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Editor's Note

Dear Fellows,

I am Sarah, a sex and love addict from Italy. I am excited to introduce myself as the new editor of our newsletter. It is a privilege to take on this service position and to connect with my fellows all over the world.

I wish to thank Chris, our previous editor, for his dedicated and excellent service, for being such a loving service sponsor and for making my service a great opportunity for growth and greater connection with my Higher Power.

I appreciate this newsletter as a tool for service and growth of the fellowship.

Thank you for welcoming me and letting me be of service. I am looking forward to this journey together.

In service,

Sarah S.L.A.A.

P.S., Please be sure to check out information about the 2024 Annual Business Meeting at <https://slaafws.org/abminfo/>.

IMPORTANT

We need a recordkeeper for the 2024 virtual Annual Business Meeting (ABM). It is being held Thursday - Saturday, August 8 - 10, 2024. The recordkeeper drafts the minutes of the ABM. This is an important service opportunity. If interested, feel free to reach out to <https://slaafws.org/fwsnews-submit>.

Executive Director's Report

May 8, 2024

Hello from exciting (read: hot and humid) South Texas! Springtime here in Texas brings a mixed bag: bluebonnets and wildflowers, torrential rain and flooding, poisonous baby snakes, and the colorful craziness of Fiesta (San Antonio's 10-day party, which dates back to 1891). Among these events is the annual south-to-north migration of wild birds along routes which pass through both rural and urban areas. Last night, more than 32 million birds flew overhead. As of this morning, an estimated 101,294,800 birds have flown through Texas, heading back to their original habitats all over the United States and Canada. Maybe I am a "bird geek", but I find that both incredible and reassuring. My take-away: We all can find our way "home". We only have to trust that we can, and then go.

As we move into the "middle" of the year, please take a moment to check on your Lifesaver recurring contribution. We have seen many Lifesaver contributions lapse simply due to an expired credit card or address-related issue. Your contributions, especially those recurring monthly giving plans, are the lifeblood of our Fellowship. Thank you for all of your generosity!

ABM 2024 (August 8th thru 10th) is now about 90 days away (as of May 8). Please don't forget that registration is open and that all registration forms are on the ABM page of the

F.W.S. website. We ask that you please register as soon as possible so we have a more accurate count of attendees during our planning process. This will enable us to provide the best possible ABM experience for all who attend. The Second Agenda was emailed to ABM 2024 registrants on May 6th, and it is also posted on the ABM page of the F.W.S. website. The Third Agenda will be emailed to registrants on June 24th.

We do hope that you will join us for ABM 2024, either as a Delegate representing your Intergroup or as an Observer. The annual business meeting is a great opportunity to participate in the growth and stewardship of our Fellowship.

From all of us at the F.W.S. Office, we send you our best wishes - wherever you may be!

Respectfully,
Pam Reyes
Executive Director

Board of Trustees Chair Report

As of May 22, 2024 – Prepared by Suzanne D., Board of Trustees Chairperson

Hello Fellows! Here we are, less than 90 days from our annual get-together and much work has gone on with the Board of Trustees (BOT) and their committees. Here is a recap of our meetings, which includes an extra meeting. On March 23, 2024 we met a second time with a quorum of five out of eight Trustees who met to review, discuss and approve a final draft of the Webmaster/Technology Contract. It unanimously passed 5:0:0. Next steps: It was posted on our F.W.S. Website. We have since been able to review the applicant contractors, will be conducting interviews over the next two weeks and will then announce our new Technology partner soon after that. Thank you for your patience.

Our April 13, 2024, meeting we had discussed or voted on several items including the IRS form 990 and we voted in our fabulous new F.W.S. Newsletter Editor, Sarah B. Welcome Sarah, we appreciate your willingness to take on this important service position.

In April, then again in May, we worked out some issues with the 2024 S.L.A.A. Membership Survey, got those resolved and will move forward to getting the survey out as soon as possible, so be on the lookout for that. We are currently in discussions about Annual Business Conference/Meeting (ABC/M) details and working with providing feedback to the various Board and Conference committees who carry out the organization and details of the ABC/M.

We voted in two new non-Board of Trustees members to an Archives subcommittee of our Board Programs & Membership Committee (we voted in the first one earlier). We reviewed Financial documents and a review of them by a Certified Public Accountant (PCA). We look forward to seeing the Delegates this August!

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Copyright and Translations Committee (BCTC)

Welcome to the Board Copyright and Translation Committee (BCTC) message to the Fellowship-Wide Services (F.W.S.) Newsletter about our activities for the Spring of 2024.

This submission is meant to inform each member of the Fellowship of Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous (S.L.A.A.) about the activities of the BCTC during the last several months. You are the people for whom we are doing this service and are thankful to all of you for letting us have a chance to “Give back through Service!”

The BCTC members are Pam Reyes – Executive Director (Fellowship-Wide Services [F.W.S.]), Moses C. (BRA) – non-BOT member, and Rick B. (FL) – chair.

The Committee meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 4:30pm CT, 5:30pm ET, and 6:30pm Brasilia Standard Time (BST) for a one-hour Zoom call.

Recent Activities:

1. Drafting a BCTC Mission Statement as this Committee started as a subcommittee.
2. Split up all the links on the F.W.S. website associated with “Translation”, cut & pasted them into a document, and forwarded to the responsible Committee for update:
 - a. **BCTC** to address:
 - i. “Is It Really Necessary” (doc),
 - ii. “What is in a Name: FWS and S.L.A.A.?” (letter),
 - iii. “S.L.A.A. Copyright and Logos Update” (policy),
 - iv. “Translation Copyright Packet” (process document).
 - b. **CTIOC** (Conference Translation and International Outreach Committee) responsibilities:
 - i. “Help Us Carry the Message” (flier),
 - ii. “A Simple Guide to the Translation Process” (one-page instructions),
 - iii. Translations Guidelines for S.L.A.A. Literature” (12-page guidelines).
3. Standardized the Annual Royalties Request letter and sent to Intergroups with translated literature that they sell.
4. Reviewing the Licensing Agreement wording and considering updating it.
5. Thought to get the copyright to the S.L.A.A. “Coin Logo” and found it is not needed.
 - a. If a “blue” logo is copyrighted, then a “red” logo will be as well.
6. Starting to update the Copyright and Logos Policy.

7. Working to clarify the language of the Licensing Agreement to help Intergroups.
8. Requests for Information (RFIs) reviewed for: France – Companion to Chapter 4 of the Basic Text/Anorexia 8 & 9/Steps Questions Workbook & Poland – Sober Dating,
9. Trying to help the Spanish Basic Text Translation Team and get them to production.
10. Looking to update the 8 Core documents with the two new Core Documents:
 - a. #9 – What is Anorexia in S.L.A.A.
 - b. #10 – 50 Questions for Self-Diagnosis of Sexual, Social, and Emotional Anorexia.
11. The Executive Director had several websites remove the S.L.A.A. Basic Text that they were giving away for free (more than 60% of the Annual Budget comes from sales of literature).
12. Discussed clarifying the difference between Net Sales and Gross Sales.
13. Considering adding more explanation to the Licensing Agreement about how to calculate the royalty payments (Excel Sheet with plug in formula).
14. The non-BOT Member is continually updating the Database of Translations.
15. BCTC Goals for Conference Year (CY) 2024:
 - a. Make all Board Committee generated translation documents consistent.
 - b. Draft a BCTC Manual with templates and resources for the Committee.
 - c. Create a Calendar of Activities for the next BCTC Chair.
 - d. Start the Spanish Basic Text Work Group (SBT-WG) and help them out.

The BCTC has been working diligently to address the items on the agenda and clarify all the aspects of this Committee’s responsibilities. We are also working to complete the Goals of the Committee before the end of the Conference Year (CY).

I am deeply grateful for the support of Moses c. (BRA), the non-BOT member of this Committee for his diligence and passion for the work of translations. And to Pam Reyes, our Executive Director, who gives so much to the Fellowship! I would also like to say “Thank You” to each member of S.L.A.A. for helping the members of this Committee in our recovery because “Service Keeps You Sober”!

In Fellowship,
Rick B. (FL.) – BCTC chair

**Board Development Committee (BDC)
22 May 2024**

– 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.

A reminder of our goals established by the Committee for this Conference Year 2024:

- 1) Calendar of responsibilities for BDC w/updated associated documents, to include the BOT Committees self-evaluation document, fliers, invitations, BOT election process script document, etc.
- 2) Board Interview Application – Review and add questions
- 3) Update Orientation for BOT (Revise expectations to make current, scripts, 5-min videos, when, where, how, check-ins, etc.)

Our work continued on this committee to review documents and update them and we go. We updated the Last Year Term Letter that goes out to Trustees whose coming to the end of their final term year and a request to let the BDC know if they intend to run for re-election. The benefit of knowing this in advance helps the BDC gather and update their paperwork to include in the 3rd version of the Agenda so voting members have the ability to read through and formulate questions during the time where they can meet the candidates and ask questions. During the ABC/M the BDC is busy gathering paperwork for any candidates who are nominated during the meeting, so having as much information presented to voting members earlier gives everyone involved more time to review all he applications.

Board Programs and Membership Committee and ABM Planning Committee (BPMC and ABM PC)

The BPMC meets the first Sunday of the month, 5:30 p.m. PT/ 9:30 a.m. AUS the next day.

Members: Chris D. (Chair, BOT); Jack F. (BOT); Karma K. (Non-BOT)

Our three goals were determined to be:

- a. F.W.S. Newsletter
 - b. ABC/M, including options for hybrid, non-US site, using Travel Equalization Program to help non-US folks attend if held in US.
 - c. Archives project
1. F.W.S. Newsletter
 - a. March issue on the website.
 - b. Sarah B from Italy is our new F.W.S. Newsletter Editor. She's already working on the June edition. Very grateful she's started!
 2. S.L.A.A. Archive
 - a. The S.L.A.A. Archives Subcommittee of the BPMC met for the first time on April 16 with three present. In addition to me as the chair, we have one

other approved member and two other S.L.A.A. members in the process of being approved. Our next meeting will be May 17.

- b. Several members have archives and our goal will be to at the very least inventory the items, hopefully digitize and perhaps centralize them. More will be revealed.

The ABM PC meets the third Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m. Pacific time, U.S.
Current membership of the ABM PC is:

Nora B.	CCC Chair
Chris D.	BOT member and Programs & Membership Chair
Pam Reyes	Executive Director
SuzAnne D.	BOT Chair
Breean B.	LPC ABM Chair
David W.	Board Technology Committee Member
Ari F.	CCC Representative
Sam E.	BOT member and Treasurer's Representative
Celia G.	CFC Representative

1. ABC/M is going to be fully virtual Thursday through Saturday, August 8-10, 2024.
2. We need a recordkeeper for the ABM. They draft the minutes of the ABM. This is an important service opportunity. The recordkeeper cannot have any other service position at the ABM such as delegate. If interested, feel free to reach out to <https://slaafws.org/fwsnews-submit>.
3. Conference Service Manual continues to be worked on.
4. Board Technology Committee continues to work on the process for voting at the ABM.
5. The Local Planning Committee meets just before ABM PC meeting. A talent show is being planned as a fundraiser. There should be a speaker meeting, and a fun event on the first night – possibly a mixer with S.L.A.A. related icebreaker questions in breakout rooms.
6. We also discussed how Conference Committees will meet during the ABM.

Many thanks to Jack and Karma for their work on the BPMC and to those on the ABM PC for their work on that subcommittee.

In service,
Chris D.

Board Publishing & Distribution Committee (BPDC)

Welcome to the next Board Publishing and Distribution Committee (BPDC) message to the Fellowship-Wide Services (F.W.S.) Newsletter for the Spring of 2024.

This Letter is meant to inform each member of the Fellowship of Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous (S.L.A.A.) about the activities of the BPDC during the last several months.

You are the people for whom we are doing this service and are thankful to all of you for giving us a chance to “Give back through Service!”

The BPDC’s Mission Statement is:

The Board Publishing and Distribution Committee’s sole task is to tackle the responsibility of making literature ready for sale and distribution.

Recent Activities:

1. Looking at making a list of all work needed to “finalize” a piece of literature.
 - a. Add: Page numbers, Digital Rights Management (DRM), Cover Page, Copyright Page, 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, etc.
2. Created a Vendor List (Editors and Layout workers) for future literature projects.
 - a. Layout work is “interior design” of a book, pamphlet, or piece of literature.
3. Drafted instructions of any layout work with required criteria for S.L.A.A. literature.
 - a. DRM, Layout, Paginate, Copyright, ISBN, summation, JPEG of cover, etc.
4. Making a Literature Information Excel sheet that has all pertinent info on each item.
 - a. Type of distributed literature, Item number, and Print Company.
 - b. Core Document, freely downloadable Letter, Outreach Banners, the Journal issues, Books, Pamphlets, Booklets, and Journal focus Booklets.
5. Forwarded the “12 Steps in Plain Language” booklet to the Board of Trustees (BOT).
6. Creating a BPDC Vendor List for the Committee:
 - a. With Layout Workers, Editors, and Print Companies.
 - b. For future use by F.W.S. and international Intergroups with translated literature.
7. Finalizing a BPDC Manual with best practices, standard operating procedures, and templates of all Board Committee reports.
 - a. Adding a Calendar of Activities to keep regular work from being missed.
8. Forward the Core Documents issue to the Board Copyright and Translation Committee (BCTC) because they are likely a better fit to address this.
 - a. This is actually one of the items that is in their description of responsibilities.
9. Clarified what is needed for PDFs and Print Copy of S.L.A.A. literature.
10. Looking for support on a “Non-Conference Approved Document” statement process.

BPDC Work Projects for Conference-Year (CY) 2024:

1. Verify the 12 Steps in Plain Language and do the prep work – **Done.**
 - a. Done **December 2023**
2. Create a draft BPDC Manual with Best Practices and Standard Operating Procedures – **In Process.**
 - a. Drafted as of **February 23rd, 2024.**
3. Assist the “A State of Grace” Work Group in any way – Drafted a Letter of Intent 10/04/23, reviewed it, and sent out **February 5th, 2024.**
 - a. The FWS Office has approximately an 80-week supply of 1st Edition left.
4. Develop a Spanish Basic Text Work Group to: (**Moved to the BCTC**)
 - a. Facilitate Spanish Translation of the Basic Text (STBT) gets to Production.
 - b. Find inconsistencies, confusing parts of the Translation Process.
 - c. Create an updated Translation Process for future translation teams.
5. Created a “Non-Conference Approved Document” label to possibly help Conference Committees – Done
6. Literature system/workflow.

The BPDC has finished getting all the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) Conference-Approved literature formatted and up for sale. The 12 Steps in Plain Language and the Anorexia 8 & 9 booklet are done and were the last pieces that needed to be finished by this Committee.

I am grateful for the long-standing non-BOT members of the BPDC for retaining the institutional knowledge needed to get work done and especially for Lee W. (NM) for giving his invaluable assistance in getting all the literature ready for production, sale, and publication. Demonstrating to me how to practice grace in service work.

The members of the Board Publishing and Distribution Committee want to say, “Thank You” to each person reading this letter for helping us to further our recovery because **“Service Keeps You Sober”**.

If anyone has experience in the fields of writing, production, and/or publishing of written work, please reach out with this link: <https://slaafws.org/contact/> and select the General Questions tab.

In Service to the Fellowship,
Rick B. (FL.) – BPDC chair

Board Outreach Committee (BOC)

This submission will inform the Fellowship of Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous (S.L.A.A.) about the activities of the BOC during the last several months. The members of this Committee appreciate being allowed to “Give back through Service!”

The BOC members are Nicole M. (UK) – non-BOT member, Rick B. (FL) – Trustee, and Sam E. (NJ) – Trustee chair.

BOC Mission Statement

The Board Outreach Committee's mission is to support the (Board of Trustees) 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.

The Committee meets on the 3rd Friday of the month at 4pm ET and 22:00 Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) for a one-hour Zoom call.

Recent Activities:

1. The Committee received a new non-BOT member from the United Kingdom who was a Delegate at the 2023 Annual Business Meeting (ABM).
2. Reviewed the BOT Approved 2023 Membership Survey and found many questions to be problematic.
3. Asked the Board of Trustees to “rescind” the previously approved Survey.
4. Started working on adapting the 2017 Membership Survey for use in 2024.
5. Split the Letter to Mental Health Professionals/Treatment Centers into 2 letters.
6. Finished editing the “new” Letter to Mental Health Professionals.
7. Working on a ‘new’ Letter to Treatment Centers that is more focused.
8. Approved a BOC recommended 2024 Membership Survey.
9. Forwarded the Survey to the Board for their consideration.
10. Asking the BOT for feedback on a potential Recovery App for the Fellowship.
11. Drafting a newer Process for addressing inquiries from inmates.
12. Fielding inquiries from the Fellowship, college students, and a halfway house.

The BOC has been working to address the items on the agenda and clarify all the aspects of this Committee’s responsibilities.

In Fellowship,
The Board Outreach Committee

Conference Committee Report Corner

Conference Literature Committee (CLC)

CLC Mission Statement:

The Conference Literature Committee (CLC) fosters 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.

How We Conduct Our Meetings — CLC Code of Ethics

The CLC is guided by the LCEP (Literature Creation Editing and Publishing) workflow as we work with active projects and as new proposals are received.

Occasionally we face a challenge when working with literature that originated prior to the conference approval of the LCEP process, but we find its place in the workflow and go from there.

The Style Committee (SC) is a subcommittee of the CLC. Their mission is to work in collaboration with the designated Production Editor to prepare the draft literature for publication. This effort involves bringing the document in alignment with the S.L.A.A. Guide to Usage and Style, as well as ensuring clarity and readability.

When the SC has completed a review, the draft literature may be returned to the WG for further revisions, or, if the draft is completely ready, it will be recommended to the CLC for a vote to forward it to the Conference as an IFD or a Motion.

CLC members are eligible to vote on literature if they have attended four of the last six meetings, and they must have read the material that is being voted on.

The Conference Literature Committee and the Style Committee are always seeking new members to support this important process of creating quality program literature. The CLC meets on the 4th Saturday of each month, and the SC meets almost every Monday evening. IF you are interested in joining, please contact the CLC via the Conference Literature Committee page on the F.W.S. website.

The following items have been sent to ARS for 2024 ABM:

- CLC-004 Framework for Living - **Motion** Accepted
- CLC-053 50 BTS - "Motion has been conditionally approved;" we expect it to be accepted
- CLC-054 Sex and Love Addiction in the Digital Age - **Motion** Accepted
- CLC-068 Anorexia 10-11-12 - **Motion** Accepted
- CLC-073 Making the Most of Meeting - **Motion** Accepted
- CLC-078 Characteristics of Fantasy Addiction **IFD** Accepted
- CLC-087 Anorexia: Social, Sexual and Emotional (revised pamphlet) **Motion** Accepted

- CLC-088 Signs of Recovery from Fantasy Addiction IFD Submitted to ARS; acceptance pending

The following item is expected to be sent to ARS after the May 25 CLC meeting:

- CLC-060 Strengthening Sobriety Through Sponsorship IFD

Conference Steps, Traditions, and Concepts Committee: 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 #2024-1):

Is it against Traditions for a meeting to have their meeting information listed on a non-S.L.A.A. website that clearly indicates it is NOT affiliated with S.L.A.A. (or any program)? The meeting has come to the decision by group conscience to have it posted there, and the non-S.L.A.A. website has helped many addicts find the meeting.

Response #1:

Interesting question. It concerns anonymity, autonomy, public relations, carrying our message, and the ultimate authority of group conscience. The Traditions are not rules or commandments but suggestions to guide us out of the darkness. We are not a secret society. We have an obligation to reach out to sex and love addicts who may be suffering. As long as anonymity at the public level is protected we are consistent with the Traditions. Not publicizing our meetings in the wider community would be contrary to the spirit of the Traditions.

Response #2:

I think that each group is autonomous so they get the right to make the decision to have it shared. It is still carrying the message to the sex and love addict. Also, it's actually like this: if the church, recovery center, social media or newspaper is sharing meeting information they are choosing to affiliate with us. So, I totally support that.

Response #3:

There is nothing in the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions or Twelve Concepts that directly or indirectly prohibits posting a meeting time/location at any particular location.

From the information provided, it appears the meeting utilized Tradition Two and came to a group conscience decision.

They also exercised their autonomy as per Tradition Four. It seems unlikely that a meeting posting would affect another group and it even less likely that it would affect the

fellowship as a whole, so the decision to post on a non-S.L.A.A. website would be in keeping with this Tradition.

Per Tradition Five, the primary purpose of the group is to carry the message to sex and love addicts who suffer. Getting the word out about a meeting is one of the best ways to help the still suffering addict that has not heard of our fellowship. So, the posting would seem to be in alignment with the intent of this Tradition.

Historically, before the internet and websites existed, many meeting locations were posted at the building / room they occurred in. A good example is an Alano Club. Alano Clubs are privately owned and managed. They are, by design, non-affiliated clubs that host meetings of many Twelve Step fellowships. Today, many meetings are included on the websites of those same Alano Clubs. I have never heard anyone express concern about these postings, either prior to the internet or since the internet.

Question from the Fellowship (Committee Reference #2024-2):

Is it in alignment with the Traditions for an Intergroup to refuse to post a meeting's information on that Intergroup website and kick that meeting out of the Intergroup because, for one week a month, the meeting is an OPEN meeting available to professionals and others seeking information?

Response #1:

All groups, including intergroups, are autonomous. The Traditions do not protect us from bad behavior, but if we follow the guidance of the Traditions bad behavior can be avoided. It appears that this Intergroup is not behaving within the spirit of the Traditions, but they have the right to be wrong. I suggest that we all spend more time studying the Concepts as well as the Traditions. More discussion leading to substantial unanimity is always a positive. Avoiding acts of government is a good idea. Not providing services to our members and member groups is a failure of our service bodies. There are open meetings and closed meetings; the health of our fellowship requires both.

Response #2:

Per Tradition Four, each group (including Intergroups) is autonomous. So, the decision to de-list an individual meeting is ultimately up to the local Intergroup.

However, there are other Traditions that also apply to this situation.

Tradition Five instructs us that our primary purpose as a group (including Intergroups) is to help the suffering addicts. De-listing a meeting would make it harder for an addict to find the meeting, and therefore it would be counter to this Tradition.

Tradition Three provides the basis of an S.L.A.A. group. There only needs to be two or more people gathered together with a desire to stop acting out in the disease. This

meeting would seem to qualify as a legitimate S.L.A.A. group. De-listing a legitimate S.L.A.A. group would not be in keeping with this Tradition.

Tradition One is the key to our success as a fellowship. Our common welfare must come first, and our recovery depends upon unity. Removing the meeting from the website and Intergroup is not a unifying action.

So, while the Intergroup certainly has the authority to de-list a meeting, it would not seem to be in keeping with the overall spirit or intention of the Traditions.

From a personal perspective, 99% of the S.L.A.A. meetings I have attended have been open to everyone, identified as sex and love addicts or not. My experience is that some newcomers are not yet ready to identify, and we have allowed them to work through the process. Also, I fully support having professionals in the meeting. By bringing more awareness of our disease and program to the professional community, I believe that we are potentially helping addicts find our program.

Question from the Fellowship (Committee Reference #2024-3):

In what circumstances might “reputation” be a “matter concerning other groups” (referencing Tradition Four) such that an individual autonomous meeting might need to seek Intergroup approval before making changes to its own format?

For example, could a group decide to become a "top-line focused, we get sober by juggling meeting" (which could potentially change the "reputation" of an S.L.A.A. area) without getting prior approval from the local Intergroup?

Response #1:

Just as an S.L.A.A. member is a member if they say they are, an S.L.A.A. group is an S.L.A.A. group if they say they are. An intergroup is a service board or committee is directly responsible to those they serve. An intergroup does not "give approval." An intergroup does not — or should not if they are practicing the Traditions and Concepts — govern. We have no central authority that imposes discipline.

We may object to the behavior of a meeting, but unless a meeting is engaging in illegal activity an intergroup or other service structure has no power to order them to behave differently.

The Traditions are based on self-sacrifice. Our common welfare depends on open and open-minded communication and especially a commitment from each individual and each meeting to the welfare of our entire fellowship. Tradition Four is a refinement of Traditions One and Two. Four expresses the trust we have for each other. It expresses the respect and love we hold for our fellows. We are reminded as we practice the principles of the Traditions that they are guides for our behavior. They are not rules, commandments, laws, or regulations. I trust that a meeting that does not practice the Traditions will in time pass away. The same goes for an intergroup and even an entire fellowship.

Response #2:

It would seem to be a quite a stretch to consider "reputation" as a matter affecting another group in the context of Tradition Four. The intent of the second half of Tradition Four is to stop significant and egregious Tradition violations occurring at one meeting from affecting other groups in the area or the entire fellowship.

The Alcoholics Anonymous illustrated pamphlet titled "The Twelve Traditions - A Distillation of A.A. Experience" gives some examples of actions that could affect other groups:

- (1) an individual meeting taking over all the public information work for an area without consulting any other groups in the area;
- (2) a group deciding that Tradition Eleven is an outdated technicality and engaging in vigorous promoting.

Concern over "reputation" sounds more like an ego issue, and not a Tradition violation. The Intergroup would be better off avoiding comments or decisions concerning a meeting format (even if the meeting format is odd) unless there is an actual and serious Tradition violation occurring.

Question from the Fellowship (Committee Reference #2024-4):

I am a member of a group that utilizes S.L.A.A. literature in our format (the S.L.A.A. steps, traditions, characteristics, and signs of recovery). We have an S.L.A.A. speaker share once a month and have monthly group conscience meetings and have contributed close to \$500 to F.W.S. We also reference the value of an S.L.A.A. sponsor, bottom lines, and a dating plan in our format. However, our group was recently ejected from the local Intergroup because, each month, during the non-speaker meetings, we read a two-paragraph excerpt from the AA Big Book.

The AA Big Book and AA Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions are explicitly referenced in our S.L.A.A. Basic Text and S.L.A.A. was birthed out of our founder (Rich) recognizing the need to apply the Twelve Steps to his sex and "love" problem. Furthermore, it is our group's understanding that every group is autonomous and can vote to use whatever literature it wants. I feel that our local Intergroup is not compliant with Traditions One or Four and am seeking input on this issue. Thanks in advance for any insights you can provide.

Response #1:

In general, this local Intergroup is not compliant with the Traditions nor with the Concepts. The spirit, the direction, and the guidance of our three legacies (Recovery, Unity, Service; that is, the Steps, the Traditions, and the Concepts) aims for open mindedness, tolerance, and flexibility. Instead this Intergroup is attempting to govern. This intergroup's behavior, in this case, is autocratic.

I avoid using the word "violate" when talking about the Traditions — the Traditions are not laws or commandments — but this Intergroup is clearly not following the guidance of the Traditions. They are governing rather than serving (Tradition Two). They are establishing requirements for membership rather than welcoming all who have a desire to be sober (Tradition Three). They are not being responsible to those they serve (Tradition Nine).

Of course this Intergroup has the right to be wrong. As an autonomous group (Tradition Four, again) they have the right to ignore the Traditions even though in doing so they cause harm to our Fellowship, our groups, and most perilously to themselves.

Response #2:

Our local Intergroup has had many S.L.A.A. meetings over the years that have read AA literature as part of their format including: the Big Book, Drop the Rock, AA Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions (especially since we haven't published ours), A New Pair of Glasses, Steps and Stories, The Language of Letting Go, The Steps We Took, Facing Love Addiction, etc.

Our area briefly had a secular meeting which many did not agree with, but they were autonomous and included on the meeting list. The meeting was attended by sex and love addicts and the core S.L.A.A. documents were read in support of a focus for S.L.A.A. members. I am not an alcoholic but the amount of wisdom I have gained from reading the AA books and digesting them with other S.L.A.A. members has been priceless to my recovery.

Many of the Traditions apply to this question as I interpret them.

- 1 – Unity (unity trumps opinions)
- 2 – Authority (the only authority is a loving God, not an intergroup)
- 3 – Requirements (there is only one requirement, a desire to stop living out a pattern)
- 4 – Autonomy (each meeting is autonomous and can read whatever they vote on by group conscience)
- 5 – Primary purpose (they are still carrying the message)
- 6 – Endorse, finance or lend (we are a group built on the foundation of another 12-step group. AA and S.L.A.A. both follow the 12 steps. I don't see this as a conflict or endorsement)
- 10 – We have no opinion on outside issues (I have no opinion on AA or people who work two programs in one meeting)
- 12 – Principles before personalities (These principles come before what I think about this meeting or the group that started it)

Although combining S.L.A.A. with AA may dilute the S.L.A.A. message, the message and the solution are still there.

Response #3:

The decision by the local Intergroup to de-list the meeting is in keeping with Tradition Four as the intergroup is autonomous and the decision would not appear to affect any other intergroups.

However, the decision appears to be in conflict with Tradition Five as it would limit the ability of suffering addicts to find the meeting.

It would also seem to be out of step with Tradition Two. Our leaders are trusted servants, they do not govern. The decision sounds somewhat arbitrary and heavy handed, both of which are hallmarks of ego based governing.

Tradition One provides some overall guidance as well. Our common welfare must come first as our individual recovery depends upon Unity. De-listing a meeting for reading non-conference approved literature is not be a unifying action.

From a personal perspective, I have attended meetings that read other programs literature, and meetings that read literature from self-help authors. None of it was conference approved, but all of it was agreed upon by the group conscience of the meetings. Each meeting is autonomous, and the reading of non-conference approved literature seems unlikely to affect any other meetings, so those groups decisions were in keeping with Tradition Four. None of those meetings were de-listed by Intergroup, nor was there ever any discussion at Intergroup about doing so.

Response #4:

It may be helpful for this meeting to find another Intergroup to join, as I'm certain many Intergroups would be grateful for their contributions and participation. Per Tradition Four, Intergroup is autonomous that can make its own decisions, but the individual group is also autonomous and can decide how to run their meeting. Per Tradition Two, only God is in charge, and no one can force either the Intergroup to re-accept the meeting, or the meeting to change its format.

Response #5:

Each group and Intergroup are autonomous under Tradition Four. Each body is free to decide which Intergroup they want to join and concordantly which groups they want to include. If a group is a rejected by a particular Intergroup then it is advised that group "vote with one's feet" and find an Intergroup that is in line with that group's values. No group or Intergroup has the authority to govern each other. There is no right or wrong in this equation, just divergent needs on the part of the group seeking membership and the Intergroup that rejected it.

Response #6:

In my humble opinion, this Intergroup decision violated Traditions One through Five.

In addition, Page 122 in the Basic Text (Chap. 7 – Starting an S.L.A.A. group) reads "First, there was never a doubt, not even at the very beginning, that the principals

worked out on the hard anvil of A. A. experience were to be our guiding principles. These principles had safeguarded the A. A. Fellowship during a time when alcoholism was thoroughly stigmatized in society's view. We believed that these same traditions would serve us equally well, if we observed them. We knew that our "condition" of sex and love addiction was no less stigmatizable, in contemporary society, than alcoholism had been in the 1930's and 40's. Nor were we, as individuals, any less ego-driven than the early A. A. pioneers had been."

I believe the decision made by the local Intergroup is not right and is against the Traditions and spiritual principles.

Call for 2024 (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:

2024 August 11 – September Issue
2024 November 10 – December Issue
2025 February 9 – March Issue
2025 May 11 – 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>.

Moving Closer to a Second Edition of the S.L.A.A. Basic Text

May 2024

There is exciting news about the progress of the Second Edition of the Basic Text. This summer, 40 years after the First Edition was published, the Conference will have a chance to approve the draft of a second edition. This is truly a milestone for the Fellowship.

The feedback received at the 2023 ABM influenced the 50th-Anniversary Basic Text Subcommittee (BTS)'s efforts in further refining the draft, pushing it closer to completion. Notably, our founder collaborated with the subcommittee – editing his story in Chapters One and Two, while the founder's wife contributed by reviewing and editing Chapter Three. Additionally, a preface for the Second Edition, complementing the original preface authored four decades ago, was crafted by our founder. Twelve new stories have been edited and selected for inclusion along with eight of the stories from the First Edition. These tasks underscore the commitment of the 50BTS to inclusivity and accessibility.

Since the last update in November 2023, the biggest task has been creating a Motion to be included in the 2024 ABM Agenda: "To approve the complete draft of the Second Edition of the Basic Text, [...]to be published for the 50th anniversary of S.L.A.A. in 2026. Conference members are asked to decide whether the draft carries the "message of hope and recovery truthfully enough to be the [Second Edition of the] basic text of Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, capable of helping those still suffering from this illness." (*Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous*, First Edition, p. viii.)" The draft will be accompanied by "A Brief History of the Basic Text and the 50th-Anniversary Basic Text Project" and tracked edits of the text. This has been a monumental, but exciting, undertaking.

How can you help make this Second Edition a reality? One way is to read the proposed draft of the Second Edition of the S.L.A.A. Basic Text. An individual member or intergroup can request a copy of the draft from the Timeline Mandate Work Group at tmwg50bts@gmail.com.

Sharing, reading, and discussing the draft with fellow members or at local meetings is encouraged. Once the draft has been read, you can share your thoughts with your intergroup or your delegate to the 2024 ABM. This information will then be shared with the Conference members, who will be voting on the motion to approve the draft in August 2024. Please note that at this time the Conference is not seeking feedback on

specific edits; rather, the question to consider is, “Does the draft carry the message truthfully enough to be our Basic Text?”

Members are encouraged to read the eight original stories and twelve new stories to see if they reflect the current manifestations of sex and love addiction, are more inclusive, and reflect the diversity of our Fellowship. At this time, there are additional stories being edited and reviewed that may be included in the draft attached to the 2024 ABM Agenda Third Version, so stay tuned.

S.L.A.A. members can get more information by visiting the [50BT webpage](#), reading the FWS Newsletter for updates, and checking out the 50BT-related articles in *theJournal*.

Lastly, those who worked on this project and were privy to the collaboration between the founder of S.L.A.A. and the 50BTS were so inspired by the phone and email conversations that were had that the 50BTS wanted to share with members some of this correspondence. It is hoped that you are equally as inspired as members of the 50BTS were. You can read an article about the collaboration of the founder on this project that Sharon S., a member of this subcommittee, wrote for *theJournal*, [“Humbled by His Humility: Conversations with The Founder”](#) or read the redacted emails in an article that will be available in the July-August 2024 ABM issue of *theJournal*.

There is still more work to be done, but the responsibility of moving closer to having a second edition of the Basic Text is shifting to the membership. It is our hope that all members read the draft and answer the question: “Does the draft carry the message truthfully enough to be our Basic Text?” as our founder and members of S.L.A.A. did in 1986. In the meantime, the 50BTS will continue to keep the membership informed.



The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A.,
Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc.
2024 S.L.A.A. Annual Business Meeting

August 8 to August 10, 2024



Virtual ABM
HOSTED BY THE ORANGE COUNTY INTERGROUP

Theme: Tradition 10: "S.L.A.A. has no opinion on outside issues; hence the S.L.A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy."

S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Services. Virtual ABM Registration: <https://slaafws.org/abminfo>





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Do you want to work with fellows in-person?

For more information on the co-work space located in Paoli, PA.

Visit: <https://slaadvi.org/abm-reg/>

If any other area is creating a co-work space, please notify the office via email to abm2024@slaafws.org

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Have Fundraising ideas? Consider joining the
Board 7th Tradition Committee

CONSIDER JOINING THIS BOARD COMMITTEE

And be of service to the BOT and the Fellowship



If you are interested in helping this Board Committee or have some Fundraising ideas, please contact or consider joining the **Board 7th Tradition Committee**

Six months of continuous sobriety are a requirement.

Plus, filling out an application and being elected by the BOT to this Committee.

The B7TC helps the Board to meet their fiscal goals for the year.

The B7TC meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm ET and 4pm PT.

Reach the B7TC by using the Board Secretary page of the F.W.S. website.

slaafws.org/botsecretary/

**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

Flyer joining the BOT, BDC version May 21



Presenting the 2023 ABM

CCC

MEETS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF
THE MONTH 9:30 AM PT

Conference Charter Committee

Mission Statement: The CCC is responsible for the planning and facilitation of the Annual Business Conference/Meeting in cooperation with the Board Of Trustees and Fellowship Wide Services. (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 (pg 17 CSM 2022)

Come and join us!

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Consider joining the S.L.A.A.

CONFERENCE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**3rd Tuesdays of
the month
@ 7.30pm EST**

*Administering
the funding of the
Conference Committees*

*Helping all levels of
the Fellowship remain
financially self-supporting*



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**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, Corean, 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.

Conference Diversity Committee (CDC)

Join us the First Saturday of every Month!

9am PST, 11am CT, 12pm EST, 5pm GMT

Some of Our Current Projects:

- Creating a workshop for fellows to attend and learn about conscious inclusion and how it relates to The 12 Traditions of S.L.A.A.
- Advocating and supporting diversity and inclusion at the Annual Business Meeting.
- Maintaining a resource for the fellowship to access Zoom meetings with closed captioning and live transcription.
- Providing alternative options for inclusivity in meetings- supporting diverse formats, reviewing descriptors and language used, and providing safety considerations.



The mission of the Conference Sponsorship Committee (CSPC) is to support and strengthen all forms of S.L.A.A. Sponsorship

CURRENT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Literature Working Group: A new draft Sponsorship literature is available for your input and feedback. We'd love your ideas! This group meets twice a month for 75 minutes (often on select Saturdays 10am ET / 7am PT). We'd love for you to join us! To be a part of this group or request information, join the business meeting on Zoom held the 3rd Thursdays. You can also contact us at the web address below.

Communications & Outreach Working Group Subcommittee: The members of the CSPC respond to voicemails and emails from people seeking outreach related to sponsorship. This subcommittee is working on revising the auto reply email, annual sponsorship virtual workshops and expanding communication within the fellowship. Join the committee or request more information at the web address below.



The CSPC Business meeting is held the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00pm ET / 5:00pm CT / 3:00pm PT using Zoom video or teleconference. Zoom ID: 823 4603 7240 | Password: 247012
More Info you may also email: slaasponsorship@gmail.com

Find General S.L.A.A. Sponsorship Resources at
<https://slaafws.org/tag/sponsor/>



Any member of S.L.A.A. is welcome to attend. Give back what we freely receive!

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: <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

Zoom Meeting ID: 831 8461 6506 Passcode: 308457

CBC – The Conference By-Laws Committee is responsible for maintaining and updating the current S.L.A.A. By-Laws, in cooperation with the BOT. It acts in an advisory capacity to the BOT, 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: <https://slaafws.org/committee/cbc>

Meeting: 1 hr 3rd Sunday @ 6:30pm ET, 5:30pm CT, 4:30pm MT, 3:30pm PT

Zoom Meeting ID: 898 4668 2623 Passcode: 419459 [Click here for direct link](#)

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

Meeting: 1 1/2 hr 1st Sunday @ 12:30pm ET, 11:30am CT, 10:30am MT, and 9:30am PT

Meeting ID: 869 4572 1867 Passcode: CCCService

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

Meeting: 1 hr 1st Saturday @ 9:00am PT, 10:00am MST, 11:00am CT, and 12:00pm ET

Zoom Meeting ID: 870 7485 4515 Passcode: 286346 [Click here for direct link](#)

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

Meeting: 1 hr 3rd Sunday @ 4:30pm PT, 6:30pm CT, 7:30pm ET

Zoom Meeting ID: 870 3527 9452 Passcode: 150084 [Click here for direct link](#)

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

Meeting: 1 hr 3rd Sunday @ 1:00pm PT, 2:00pm MT, 3:00pm CT, 4:00pm ET

Zoom Meeting ID: 869 5232 9988 Passcode: 381403

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

Meeting: 1 hr 3rd Sunday @ 11:30 AM PT, 1:30 PM CT, 2:30 PM ET, 7:30 PM UK, 4:30 AM AET (Mon)

Zoom Meeting ID: 820 2641 7729 Password: 284368 [Click for direct link](#)

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

Meeting: 1 hr 1st Saturday @ 11:00am PT, 12:00pm MT, 1:00pm CT, 2:00pm ET

Zoom Meeting ID: 861 2519 5968 Passcode: CJCYAY!

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

Meeting: 1 1/2 hrs 4th Saturday @ 9:00am PT, 10:00am MT, 11:00am CT, 12:00pm ET

Zoom Meeting ID: 651 805 1209 Passcode: 12345 [Click for direct link](#)

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

Meeting: 2 hrs 2nd Sunday @ 11:30am PT, 2:30pm ET

Zoom Meeting ID: 835 8688 4574 Passcode: 593655

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

Meeting: 1 hr 1st Sunday @ 1:00pm PT, 3:00pm CT, 4:00pm ET

Meeting ID: 896 4184 9587 Passcode: 959399

CSC – Conference Service Committee is responsible for educating and increasing members' commitment to service. For more info: <https://slaafws.org/committee/csc>

Meeting: 1 hr 2nd Friday @ 1:00pm PT, 3:00pm CT, 4:00pm ET

Meeting ID: 817 0928 4575 Passcode: none required [Click for direct link](#)

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CSPC – Conference Sponsorship Committee is to support and strengthen all forms of S.L.A.A. Sponsorship.
For more info: <https://slaafws.org/committee/cspc>

Meeting: 1 hr 3rd Thursday @ 6:00pm ET, 5:00pm CT, 3:00pm PT

Zoom Meeting ID: 823 4603 7240 Passcode: 247012

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

Meeting: 1 hr 4th Sunday @ 12:00pm PT, 1:00pm MT, 2:00pm CT, 3:00pm ET, 7:00pm GMT

Zoom Meeting ID: 279 342 524 Passcode: 7701077

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 4th Sunday of the month @ 9:00pm PT, 12:00pm ET, 6:00pm Central European Time

Meeting ID: 815 7357 7770 Passcode: 205254

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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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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public information• Sponsorship• Websites• Anorexia• Conventions• Retreats• Literature• Procedures and Guidelines / By-Laws• Inspiration line• Meetings• Annual Business Meeting• Journals / Newsletters• Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diversity• Finance• Steps, Traditions and Concepts• Translation and International Outreach• Service• Member Retention• Hospitals and Institutions• Healthy Relationships• Legal Issues• Intergroup Communications |
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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 forum@slaa.network



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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 listing 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 7,000 invoices, publishes and ships nearly 70,000 pieces of S.L.A.A. literature and recovery tools a year, including over 21 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 formats); a daily meditation reader); and a bi-monthly magazine, *the Journal*, with approximately 120 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, 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 Intergroups, 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: <https://slaafws.org/contact>

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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:

2024 August 11 – September Issue
2024 November 10 – December Issue
2025 February 9 – March Issue
2025 May 11 – 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>.