Journal*, which publishes articles of recovery.
- Use the following email address for submissions: <https://slaafws.org/fwsnews-submit>

Deadlines for Submissions are Sundays:

2022 August 21 – September Issue

2022 November 20 – December Issue

2023 February 19 – March Issue

2023 May 21 – June Issue

Please feel free to ask questions, make suggestions and become part of the international community of S.L.A.A. You can contact the editor at: <https://slaafws.org/fwsnews-submit>.