

It is good to stress the emotions involved because many are emotionally anorexic and may also have sexual difficulties. They may be in denial regarding sexual component of their issues. Emphasizing the emotional part instead of the sexual part is good.

The CSTC is a group of volunteers, some of whom were ABM delegates, and others who volunteered out of interest. We do not represent a group conscience of S.L.A.A., but are committed to bringing thoughtful discussion and study of 12 Step Fellowship literature and experience to the questions that are brought to us. Other non-S.L.A.A. literature, such as AA or Al-Anon literature may have been accessed in order to see how other 12 Step Recovery Fellowships have addressed these issues. We offer this summary as the result of our discussions. We present the major points of concern in the hope that wider discussion in the Fellowship will help us evolve our customs and practice of the S.L.A.A. program of recovery to better represent the loving guidance of a Higher Power. Always we affirm the autonomy of each group and the need for each individual to follow her/his own conscience. No decision of this group, or any other, is ever forced upon another, even when we believe a practice is clearly in conflict with the Steps and Traditions.

Stories Book Project

Hi Members of S.L.A.A., from Ron G, Chair, Stories Book Project,

We are looking for volunteers to help create stories about S.L.A.A. recovery. We need members to write his/her story, and members to help the writers. We want stories of members with writing skills and other members. We will be matching story tellers with writers, if necessary.

If you have written for the *Journal* or the S.L.A.A. Basic Text, we would like to encourage you to expand your story. Please make it long and detailed with several sections about different aspects of your recovery. Include details about your interactions with your sponsors, sponsees, temporary sponsors, co-sponsors and recovery partners and, provide examples of the processes you used to work the Steps. Although “what it was like” and “what it is like now” are important, we are particularly interested in the activities that helped you change.

We will work with you and keep in contact as your story develops and is prepared for publication. We may choose later on to lift a particular section on a specific topic for some publication such as the 12X12, a possible revision of the Basic Text, or other S.L.A.A. publications.

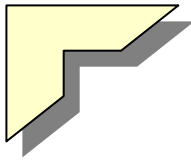
Send your questions or to volunteer, contact us through the Conference Literature Committee via the F.W.S. website link <http://www.slaafws.org/contact/Conference+Literature+Committee>
We are interested in stories from members outside the USA, including people who speak English as a second language and members who do not speak English. At this time, we cannot provide translators for all languages, so we suggest that you find someone who can translate your draft into English.



S.L.A.A. Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions Book

The fellowship has voted to create a Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions book for SLAA. We have collected over 300 shares about our experiences with each Step or Tradition. We need writing groups of one or more individuals to turn those shares into chapters. Here's what you can do:

- go to www.slaafws.org/submit1212 to submit your share.
- go to www.slaafws.org/contact/Conference+Literature+Committee to express interest in forming a writing group to write a chapter
- Contact the Conference Literature Committee at the above address and tell them you want to be a "friend" of the CLC. This will allow you to give feedback on chapters as they are being written.



CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CORNER

CCC REPORT May 2012

Conference Charter Committee

The CCC has met regularly all year on the first Sunday of each month. There are currently four submissions on the BMIS and a fifth is being considered.

The CSM revision work group has decided to make the revision process into a two-year workgroup in order to incorporate all changes into one finished product. We are meeting only once a month until after the ABM.

The Scheduling workgroup has finished the schedule and is currently looking to fill general session time slots with facilitators. Changes from last year's schedule include moving the International Speaker Panel to Tuesday evening and moving the auction to earlier on Wednesday. The San Diego Intergroup is hosting another Bonfire on the Beach Thursday night.

The CCC has been discussing the use of SKYPE technology on conference calls and is looking forward to feedback from the Chairs group.

The CCC has also been discussing the Accountability process (Appendix H CSM.) and is also looking for feedback from the Chairs call.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack S.
CCC Chair

Prison Outreach Committee

WE NEED YOUR HELP

BECOME A PRISON PEN PAL

Inmates all over the U.S. are waiting for someone to aid them in their recovery from their sex and love addiction. (They may or may not be serving time as a sex offender.)

Please commit yourself to write 1 or more letters per month to your pen pal.

Help inmates as they work the 12 Steps and finds recovery from their addiction and discover that there is a better way to live their life.

Do you have 3 months sobriety and a great desire to help these individuals?

Contact us at prison_outreach@slaafws.org to volunteer and we will provide you with a list of our suggested writing guidelines and help you get started. We always have people waiting for your help.

Tradition 3 – “The only requirement for S.L.A.A .membership is the desire to stop living out a pattern of sex and love addiction...”; Tradition 5 “...carry its message to the sex and love addict who still suffers.”

Conference Service Committee

LADDER OF SERVICE (member/group/Intergroup/Conference) Mon-15-Feb-2010

The Conference Service Committee (CSC) is asking Conference Committees, local groups and Intergroups to consider how members move into service. Some types of service require no preparation, while other types may require a far greater commitment and level of preparation. The CSC is designing a 'ladder of service' that may help members assess their service choices. The goal of the service ladder is to better prepare members for service at the Conference level and perhaps increase the number of available experienced candidates for Conference Committee work. Other goals are to provide the Conference Committees with continuity and to promote rotation of service. The concept of a service ladder is not new and many groups and Intergroups currently have guidelines or a system for introducing members into various levels of service. The ideas on this ladder are –only– suggestions. A few of these activities require election by a group, but many are available to anyone choosing to volunteer and can be used by a group or Intergroup at any time. The suggested rungs on the ladder are considered a start and do not need to be followed in the order listed. Variations are welcome, as groups and Intergroups are unique and autonomous. Discussions among Conference members, Conference Committees, Conference Friends, Intergroups, Groups and members are encouraged. The CSC has a particular interest in how members become elected Delegates. Preparation that can familiarize a member with Conference work before being elected Delegate is to our Fellowship's advantage. For that reason, the CSC suggests Alternate Delegates serve on a Conference Committee of their choice before Delegate candidacy. The CSC suggests that future Delegates and Alternate Delegates participate on a Conference Committee before volunteering to be a Delegate or Alternate Delegate, or start as soon as they are elected. The CSC suggests that past Delegates serve on a Conference Committee for at least 2 or 3 years after attending an ABC/M. For more information or to volunteer at the FWS level, contact the CSC (Conference Service Committee) or any Conference Committee using www.slaafws.org/committeecontacts.

Ladder of Service

Local face-to-face (f2f) meetings:

- Set up
- Clean up
- Coffee maker
- Greeter(s)
- Meeting Leader – reads the format and calls upon shares
- Timekeeper
- Literature person (sales of Conference Approved Literature)
- Representative
- Information person – provides copies of information available by email or from the web. (Includes copies of draft literature being prepared for Conference Approval.)
- Group Secretary
- Group Chair
- Group Treasurer
- Meeting Material Custodian (box keeper)
- Other local face-to-face meeting service positions
- Key holder (person with the key to the church or meeting location)
- Intergroup service (optional) without being the Intergroup representative
- Intergroup Representative

Local Intergroup meetings:

- Contact your Intergroup or Group's Intergroup Representative for service opportunities

International (FWS) level service

– Conference Committees, Conference Subcommittees and Writing Groups:

- Friend of Conference Committee(s)

- Non-delegate newcomer to Conference Subcommittee service
- Non-delegate newcomer to Conference Committee service
- Writing Group member
- Writing Group Chairperson
- Conference Literature Committee (CLC) liaison to a Writing Group
- Conference Committee member
- Conference Subcommittee Vice-Chair
- Conference Subcommittee Chair
- Alternate Delegate of Intergroup or Lone Group
- Delegate of Intergroup or Lone Group
- Service Sponsor (A service sponsor may sponsor a number of members regarding service and Traditions and ideally announce their availability to do this at meetings.)
- Conference Committee Vice-Chair
- Conference Committee Chair
- Conference Committee Mentor – mentoring Chair, Vice-Chair, Subcommittee Chair(s) and Vice-Chair(s), members, newcomers, inquirers and visitors based upon prior Conference Committee experience, strength and hope. (This person might hold a position of Conference Committee Vice-Chair.)

FWS Newsletter Submission Format

It is very exciting to see how many of you are interested in submitting articles and reports to the FWS Newsletter. It is even more exciting to know the number of readers continues to grow. In order to maintain the integrity of the FWS Newsletter, I would like to encourage you to read and use the following guidelines when submitting articles and reports to the FWS Newsletter.

- ❖ Please use the email address created specifically for submissions to the FWS Newsletter, <http://slaafws.org/fwsnews-submit>
- ❖ Please make submissions in a .doc or .docx file, with the exception of flyers created for specific events or requests. Doing so helps the editor to make changes (usually for increased readability and continuity of print, minor grammatical errors) to the document.
- ❖ Please remember to maintain anonymity. Use First Name and Last Initial.
- ❖ Please follow the motion passed to place periods between the initials in our abridged name in any written material that is made public. It should look as such: S.L.A.A.
- ❖ Please submit your articles and reports in a timely fashion. In each edition of the FWS Newsletter, the deadlines are published.
- ❖ Please remember that the FWS Newsletter is not a recovery-oriented publication. It is not to be confused with the *Journal*, which publishes articles of recovery. All submissions must have the mission of the FWS Newsletter at its center, which is to publish items related to S.L.A.A. business, committee, office, and BOT news, and to share this information as widely as possible in order to keep all members, near and far, up-to-date with the business happenings of the Fellowship.
- ❖ The deadlines are:
 August 12, 2012
 November 11, 2012
 February 10, 2013
 May 12, 2013

If there are any concerns, questions, or comments re: the FWS Newsletter, you may contact the editor, Deb W., <http://slaafws.org/contact/newseditor>

Respectfully submitted, Deb W.