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Please be sure to check https://slaafws.org/events for upcoming events.

Editor's Note

Please be sure to check out information about the 2025 Annual Business Meeting at <u>https://slaafws.org/abminfo/</u>.

Also, please look for the flyer about May being Individual Contribution Month.

Executive Director's Report February 6, 2025

Happy New Year from Texas! While it is 85 degrees here today, Old Man Winter is likely not finished with us just yet. Three weeks ago, we had snow and ice here - a rarity for South Texas, but not unheard of. Since that pesky groundhog saw his shadow last weekend, we are not quite ready to begin planting summer peppers and tomatoes or putting out the lawn chairs. But it will not be long. I hope that wherever you may be, you are experiencing pleasant, mild weather!

As of January 1st, free shipping is available for orders of \$100 or more. So please visit the web store to see what is new. We love being your "one-stop shop" for all of your S.L.A.A. literature/materials needs!

Now that we are past the holidays and well into a new calendar year, please do not forget to check your recurring contributions. Please double-check your information, especially the expiration date on your payment method. Your contributions are such a blessing to F.W.S. and we are grateful for each and every one. When we say "No amount is too small", we truly mean it! Whether you are able to give a little or a lot, every contribution is an act of love toward our growing recovery community.

The Annual Business Conference/Meeting will be held virtually August 7th thru 10th, Registration forms and materials, as well as the Agenda First Version, will be emailed to ABM 2024 attendees on or before February 8th. Registration information will be available on the F.W.S. website soon. We hope to see you there!

From the F.W.S. Office staff to you... Happy New Year!

Respectfully,

Pam Reyes Executive Director

Board of Trustees Chair's Message

Prepared for the March 2025 F.W.S. Newsletter

Hello S.L.A.A. Friends!

The 2025 Annual Business Conference/Meeting (ABC/M) will be virtual and held August 7-10, 2025. Although you can register at https://slaafws.org/abminfo/, the registration forms are also in this Newsletter for your convenience. The registration fee for a Delegate is \$250^{USD} (\$275^{USD} after June 23, 2025) and for a non-Delegate Observer is \$125^{USD} (\$150^{USD} after June 23, 2025). We also approved a one-time \$20^{USD} coupon voucher for all Delegates registered for the 2025 Virtual ABM to use towards any product in the S.L.A.A. F.W.S. Online Store.

Big shout out to the Individuals, Groups and Intergroups that have been able to send contributions to F.W.S. We haven't seen the boost in individual contributions we hoped for yet, but we're hopeful that our new 1976 Campaign will turn things around. We invite you to be part of the movement and embrace the spiritual experience it can bring. You'll find the campaign's flyer in this newsletter again, and we ask you to share the message with others who might also be inspired to join us! Further, we received a bequest for approximately \$21,490^{USD} from a deceased member. We voted to deposit the entire bequest into the Endowment Fund, moved \$20,000^{USD} to the operating account, and left the remainder in the Endowment Fund until we receive further guidance from the Conference.

Several shorter points here:

- 1. The 2024 ABC/M minutes have been completed and distributed per the Conference Service Manual, Appendix J.
- 2. We're continuing to make progress getting Board meeting minutes ready for posting on our website.
- 3. After a very informative presentation from our Treasurer, Jeff R. (WA), we approved the first quarter of our fiscal year financials.
- 4. We approved a new membership survey and that should be included in this Newsletter.
- 5. We raised the free-shipping minimum from \$75^{USD} to \$100^{USD} as of Jan 1st, 2025, to help cover rising costs.
- 6. James B. (UT) has agreed to be our recordkeeper for our monthly Board of Trustee meetings. A big thank you, James!!
- 7. We closed our bank accounts at Frost Bank and our bank accounts are now with Wells Fargo.

Best,

Chris D. (CA) BOT Chair 13 February 2025

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

Conference Literature Committee

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.

The CLC meets on the fourth Saturday of each month, from 9 to 10:30 AM Pacific Time. **Meeting ID:** 874 1967 1188 **Passcode:** 311933

Anyone interested in reading, discussing, or editing draft literature is welcome to join the Conference Literature Committee. **Contact the CLC through our Committee page on the FWS website**.

The following writing projects need people to work on them. Even if you don't wish to formally join the CLC, you can join a writing group. Please contact the CLC via the link above to be put in touch with a writing group.

Recent new literature proposals:

*Anorexia: Working the Program, Not the Problem: (combining all the booklets into one Book)

*Questions for Self-Diagnosis of Fantasy Addiction: (proposed by the Fantasy Addiction intergroup)

*Work Study for the Characteristics of Fantasy Addiction: (proposed by the Fantasy Addiction intergroup; intended help sex and love addicts explore how their fantasies contribute to their SLA addiction)

*Work Study for Signs of Recovery from Fantasy Addiction: (proposed by the Fantasy Addiction intergroup)

*You and the Sex and Love Addict in Your Life (for family members, partners, and friends of sex and love addicts in S.L.A.A.)

*The Illusion of Connection: The Dangers of AI Companions in S.L.A.A. Recovery (discussing whether virtual companions are a healthy way to fulfill emotional needs)

*S.L.A.A. Hopes and Promises ("Daytona" Promises modified) Other literature currently under development:

*Member Retention *Disclosure

**Emotional Sobriety* **Virtual Meetings in S.L.A.A.*

The CLC recently created a subcommittee to review S.L.A.A. published material with an eye for older items that might be revised and topics that might be lacking in our existing inventory. If you have thoughts about any of this, please reach out through the CLC page.

In service, Peggy S., CLC Chair

February 12 2025

The Style Committee (SC)

The Style Committee (SC) is a subcommittee of the Conference Literature Committee (CLC). The SC ensures consistent language and style throughout our publications. We review draft manuscripts, provide feedback to writers, and recommend standard S.L.A.A. style guidelines. SC members shape written work into publishable S.L.A.A. literature.

These are the qualifications listed in the Style Committee Description:

- * Thorough understanding of the S.L.A.A. program of recovery (Twelve Steps, Traditions, and Concepts).
- * Strong oral and written communication skills.
- * Willingness to purchase and become familiar with *Garner's* Modern English Usage.
- * Ability to work well in a team, value the contribution of others, and collaborate for best results.
- * Professional experience in editing, writing, or publishing is a plus.

If you are interested, please reach out via the contact form on the **CLC page** of the F.W.S. website.

In service, Peggy S., CLC Chair

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Call for 2025 (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 <u>service experiences</u>, 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:

2025 May 18 – June Issue 2025 August 24 – September Issue 2025 November 16 – December Issue 2026 February 15 – March 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: <u>https://slaafws.org/FWSnews-submit</u>.

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.

May Is Individual Contribution Month "Giving Back What Has So Generously Been Given"

Ever think about all the money you spent on your addiction? Donating a small part of that amount directly to S.L.A.A.'s Fellowship-Wide Services (F.W.S.) helps provide materials that aid us in recovery from our devastating illness.

Each May, members of Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous are invited to contribute directly to F.W.S., thereby acknowledging their gratitude to the Fellowship that in some cases saved, and in many cases sustained their lives as recovering addicts.

Consistent with Tradition Seven ("Every S.L.A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."), such donations ensure that the infrastructure we need to help ourselves and others is financially sustained. Giving is easier than ever before at https://slaafws.org/donate/. Every amount helps.

What is Fellowship-Wide Services (F.W.S.)?

The F.W.S. Office is a general services office that groups, Intergroups, and in some cases individuals go to for materials and other recovery support. Further, the F.W.S. Office assists the Board of Trustees in performing its duties and legal requirements. The following is a list of what F.W.S. handles.

- Printing, selling, and distribution of Conference-Approved literature (S.L.A.A. Basic Text, pamphlets, medallions, and Starter Kits for groups and Intergroups)
- Assistance with starting new meetings and Intergroups world-wide
- Coordination of Annual Business Conference/Meeting
- Support to Conference Committees which facilitate overall growth of the fellowship, including literature translation, creation of new literature, outreach to institutions and prisons, website development and maintenance, and communications with Intergroups and members
- Bookkeeping and maintenance of legal documents

How to Give

- Individuals are encouraged to increase their weekly F.W.S. basket contributions (if your group has this practice), as contributions are made to F.W.S. at the Intergroup level.
- Individuals can set up recurring contributions (i.e., monthly) to be automatically deducted from your debit or credit card at https://slaafws.org.
- Individuals can make a one-time contribution online at https://slaafws.org.
- Individuals can make a one-time contribution by check.
- Make check payable to **Fellowship-Wide Services** and write *Individual Contribution Month* on memo line and mail to F.W.S., 2411 NE Loop 410, Suite 122, San Antonio, TX 78217 USA.

Special Note: S.L.A.A.is a 501c3 organization and contributions to it are tax deductible.

Submitted February 16, 2025

Drafts of New Personal Recovery Stories Are Ready for Fellowship Review and Feedback Now through August 8, 2025

Personal stories of addiction and recovery can be invaluable to newcomers as they seek to "see themselves" in the rooms of S.L.A.A. Recognizing the importance of including updated stories in the proposed Second Edition of the Basic Text, the 50th-Anniversary Basic Text Subcommittee (50BTS) asked members to write new stories for consideration. There are now drafts of **19 new stories**, along with eight retained from the First Edition, ready for Fellowship review and comment.

Many of the new stories cover manifestations of our disease not included in the First Edition, such as anorexia, addictive fantasy, and recovery in the digital world. Some discuss long-term sobriety and how to work the program successfully. Others convey messages of hope about dating and building healthy relationships in sobriety. The stories represent diversity in terms of nationality, race, gender identity, and sexual expression.

The 50BTS **needs your help to read these stories and give feedback** to ensure the stories convey experience, strength, and hope to today's readers.

Here's how to help!

- 1) You can request online access to all 27 stories and read them at your own pace by emailing tmwg50bts@gmail.com.
- 2) You can attend a meeting in which a new story is read aloud.

To join an S.L.A.A. meeting in which a new story is read, here's the information:

S.L.A.A. NEW BEGINNINGS MEETING (all-gender meeting)

Every Sunday 3pm ET / 2pm CT / Noon PT Phone meeting Dial-in: (805) 706-4017 (no password required)

WESTVIEW PA TUESDAY NIGHT MEETING (all-gender meeting)

Read a new story the second Tuesday of each month 7:30pm ET / 6:30pm CT / 4:30pm PT Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 272 979 763 Password: 085639 Dial-in: (646) 558-8656

PERSONAL STORIES MEETING (all-gender meeting)

Every Tuesday 1:30pm ET / 12:30pm CT / 10:30am PT Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 874 1967 1188 Password: 311 933

Please be sure to share your feedback on the stories you read: https://tinyurl.com/50BTstoryfeedback

Thanks for sharing your thoughts!



The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc. 2025 S.L.A.A. Annual Business Meeting

August 7 to August 10, 2025



Virtual ABM

HOSTED BY GREATER DELAWARE VALLEY INTERGROUP (GDVI)

Theme: Tradition 11: "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, TV, film, and other public media. We need guard with special care the anonymity of all fellow S.L.A.A. members."

Co-work spaces are encouraged for fellowship and community.

Find Co-work locations here

If you are planning a co-work space, or would like information on hosting one, please contact our <u>webmaster</u> so we can share it online and others can join you!

S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Services. Virtual ABM Registration: The F.W.S. Newsletter https://slaafws.org/ab¹/minfo



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The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc. 2025 S.L.A.A. Annual Business Meeting

Do you want to work with fellows in person?

August 7 to August 10, 2025



If you are creating a co-work space, please notify the webmaster by emailing webmaster@slaafws.org

USA Co-Work Space Locations:

• East Coast, USA located in Paoli, PA.

Details & registration coming soon

• West Coast, USA

Pending further information

International Co-Work Space Locations:

Pending further information

Co-Work Spaces still require Virtual ABC/M Registration: https://slaafws.org/abminfo

Are you interested in helping steer the fellowship's finances?

BALANCE SHEET

FINANCE

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Join the Board Finance Committee! To join, contact us at https://slaafws.org/bottreasurer

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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



🔺 email us to join: 🛛 boc_slaa@googlegroups.com 🗠

CONDUCT AN AUDIT ON ALL OUTREACH MATERIALS PROVIDED BY F.W.S INCLUDING PUBLIC INFORMATION CONTENT PUBLISHED BY THE CSTCC

CREATION OF OUTREACH RESOURCES FOLDER WHERE FUTURE BOC MEMBERS MAY REVISE AND REVAMP - FUTURE PROOFING ALL PUBLIC INFORMATION & OUTREACH PUBLICATIONS REMAINING WITHIN 7 YEARS OF APPROVED STATUS, MANDATING FUTURE BOC COMMITTEE'S REFRESH WHERE NECESSARY AND BRING TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL

IMPLEMENT, MONITOR AND EVALUATE THE MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

RESEARCH OTHER 12 STEP FELLOWSHIPS NEWSLETTERS AND ESTABLISH A DOCUMENT OUTLINING THE TARGETED 5P'S OF MARKETING & WHERE WE AIM TO EXPLORE NEW ENVIRONMENTS

ENSURE FELLOWSHIP ENGAGEMENT WITH ABM PARTICIPANTS AND INTERGROUPS WORLDWIDE IN THE RESEARCH PHASE OF F.W.S NEWSLETTER - ENCOURAGING FEEDBACK WHERE POSSIBLE

REVAMP THE F.W.S NEWSLETTER AND GUIDELINES WITH THE FOLLOWING VISION IN MIND... CONTENT MUST REMAIN PALATABLE TO INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS AND ALLOW PARTICIPATION OF INTERGROUPS WHILST KEEPING F.W.S GUIDELINES CONSISTENT

REVAMP SUGGESTIONS FOR PUBLIC OUTREACH

COLLABORATE WITH CPIC ON THE S.LA.A DIGITAL OUTREACH PLAN



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*Average USD \$23,000 cost per month includes payroll for 3 full-time employees and 1 contractor, monthly lease payment, office equipment and security services, bookkeeper services, shipping costs, inventory orders for merchandise and literature, software services, utilities, and more. Visit SLAAFWS.org/donate

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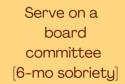
How Else Can I Be of Service?



Contributions via Venmo @slaafwsofficial



Share this flyer: meetings, intergroup, fellowship, sponsors, sponsees, etc. Serve on a conference committee



Serve on the Board of Trustees [3 yrs sobriety]





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SEX AND LOVE ADDICTS ANONYMOUS

Conference Charter Committee

Mission Statement

The CCC is responsible for the facilitation of the Annual Business Conference and Meeting (ABC/M) in co-operation with the BOT and F.W.S., creates the agenda, develops the business meeting items to be addressed, generally chairs the ABC/M, and is liaison for the entire Conference to the BOT and F.W.S.

ZOOM MEETING

We meet the first Friday of every month at 5:00pm PT/ 7:00pm CT/ 8:00pm ET

TO JOIN the CCC: slaafws.org/committee/ccc

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Consider joining the S.L.A.A.

CONFERENCE FINANCE COMMITTE 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

Zoom 870 3527 9452 Code 150084 SLAAFWS.ORG/COMMITTEE/CFC/



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

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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. <u>12 Traditions</u> and 1<u>2</u> <u>Media Guidelines</u>
- comply with the approved S.L.A.A. Suggestions for <u>Public Outreach</u>
- comply with the <u>CPIC Guidelines for Video</u>
- 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

<u>Some of Our</u> 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 literZature 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/ March 2025 Issue

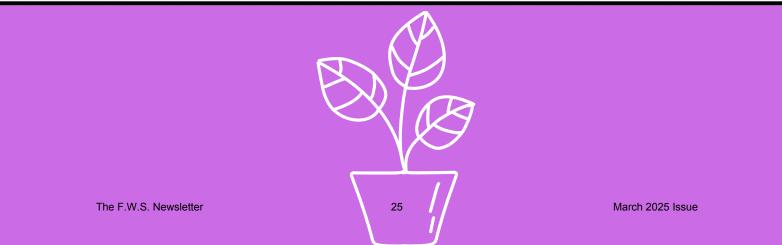
CONFERENCE HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS COMMITTEE (CHRC)

Got a fresh perspective on what a healthy partnership is? Join in & help us write.....

 Project 1 - How to have Healthy Friendships + Spirituality
 Project 2 - Sober Dating Experiences
 Project 3 - Sex Trade Program
 Project 4 - What is a Healthy Relationship

WE MEET EVERY 3RD SUNDAY (2PM PST)

Meeting ID: 842 0465 4837 Password: happy



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Any member of S.L.A.A. is welcome to attend. Give back what we freely receive! https://www.worldtimebuddy.com/ to cross reference your time zone depending on time zone changes

CAC – The S.L.A.A. Conference Anorexia Committee carries 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: <u>https://slaafws.org/committee/cac</u>

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 <u>Click here for direct link</u>

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/c_in.cc

Meeting: 1 1/2 hr 1st Friday @ 8:00pm ET, 7:00pm CT, 6:00pm MT, and 5:00pm PT Zoom Meeting ID: 869 4572 1867 Passcode: CCCService

CDC – The Conference Diversity Committee is devoted to fostering an inclusive environment within ourFellowship that ensures that we are welcoming to the full diversity that exists across those who are in theFellowship, and those who still suffer.For more info: https://slaafws.org/committee/cdcMeeting: 1 hr 1st Saturday @ 1:00pm PT, 2:00pm MST, 3:00pm CT, and 4:00pm ETZoom Meeting ID: 870 7485 4515 Passcode: 286346 Click here for direct link

CFC – The 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 and Twelve Concepts of S.L.A.A. For more info: <u>https://slaafws.org/committee/cfc</u>

Meeting: 1 hr 3rd Wednesday @ 8:00pm PT, 10:00pm CT, 11:00pm ET, 5pm CEST Zoom Meeting ID: 870 3527 9452 Passcode: 150084 <u>Click here for direct link</u>

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

Meeting: 1 hr 3rd Sunday @ 2:00pm PT, 3:00pm MT, 4:00pm CT, 5:00pm ET Zoom Meeting ID: 842 0465 4837 Passcode: happy

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.

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For more info: <u>https://slaafws.org/committee/cicc</u> **Meeting:** 1.5 hr 4th Sunday @ 9:30 AM PT, 12:30 PM ET, 6:00 PM Central European Time **Zoom Meeting ID:** 815 7357 7770 Password: 205254

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

Meeting: 1 hr 1st Saturday @ 11:00am PT, 12:00pm MT, 1:00pm CT, 2:00pm ET Zoom Meeting ID: 303 162 5518 Passcode: 285544 <u>Click for direct link</u>

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. For more info: <u>https://slaafws.org/committee/clc</u> **Meeting:** 1.5 hrs 4th Saturday each month @ 9 am PT, 10 am MT, 11 am CT, 12 pm ET, 5 pm GMT **Zoom Meeting ID:** 874 1967 1188 Passcode: 311933 <u>Click for direct link</u>

CMRC – Conference Member Retention Committee is responsible for the development and implementation of tools and methods to retain members. We empower the fantasy subcommittee writing group to create new draft literature to help those who identify with fantasy related aspects of our disease. We encourage long-term members to commit to our cherished tradition of service. By members' commitment to service as a spiritual principle, we retain their collected shared wisdom, experience, strength and hope in all areas in S.LA.A. Our message is heard by newcomers and inspires those who are stepping up for service. We are the committee behind long-term members staying in our program of recovery.

For more info: <u>https://slaafws.org/committee/cmrc</u>

Meeting: 1 hour 2nd Sunday @ 5:00pm PT, 6:00pm MT, 7:00pm CT, 8:00pm 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: 1.5 hrs 1st Sunday @ 6:15pm PT, 8:15pm CT, 9:15pm ET Zoom Meeting ID: 896 4184 9587 Passcode: 959399

CSC – Conference Service Committee carries the message of sobriety through service by attracting, educating, and unifying members to be of service, giving back to the S.L.A.A. community what we continue to freely receive. For more info: <u>https://slaafws.org/committee/csc</u>

Meeting: 1 hr 2nd Sunday @ 1:00pm EST, 12 noon CT, 10:00 AM PT Zoom Meeting ID: 889 0412 3764 Passcode: 970072

CSPC – Conference Sponsorship Committee is to support and strengthen all forms of S.L.A.A. Sponsorship.

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For more info: <u>https://slaafws.org/committee/cspc</u> **Meeting:** 1 hr 3rd Thursday @ 6:00pm ET, 5:00pm CT, 3:00pm PT **Zoom Meeting ID: 823 4603 7240 Passcode: 247012** <u>Click for direct link</u>

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

Meeting: 1 hr 4th Sunday @ 12:00pm PT, 1:00pm MT, 2:00pm CT, 3:00pm ET, 7:00pm GMT **Zoom Meeting ID: 867 1530 8976 Passcode: JOYFUL**

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: <u>https://slaafws.org/committee/ctioc</u> **Meeting:** 1.5 hr 4th Sunday @ 9:30 AM PT, 12:30 PM ET, 6:00 PM Central European Time **Zoom Meeting ID:** 815 7357 7770 Password: 205254

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:

- Public information
- Sponsorship
- Websites
- Anorexia
- Conventions
- Retreats
- Literature
- Procedures and Guidelines / By-Laws
- Inspiration line
- Meetings
- Annual Business Meeting
- Journals / Newsletters
- Safety The F.W.S. Newsletter

- Diversity
- Finance
- Steps, Traditions and Concepts
- Translation and International Outreach
- Service

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- Member Retention
- Hospitals and Institutions
- Healthy Relationships
- Legal Issues
- Intergroup Communications

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 <u>https://service.slaa.network</u>, 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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...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 <u>F.W.S.</u> <u>Newsletter</u> 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 <u>F.W.S. Newsletter</u> quarterly with a distribution list of more than 1,600 members worldwide. The <u>F.W.S. Newsletter</u> 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 bimonthly 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.

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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: <u>https://slaafws.org/fwsnews-submit</u>

Deadlines for Submissions are Sundays:

2025 May 18 – June Issue 2025 August 24 – September Issue 2025 November 16 – December Issue 2026 February 15 – March 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: <u>https://slaafws.org/fwsnews-submit.</u>