



**The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A.
Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc.
Board 7th Tradition Committee (B7TC)
Annual Board Committee Report**



June 21, 2023

Mission Statement:

Abiding with all Traditions, especially focusing on the 7th, the primary mission of the B7TC is to help ensure the long-term financial well-being and fiscal sustainability of the Fellowship through the development and implementation of 7th Tradition giving opportunities. The B7TC studies, develops, designs, and implements the attraction campaigns that are vital to the Fellowship's financial stability and growth. The B7TC fulfills its mission by various means including information gathering, relationship building, and contribution campaigns to meet the general ongoing, unique, and specific needs of our Fellowship.

B7TC Membership

Juanita J (MD), Phoenix G. (TX), and Rick B. (FL) – Chair.

Meeting Schedule

The B7TC met on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 4pm PT, 5pm MT, 6pm CT, 7pm ET for a one-hour Zoom call.

Overview of the Year:

The B7TC has been looking at ways to improve contribution campaigns for the Fellowship of Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous (S.L.A.A.). Some of the work that has been done this Conference Year (CY) is to look at a supplemental scholarship for Delegates. The Committee reviewed the Mission Statement, the F.W.S. Contribution Policy, and possible Bequest Policy. An important part of the work done this CY is to draft a B7TC Manual to archive Experience, Strength, and Hope from the current members for new Committee members along with help for any new chairs.

Summary of Activities:

1. Discussed creating a new “separate” Delegate Scholarship Fund for ABM participation.
2. Considered adding a Fellowship Wide Auction to help fund new scholarships.
3. Discussed additions to or replacements for the Life Saver Campaign (LSC).
4. Reviewed and updated the B7TC Mission Statement.
5. Elected a new Chair of the Committee in January.
6. Researched the Life Saver Campaign for its origin and the length of the dollar-for-dollar matching program.
 - a. The LSC was 1st mentioned on October 17th, 2019, to create a “Monthly Ongoing Contribution” donation stream.
 - b. Dollar-for-Dollar matching donation was only part of the roll out of the LSC as discussed in March of 2020 and would go until the funds ran out.
 - c. The Board Fellowship Self-supporting Committee (BFSC), which was the precursor to the B7TC, was looking for a way to get monthly contributions to help with the

- F.W.S. Budget process and to have a better idea of what funds are coming in on a monthly basis.
7. Looked into ways to facilitate a Fellowship wide Auction.
 8. Discussed a Fellowship Membership Drive like the one proposed by the Conference Finance Committee in 2021-2022.
 9. Drafting a B7TC non-BOT Member Appointment Process to help the next chair of this Committee to have a guide with suggestions along with resources to make populating this Board Committee easier, clearer, and smoother.
 - a. Created an Application Invitation Letter
 - b. non-BOT member Prep Letter (to inform potential candidates what is needed and what happens next)
 - c. and the B7TC non-BOT Member Process document to bring them all together.
 10. Wrote a letter asking that the references to Dollar-for-Dollar matching be removed from the Fellowship-Wide Services (F.W.S.) website.
 11. Reviewed the F.W.S. Contribution Policy and updated it for clarity.
 - a. Placed the contribution amount limit in the document.
 - b. Added the term: "Group acting as an Intergroup" to the Policy.
 - c. Changed "cannot accept" to "does not accept" when referring to outside entities.
 12. Researched the Prudent Reserve Policy for S.L.A.A. and looked at other Fellowships.
 - a. It is common to have not limit on the amount that can be donated to this Fund.
 13. Drafted a Goals and Tasks document for the Committee that acts as a calendar of activities and Action Items for each month.
 14. Started drafting a Manual for the B7TC with:
 - a. Report Templates
 - b. draft submissions to the F.W.S. Newsletter
 - c. Annual Business Meeting (ABM) Preparations List
 - d. a Committee Calendar
 - e. and some form letters
 15. Looking for more resources for different ABM Scholarship program and the process that goes with its implementation.
 16. Researched bequest wording in other Fellowships and for general institutions.
 17. Worked on drafting a potential F.W.S. Bequest Policy for better guidance to the Fellowship.
 - a. Plus, a "process" for taking care of a bequest (i.e., copy of the Last Will and Testament, F.W.S. responsibilities, Treasurer's paperwork, etc.)
 18. Edited the Organizational Questionnaire for the 7th Tradition Committee to give better directions on how to rate each of the Committee Indicators.
 19. Started to review some of the Organizational Questionnaire parts to improve the B7TC and refine what the Committee needs to achieve each Conference Year.

B7TC Budget

The B7TC drew no funds during the Conference Year (CY). As the 7th Tradition Committee moves forward with the service work that it is responsible for, there may be a request for financial support in the commission of those activities in relation to increasing 7th Tradition contributions in CY 2024.

Other

The Board Committees are looking for new members. Consider giving some time and service to these vital service work groups. Pick up a Board Committee Flier at the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) on the Paperwork Table and review if this might be a good fit for you. If you could be of help, just fill out a Board Committee Application (also on the Paperwork Table) and return it to a member of the Board Development Committee (BDC), Board of Trustee member, or send it to the Contact the Board Link on the F.W.S. website.

Contact Information

To contact the Board 7th Tradition Committee or send in some ideas about increasing Seventh Tradition contributions or fundraising suggestions, please feel free to click the F.W.S. website link at: <https://www.slaafws.org/B7TC/>

Acknowledgements

I would like to share my gratitude for the Trustees that supported the work of the Board 7th Tradition Committee this year. Seeing individuals who are willing to give up a slice of their Life for the good of others – who will never know their names – has warmed my heart.

It has been an honor to be of service to the Annual Business Meeting participants, to the Conference Committees, and to the Fellowship that not only saved my life, but... gave me a life worth living!

Submitted in the spirit of Service,
Rick B. (FL) – Board 7th Tradition Committee chair



Board Development Committee (BDC) Report

June 30, 2023

– Prepared by Suzanne D., BDC Chairperson

Mission Statement: Board Development Committee (BDC) focuses on the internal activities, systems and procedures of the BOT to insure its long-term effectiveness.

Meeting Information: This committee continues to meet the fourth Sunday of the month at 12:00 pm ET, 11:00 am CT, 9:00 am PT, 5:00 pm CET.

Items worked on this year included improving the Suggested Guidelines for selecting Whistleblower Investigator for the Whistleblower complaint process to be formalized and presented to the Board of Trustees (BOT). Suggestions include factors like diversity, demonstrated actions in alignment with our traditions, concepts and emotional sobriety, and a 3-year S.L.A.A. self-defined sobriety to name a few. We are requesting that it get populated with 3 members, on a rotational basis, so the first would be on it for year three, the second in their second year and the third member in their first year. This has yet to be discussed as a motion.

The BDC worked to invite fellows to apply for Board of Trustees positions as they become available. Conducted the oral interviews for those who are putting their name forward and gathered the forms to add to the ABC/M binder. We updated the checklist to prepare for the ABC/M as well.

New BOT members have a lot to acclimate to when they first get voted onto the Board. We are always looking for ways to improve the transition from changes in the Trustees from year to year. This year, we discussed creating BOT New Trustee Onboarding videos and the transferring of Board Committee Chairs at the start of the new BOT year to also have instructional videos. They will be audio and visual and view only recorded learning sessions. This way if they are kept to short videos broken into topics, the new Trustees can re-watch them if they needed. If done on Zoom, the trainer can screen share so there are also visuals. These are just some ideas we are discussing.

Other review and updates include policies that have been maintained in the Board of Trustees Manual. We haven't gotten to these and will continue to have them on our agenda until we can get to them.



**The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A.
Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc.
Board Outreach Committee (BOC)
Annual Board Committee Report**



June 30, 2023

**Board Outreach Committee
Annual Report to the ABC/M 2022-23**

Monthly Meeting

Date: Third Thursday of the month

Time: 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM EST

Dedicated zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88452624025>

Meeting ID: 884 5262 4025

Passcode: none

Current Membership:

Hernan (SF-EB, CA)– BOT- Chair

Rick B. (FL) – BOT

BOC Vision Statement

The Board Outreach Committee's vision is to bring about the goal of establishing S.L.A.A. Fellowship-Wide Services (F.W.S.) as a global resource for recovering from sex and love addiction by developing services and materials that make the gifts of the S.L.A.A. Program available to anyone inside or outside of our Fellowship.

BOC Mission Statement

The Board Outreach Committee's mission is to support the BOT's overall goal to strengthen the quality of the S.L.A.A. message to our Fellowship and to improve awareness and understanding within our Fellowship by keeping a pulse on the membership.

Intro: This is my Annual Report to the Fellowship at the ABM on the activities and status of projects developed and led by the BOC. I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve in this Committee and to the fellows that participated with much desire to serve the community, especially Rick B., BOT Trustee, whose support, strength, hope and experience in service are incredibly valuable.

Overview of the Year:

The BOC invested a considerable amount of time in the development of the Quadrennial Membership Survey for the Fellowship of Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous (S.L.A.A.). The draft version will be submitted to the BOT for their review and approval this July 2023. This survey is going beyond the usual objective of gathering very important information that will enable us all to enhance what our Program offers; it is also intended to serve as a deep

reflection and an intimate overview of the Program as a spiritual healing practice in the context of what our fellowship has reported over the years as practices they follow striving for sobriety and for developing a healthy relationship with ourselves and others. The survey also is the result of the outreach efforts developed by the BOC to the scientific community that is, at least in part, pursuing to introduce Sex and Love Addiction as a recognized addiction in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual, the DSM, the official medical directory of medically recognized mental health afflictions by the American Psychiatric Association. Another critical piece of the work that has been done this Conference Year (CY) is to review and refocus the Letter to Professionals, in order to enhance our visibility in both Mental Health professionals as well as Treatment Centers as to our Program's offerings.

Pipeline of Initiatives

- Start to draft a H&I Guidelines/Manual toward Treatment Facilities
- Start drafting some more resources from S.L.A.A. to Mental Health Professional and Therapist
- Find different ways to spread the word that S.L.A.A. can help
- Draft a Process of doing Health Fairs, Wellness Days, and Therapist Conferences from S.L.A.A. members
- Consider development of an SLAA App
- Draft a YouTube Protocol to create audio/video content for a greater online presence by S.L.A.A
- Continue developing knowledge of how other fellowships interact and serve inmate and other similar institutional corrections populations. Reach out to a Federal Institution and a State Penitentiary and see how to get a Basic Text to them
- Draft a BOC Statement in favor of an "Official" S.L.A.A. YouTube Channel
- Distribute curated content created by conference committees, like the CHRC Healthy Relationships Media Kit, to position and enhance SLAA's reputation in the mental health professional community as a source of reliable and relevant healing materials.

BOC Budget

The BOC drew no funds during the Conference Year (CY). As the Outreach Committee moves forward with reaching the addict who still suffers, there may be a request for financial support in the commission of those activities in relation to Conferences and participation with them during CY 2024.

WANTED: THE BOC SEEKS THE INPUT AND FEEDBACK FROM ANYONE WHO IS ENGAGED IN OR HAS KNOWLEDGE OF ANY EXISTING 12 STEP PROGRAM THAT SUCCESSFULLY WORKS THEIR PROGRAM WITH THE INMATE POPULATION, OR WHO IS CURRENTLY A VOLUNTEER IN A SLAA IG THAT HAS AN EXISTING INMATE / CORRECTIONS INSTITUTION INITIATIVE IN PLACE.

Other

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return it to a member of the Board Development Committee (BDC), a Board of Trustee member, or send it to the Contact the Board Link on the F.W.S. website.

Contact Information

To contact the Board Outreach Committee or send in some ideas about improving outreach from the Fellowship at the Intergroup and the worldwide level, please feel free to click the F.W.S. website link at: www.slaafws.org/BOC/

Acknowledgements

I would like to share my gratitude for the Trustees that supported the work of the Board Outreach Committee this year. Seeing individuals who are willing to give up a slice of their Life for the good of others – who will never know their names – inspires me. Also, I want to acknowledge the support and work of several conference committees, their contributions to the SLAA fellowship have been also the source of inspiration and motivation for some of the work we are doing at the BOC.

Thanks very much to all for your interest in our report, and we invite you to help us serve and reach out the ones that still suffer all over the world. It has been an honor to be of service to the Annual Business Meeting participants, to the Conference Committees, and to the Fellowship!

Respectfully submitted,

Hernan V. (SF-EB, CA) – Board Outreach Committee Chair, FY 2022-23



BPDC — The Board Publishing and Distribution Committee

The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A.,
Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc.
Conference Year (CY) 2022 – 2023

First Wednesdays at: 4 pm PT, 6pm CT, 7pm ET (60 Minutes)

To Join: Email: CanWeBOT@Gmail.com

BPDC Mission Statement: The Board Publishing and Distribution Committee's sole task is to tackle the responsibility of making literature ready for sale and distribution.

BPDC Members: BOT – Phoenix G. (Chair), Jay G., Sam E., Rick B.
Non-BOT – Lee W., Tavia K., Anthony P.

Three pieces of literature were approved for publishing at the 2022 ABM. The BPDC's job has been getting those pieces ready for publishing. When literature pieces are approved without all the editing done, this group continues the work, and this process takes time.

- 1) Outreach Pamphlet – for sale in PDF on FWS website
- 2) Anorexia 8-9 Booklet – in progress
- 3) Super Service Star pamphlet – in progress

Other Items on Agenda:

- 4) Member Retention booklet
- 5) Spanish Translation
- 6) Translation and Copyright Committee
- 7) Bundling Digital Pamphlets & Booklets Update
- 8) Motion for A State of Grace (ASOG)



LCEP – (Literature Creation, Editing, & Publishing)

Sub Committee of the BPDC
The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A.,
Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc.
Conference Year (CY) 2022 – 2023

Second and Fourth Wednesdays at: 4 pm PT, 6pm CT, 7pm ET (60 Minutes)

To Join: Email: CanWeBOT@Gmail.com

LCEP Members: BPDC/BOT: Phoenix G. (Chair), Sam E, Jay G.
Former Board Members: Stephen S., Deb W.
CLC: Lee W. (Facilitator), Jeff R.
CCC: Anthony P.

The majority of the 2022 – 2023 meetings have been editing the Workflow document, which is on the agenda for the ABM. This workflow document, while time consuming to create and edit, will save time in the long run for the overall literature process. The goal of the Workflow is increased collaboration and cooperation throughout the process between all groups involved in the production of literature: the author or writing group (WG), the Conference Literature Committee (CLC), the Board of Trustees (BOT), the Conference, and general members of the S.L.A.A. Fellowship.

Moving forward for the 2023 – 2024 conference year, we will vote to flip the times, with BPDC meeting twice a month, and LCEP meeting once a month.

**BOARD PROGRAM and MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (BPMC)
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE 2022/23 ABM**



Mission Statement:

“Board Programs and Membership Committee (BPMC) provides guidance, oversight, and support to successfully implement the ABM / IRC, maintain the FWS Newsletter, and other projects to benefit members of the Fellowship.”

Members:

Gabriel G. California-BOT Member-Chair, Mark S., NY, New York, Hernan V.-BOT member, San Francisco, California

Meeting Time: 3rd Sunday of the month, 2:30 p.m. PT/ 4:30 p.m. CT/ 5:30 p.m. ET

Subcommittee:

- FWS Newsletter

2023 Agenda Items

- Search for a “NEW” FWS Newsletter Editor
- Reviewed & Discussed 2023 ABM Host City Applicants
- Discussed Ideas related to the ABM Hybrid
- Discussed ABM Scholarships
- Developed ABM Local Planning Committee(LPC) Chair Outline
- Discussed ABM Recordkeeper
- Discussed ABM Options: In Person/Hybrid/Virtual
- Discussed FWS Newsletter Policy & Guidelines
- S.L.A.A. Archive Project

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING PLANNING COMMITTEE (ABM PC)
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Members:

Gabriel G - ABM/PC Chair, Sacramento, California, Suzanne S. - BOT Chair, San Antonio, Texas, Nora B. - CCC Chair, Orange County, California, Pam Martin - Executive Director, San Antonio Texas, Sam E., BOT Asst. Treasurer/BFC, New Jersey, Anthony P. - CCC member, Chicago, Illinois, Suzie G. - CFC Rep., UK, Breean C. - LPC Rep., Orange County, California

Meeting Time: 3rd Thursday of the month, 1:00pm PT/3:00pm CT/4:00pm ET/9:00pm GMT

2022 Agenda Items

- 2022 ABM Wrap Discussion
- 2023 ABM Location, Dates
- 2023 ABM In Person/Hybrid
- 2023 ABM Registration fees
- 2023 ABM Commuter Registration
- 2023 Hybrid Logistics & Technology
- ABM Scholarships
- ABM Forms
- ABM Timelines & Deadlines
- ABM Recordkeeper
- ABM Conference Committee Breakout Session information

**BOARD TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE (BTC)
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Members:

Gabriel G. California-BOT Member-Chair, David W., California, Jim B., California, Julie M.-BOT member, California

Meeting Time: 1st Tuesday of the month, 10:00 a.m. PT/ 12:00 p.m. CT/ 1:00 p.m. ET

Subcommittee:

- WMS (Website Management Subcommittee)

2023 Agenda Items

- Office Technology & Equipment-Hardware/Software
- Meeting Finder
- FWS Website Policy
- 2023 ABM Hybrid
- Resignation of FWS Technology Director
- Website Coordinators