

Board of Trustees Chair's Annual Report

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On our way to the ABC/M next month I want to take the time to thank all of the countless hours and efforts made by the volunteers and staff that enable us to continue to carry the message. I am grateful to my core for everyone who reviewed drafts of documents, communications, and literature, attended conference committees and provided input, participated in fund-raising to help keep us self-supporting, and acted as liaisons between groups, intergroups, and committees. It was a year of “all hands on deck”.

Board Committee Chairs and Conference Committee Liaisons shuffled earlier this year, and still stands as follows: **Board Chair & President of the Corporation:** Suzanne D. (TX), **Treasurer** of the Corporation: Jay G. (OH), **Secretary** of the Corporation: Rick B. (FL)

Board Committees: **Board Copyright and Translation Committee Chair:** Julie M., **Board Development Committee Chair:** Suzanne D., **Board Finance Committee Chair:** Jay G., **Board Human Resources Personnel Committee Chair:** Juanita J., **Board Outreach Committee Chair:** Hernan V., **Board Publishing and Distribution Committee Chair:** Phoenix G., **Board Technology Committee Chair:** Gabriel G., **Board Seventh Tradition Committee Chair:** Rick B., **Board Programs and Membership Committee Chair:** Gabriel G..

Liaisons to the Conference Committees: **CAC** - Phoenix G., **CBC** - Rick B., **CCC** - Suzanne D., **CDC** - Gabriel G., **CFC** - Phoenix G., **CHRC** - Hernan V., **CICC** - Juanita J., **CJC** - Julie M., **CLC** - Sam E., **CMRC** - Rick B., **CPIC** - Hernan V., **CSC** - Jay G., **CSPC** - Julie M., **CSTCC** - Sam E., **CTIOC** - Julie M., **Conference Chairs Committee** – Suzanne D..

The budget for 2022-2023 was approved and this conference year we set out to fund the cost of putting on the first ever hybrid (integrated) Annual Business Conference/Meeting (ABC/M). It was highly anticipated by everyone, to include the individual members of the Board of Trustees. However, as it sometimes goes, for all our planning and efforts we found we would not be meeting our fiduciary obligations for this year if we continued. We, in group conscious had to make difficult and unpopular decisions that we explained in two separate letters to the fellowship. They are posted on our website. So, for this year at least, the ABC/M is set for August 1st through August 4th, 2023 as an in-person meeting hosted by the Orange County, California Intergroup, at The Hilton in Costa Mesa, California.

We reviewed and had voted to adopt an online calendar and event software called Trumba towards to end of 2022, and we were told it would be available around March 2023. In our preview demonstration of it we were able to play around with it and find S.L.A.A. meetings and their contacts, find Intergroups and their contacts, it was a very robust database and seemed ideal. It was all the BOT, Intergroups, and Conference Committees were looking for to make access to Committees, meetings, Intergroups, and events easier. Once our Technology Director began working with the company to

proceed, the reality of what they had to offer could not be accomplished for what we needed. This was a disappointment. We are still interested in finding something that will help bring all our information together, our meetings, Intergroups and Committees with their meeting information and contacts in one simple location, and available to everyone who needs it.

Other big news this year is that our office staff moved the office to a more efficient and appropriately sized office still within San Antonio, Texas. The move went smoothly, and we appreciate Pam, Christina and Hector, as well as the vendors that made it all possible.

After a long-tenured support of our fellowship as Technology Director departed, we are still evaluating how we will proceed to fill the duties and talents that our valued Beth S. provided. Over the years, that role kept expanding, and as technology changed, she had to stay flexible and change with it. We will be ever grateful for her service and dedication and wish her the best of success on her next endeavors. Experts in delivering hybrid events have been identified and their contact information passed along to me. I have spoken with them and will connect them to our Board Technology Committee.

Our Life Saver program was a success and got us safely through the Pandemic years. The automatic contributions that many members and groups continue to make are vital to funding not only the ABC/M, but everything we do. The prior contributions have now exceeded the match that a number of members and groups pledged and paid, and we would welcome additional pledges to match contributions. We are a self-supporting fellowship after all and could sure use that support!

Literature: We have several bundles available in our on-line store. The BPDC made appropriate edits and we now also have the Making Outreach Calls pamphlet that became Conference-approved August 2022 being the newest. It is available as a PDF and will be added to any applicable bundles. The Board Publishing & Distribution Committee (BPDC) and Literature Creation, Editing, & Publishing (LCEP) subcommittee have further refined the proposal for how best to create, edit and publish literature. They have spent the last three years at least working on this project and we appreciate their efforts and dedication to infusing our traditions and concepts into the process.

In June, just last month, our office received a shipment of hard copies of our Basic Text and upon inspection, 500 of them were defective. The first 6 pages were not attached and needed to be rebound. The company we use wanted us to send them the defective versions back first before they would make the order to replace them. We are grateful that Pam was able to do her magic and we have already been sent replacement copies. This was not an easy task.