



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

**Board Copyright and Translations Committee
Letter to the Fellowship-Wide Services Newsletter
Winter 2024**

Dear Member of the Fellowship,

Welcome to the Board Copyright and Translation Committee (BCTC) message to the Fellowship-Wide Services (F.W.S.) Newsletter from the Outgoing Chair.

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 three 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 BCTC members were: Moses C. (BRA) – non-BOT member, Pam Reyes – Executive Director (ED) of Fellowship-Wide Services [FWS], 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.

Activities so far this year:

1. Drafted Conference Service Manual (CSM) Appendix D-2 paperwork for Projects:
 - a. Clarify all the BCTC information on Translations on the website.
 - b. Collaborate with the CTIOC to update their translations information.
 - i. Conference Translations and International Outreach Committee
 - c. Find/create a better Database for the Translations
 - i. There are large files that need to be attached to each Country.
2. Updating the F.W.S. website “Translation” links:
 - a. “Is It Really Necessary” (doc) – started May 2024.
 - b. “S.L.A.A. Copyright and Logos Update” – the BOT says it needs more work.
 - c. “What is in a Name: FWS and S.L.A.A.?” (letter) – Finish by May 2025.
 - d. “Translation Copyright Packet” (document) – to start in September 2024.
3. Will be reviewing Requests for Information (RFIs) from translating Intergroups.
4. Can sign Licensing Agreements for Intergroups who have approved translations.
5. Drafting a Royalty Payment Calculation Excel Sheet with plug-in formulas
 - a. To help Intergroups with translations to calculate the numbers.
6. Drafting a Committee Manual to assist new members of the BCTC in the future.
7. BCTC Goals for Conference Year (CY) 2025:
 - a. Make all Board Committee generated translation documents consistent.
 - b. Complete a BCTC Manual with templates and resources for the Committee.

- c. Create a Calendar of Activities for the next BCTC Chair.
- d. Support the Spanish Translations Subcommittee to produce literature.

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 during this Conference Year (CY) in support of the next version of the BCTC.

I would like to take a moment to express how deeply grateful I am for the support of Moses C. (BRA), our non-BOT member of this Committee for his passion for the work of translations and his diligent follow-through. And to Pam Reyes, our Executive Director, who gives so much to the Fellowship! The members of the BCTC would also like to say, "Thank You" to each member of S.L.A.A. for helping us on this Committee in our recovery because "**Service Keeps US Sober**"!

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



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**Board Technology Committee
Letter to the Fellowship-Wide Services Newsletter
November 2024**

Dear Member of the Fellowship,

Welcome to the Board Technology Committee (BTC) message to the Fellowship-Wide Services (F.W.S.) Newsletter from the Interim Chair.

This submission is to inform the members of the Fellowship of Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous (S.L.A.A.) of the activities the BTC has done during the last three 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 BTC members are: non-BOT members: John D. (PA), David W. (CA), and Jeff C. (UK). Trustees: Jeff R. (WA) and Rick B. (FL) – chair.

The Committee meets on the 4th Saturday of the month at Noon PT, 1pm MT, 2pm CT, 3pm ET, and 20:00 GMT for a one-hour Zoom call.

Activities so far this year:

1. Rick B. elected by the Board of Trustees (BOT) to fill the role of Interim Chair in Oct.
2. Drafted Conference Service Manual (CSM) Appendix D-2 paperwork for Projects:
 - a. Collate all the Experience, Strength, and Hope from the virtual 2024 ABM.
 - i. Create a Virtual ABM Guideline/guidebook.
 - b. Research and choose a new "Meeting Finder" for S.L.A.A.

- c. Create a BTC Manual for the future iterations of the Committee.
 - i. Collect all standard operating procedures and processes.
 - d. Procedure for Website Management Subcommittee to support the IT Contractor.
3. Selected the Board Annual Business Meeting Planning Committee (BABMPC) representative from the BTC membership.
4. Looking for more members for the Board Technology Committee.
 - a. Either as direct members or as members of the Work Groups.

The BTC is working diligently to address the items drafted for the agenda and clarify all the aspects of this Committee's responsibilities. We are also working to complete a calendar of the Committee tasks required during this Conference Year (CY) in support of IT Contractor and the next version of the BTC.

I would like to take a moment to express how deeply grateful I am for the support of John D. (PA) and David W. (CA), the non-BOT members of this Committee who have retained the information gathered last year while planning the technological aspects of the virtual ABM. To extend a hearty welcome to Jeff C. of the United Kingdom to the Committee as our newest addition. And to Jeff R. (WA) for his willingness to assist on the BTC when they can get away from their duties as the Treasurer of the Corporation of Fellowship-Wide Services. The members of this Committee would also like to say, "Thank You" to each and every member of Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous for helping us on the BTC in our recovery because "**Service Keeps US Sober**"!

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

**Board Publishing & Distribution Committee
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Board Publishing & Distribution Committee Update: New Releases, Exciting Projects & Opportunities to Get Involved

Season's Greetings from the Board Publishing and Distribution Committee!

It's been a busy end of the calendar year, filled with creativity, collaboration, and forward-thinking initiatives. We're thrilled to announce that two new conference approved booklets— the Anorexia 10,11,12 and Sex and Love in the Digital Age— are both expected to be printed by the end of the month, ready for sale in 2025. These publications will serve our long-time members and newcomers alike, especially those who identify as anorexic or as struggling with internet-based sex and love behaviours. Thank you so much to the authors and everyone who took these works from inception to publication.

In addition to these new releases, we're putting the finishing touches on the second edition of our popular daily reader, A State of Grace. This is a project we've been working on as faithfully as possible alongside the Conference Literature Committee (CLC) and its Style Committee (SC) to action the conference's suggestions about restoring each account to its original form. We can't wait to see these spiritual gems back in your hands, as originally intended, ready to unite the fellowship as we read in sync across the globe. The second edition promises to be more than just

a recovery resource—it's shaping up to be a genuine piece of history, reflecting the authenticity and diversity of our community.

We also want to take a moment to highlight a publication we've thoroughly enjoyed working with: the HOW Steps and Sponsorship Guide. Many of you will know that this piece has been lovingly compiled from various sources and edited by the UK Intergroup HOW Writing Group and will soon be considered for publication by the conference. In its various drafts, it has been a source of great insight and inspiration to individual members of our committee over the years, and we are honoured to have been able to read and formulate comments on the work on behalf of the Board of Trustees (B.O.T.)

We'd like to draw attention to some literature currently available in the Fellowship-Wide Services (F.W.S.) store that may be of particular interest for yourself and your home group. The Importance of Outreach Calls pamphlet is an excellent resource for those looking to practice the life-giving art of connecting with other members of the fellowship, so please consider placing an order if you feel it will be useful to your group. Additionally, our free Super Service Star pamphlet is available for download—this is a resource that is too important not to make freely available. It is a gift both from and to the fellowship, offering valuable information on giving service and how it can enrich our collective lives.

Lastly, we want to encourage any member who is interested to consider joining the Board Publishing and Distribution Committee. We're a passionate and dedicated group, always looking for fresh ideas and perspectives. You don't need an invitation to apply—if you're interested in making a meaningful contribution to the future of our organization, we'd love to hear from you. After all, wonderful things happen when we join together!

In service,
Patrick D
Board Publishing & Distribution Committee Chair

Spotlight New Board of Trustees Member

I'm Ari, Sex, Love and Fantasy addict. I am a grateful member of this fellowship since November 2013. Service is what brought me to find healthy and positive self-esteem. It was my six-month anniversary at a regular weekly in-person meeting when I was asked if I'd chair the following month. I was nervous but accepted. I had full support of those long-time members who came before me. I got to be there for the newcomer who had never been to a meeting before. In the summer of 2014, I attended my first S.L.A.A. Step retreat - which absolutely changed my approach to recovery. I was motivated, enthused and wanted everyone to hop aboard the retreat boat. By 2018 I became retreat chair for my Intergroup and have enjoyed coordinating two to four retreats per year since.

As for my decision to be on the Board: I had definitely fought the decision, as it was going to be a lot of time commitment. I had several opportunities to work with three of the current board members in different service opportunities, I felt that those members have what I feel are good enthusiasm, good communication skills, and they seem to be actively participating in roles of service. It gave me comfort to know that if I became a board of trustees, I'd have opportunities to work with those people that I feel have elements of commitment that I would blend well with.

**BABC/M 2024 Planning Committee
MINUTES**

**Thursday, Oct 24, 2024, 7pm ET / 4pm PT
90 minutes**

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CHECK INS (5 minutes)

Ari F. - BABM/PC Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	tbd - F.W.S. IT Contractor
Chris D.- BOT Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pam Reyes - Executive Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jeff R.- BFC Rep <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rick B - BTC Representative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Celia G - CFC rep <input type="checkbox"/>	Phillip W – CCC Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TBD- CCC member
John D- BTC Representative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TBD - LPC

ASSIGNED ROLES (2 to 3 minutes)

Present:
Not-present: Regrets:
Chair: Ari F
Recorder: John D PA
Spiritual Reminders: All
Timekeeper: Ari

Approval or additions to Agenda

MOTION20241024.01 To Approve Agenda (Ari F / John D- 2nd)
PASSES

Announcements: (2 to 3 minutes)

- 2025 ABC/M scheduled for three days as a virtual conference - to be discussed in new business by this committee as well
- Unnamed person has been given IT contract with FWS - approval pending after having legal and BOT review of contract

Reports:(4 minutes each)

Executive Director - Pam R. No updates

CCC – Welcome Phillip W

- CCC Rep will hopefully be selected at Nov 1 CCC mtg
- CLC asked for an interim abm to discuss at Nov 1 meeting

BFC – Welcome Jeff R

- The budget that the board will review this weekend will include several thousand dollars for ABM expenses
- One of the board proposed budgets includes \$3,500 in co-work space.

BTC - Welcome John D

- Co-Work space proposal -outlines with budgets and step by step guides
- Site 15 to 20 people, \$750 start up expense (only 1 time)
- Potentials: GDVI (PA), Chicago, LA, Texas, Florida
- Chatting limitations from 2024 ABM

LPC – TBD

- There have been no host intergroup applications received.
- John D. shared that GDVI was interested but the intergroup hosting application requires multiple in-person site suggestions, etc. so they did not apply.

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Old Business: none

New Business: (approx 10 minutes each item)

1. BABMPC Regular Meeting Time:

The Fourth Thursday of the month at 2:30 p.m. UTC / 6:30 p.m. ET / 3:30 p.m. PT for 90 minutes would be the meeting, **except for the November and December meetings which will be the third** Thursday to accommodate the U.S. Thanksgiving and Christmas / Boxing Day Holidays. <https://www.worldtimebuddy.com/> for upcoming date and time checks

2. **ABM 2025 Dates:** The Board of Trustees approved a three-day ABM at their Sept. 2024 meeting.
- 4 day suggestion - 7/7 in favor
 - It was suggested that the ABM not be held not the first week due to cash-flow issues, supported by Pam.
 - It has been a long-standing tradition that staff not take vacation time from July 1st through the end of the ABM.
 - The need for more new approved literature to help financials
 - The board debated the 4-day ABM and there was lots of resistance at the Sept. board meeting but he personally is supportive of four days.
 - It was noted there were significant challenges during the CCC Scheduling Workgroup in fitting everything into three days even with having trainings and meetings help in advance and not included used on the 3 day ABM schedule
 - The CSM-RWG can also use the AA CSM as a guide to streamline process discussions.
 - It was noted one of the reasons a three-day ABM was decided was due to cost savings, but since we are virtual that has a minimal effect and a four-day ABM would be helpful.
 - Dates proposed will be continued and determined at the Nov BABMPC meeting

MOTION 20241024.02: To direct Ari as chair of this committee to compose a letter to the Board of Trustees requesting an IFD/Motion for a four-day ABM in 2025. (Rick/Phillip)

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED action item

3.,4. 5. - ABM Host intergroup Discussion: Ari asked that we revise the ABC/M application to update the hosting intergroup's requirements to be for virtual.

- Pam stated she is happy to join that workgroup, bringing years of experience, and asked if we needed (a) a virtual application; (b) an in-person application; © a combined application.
- Question: What would a virtual ABM host intergroup do? Ari responded that in the most recent virtual ABM, the host intergroup hosted social activities, recovery meetings, and a fundraising event.
- It was discussed whether an intergroup is needed for planning social activities, or if a committee might be better. A mention of being against a talent show that might have problematic content causes concern.
- It was brought up that we would not be doing an IRC this year, but likely in the second year of the host intergroup role.

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- John Shared that GDVI has done monthly recovery events which could, if properly structured, be like a year-long “IRC.”
- Pam asked who would handle registration and finances for a virtual IRC if it was spread across time.
- Phillip remarked that 2026 is the 50th anniversary of S.L.A.A. so we may want to use that as a big year of activities.
- Final conclusion was to focus on the 2025 Virtual ABM application (See action item)
- Wait on the IRC application until the prior is completed ***Goal to have this on the Dec BABMPC meeting to review and approve***

ACTION: Ari, as chair, created an ad-hoc working group of herself plus John D., Pam R., and a CCC member (pending) to revise the ABC/M Hosting Intergroup Application.

See: <https://slaafws.org/Conference/ABM2022/HostIntergroupApplication.pdf> and <https://slaafws.org/Conference/ABM2022/ABCM-IRC-Manual.pdf>.

ADJOURNMENT: Ari adjourned the meeting with checkouts and the serenity prayer at 8:30 p.m.ET

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

90 minutes

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NOV: 3rd Thurs 11/21 6:30pm ET

DEC: 3rd Thurs 12/19 6:30pm ET

JAN: 4th Thurs 1/23 6:30pm ET

FEB: 4th Thurs 2/2 6:30pm ET