

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

Board Development Committee (BDC)

First, I want to thank our BDC members for their service:

Jack F. (AUS) BOT

Jeff R. (WA, USA) BOT

Matt K. (AUS) non-BOT

Chris D. (CA, USA) BOT and BDC Chair

You may recall that the BDC decided to add a goal to our list of main goals for this ABM year: support the Board 7th Tradition Committee (B7TC) in whatever way we can. Our thinking was that if we don't receive the contributions needed, there may not be a Fellowship. The BDC has been consistently attending and supporting the B7TC and spreading the word about our 1976 Campaign.

Some additional points:

1. We have been making progress on collecting the missing BOT minutes from 2024 so they can all be added to the slaafws.org website.
2. We've discussed potential BOT members and reached out to a few folks.
3. We've also discussed future membership of the BDC.
4. Discussion will continue on how BOT minutes reflect the contents of Executive Sessions.
5. Discussion will continue on the idea of a BOT meeting Item For Discussion having a full round robin of the members before entertaining a motion.

The Board Development Committee (BDC) focuses on the internal activities, systems and procedures of the Board of Trustees (BOT) to ensure its long-term effectiveness. Specifically, it:

- Determines the need for new Trustees, what qualifications are needed and then recruits candidates, functioning as a nominating committee by presenting candidates to the Conference or BOT
- Facilitates the nomination, appointment, and election of BOT members
- Processes and also takes the lead in succession planning and with issues related to BOT terms
- Identifies and works to develop members of the Fellowship who have future service potential and skills with an eye to providing them greater service responsibilities to prepare them for possible Board service
- Reviews the BOT's functions and effectiveness, and assists the BOT Chair, as needed, to manage the annual BOT self-assessment process, strategic planning and retreats. Supports the BOT to ensure that meeting focus is primarily on strategic matters rather than operation issues

- Reviews By-Laws, internal policies and procedures, then recommends amendments as necessary
- Designs, revises and sets up the orientation of new BOT members as well as assists new members to become fully integrated, both functionally and socially. Also verifies BOT members are on at least one committee.
- Provides guidance to the F.W.S. Office on the implementation and interpretation of policies adopted by the BOT
- Functions as a resource to the F.W.S. Office in connection with the Annual Business Conference and facilitates the implementation of Conference direction
- Reviews and updates BOT Manual
- Creates and organizes an S.L.A.A. Archives

Best,
Chris D.
BDC Chair
17 February 2025