

## **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.