

#### Fellowship-Wide Services Newsletter

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To all members participating in the 2014 ABM: Regarding submission of IFD's (Items for Discussion) and motions. The CCC (Conference Charter Committee) and the ARS (Agenda Review Subcommittee) ask that you respect the Agenda Submission Process by submitting your IFD's or motions in a timely manner, sooner if possible. Last minute submissions and those received prior to the 7:00pm deadline at the start of the ABM can cause an undue burden on members of the ARS and the CCC. Of course, all submissions will continue to be accepted for review up until the 7:00pm deadline, August 5, 2014. Please be considerate of the service work of others. We look forward to seeing you at the ABM.

Respectfully submitted by, Jack S., Chair CCC and Andrew H., Chair ARS

#### General Manager's Report May 6, 2014

Spring is in full swing at the F.W.S. Office in beautiful San Antonio, Texas! We have been enjoying afternoon temperatures in the upper 80's and lower 90's, with cool breezes in the evenings. We hope that your Spring is off to a wonderful start, wherever you may be!

The F.W.S. Office shipped 517 orders in February, March, and April! Our April total alone was 211 (a new monthly shipment record!) and the staff were so very pleased to see the result of their efforts.

Our new mp3 items have been selling very well. The complete Basic Text on mp3, as well as individual chapters, is quite popular with our members. Stop by the S.L.A.A. web store and take a look at these new digital items. You will also notice that a few items, such as the leather book covers and 2014 *Journal* Gratitude calendar, have been reduced in price. These make great gifts!

A digital subscription to the Journal is still in the works. A committee has been working diligently to choose a web platform for hosting the Journal. It is very exciting to see so much of the Fellowship's materials "going digital!"

A few notes regarding this year's ABC/M:

We are getting ready for a great ABC/M 2014 in lovely Houston, Texas, August 5<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>! Preparations have been under way for months, and things are really starting to come together now. Open Mic Night should be a hoot! We hope to see you there!

The Agenda Review Subcommittee (ARS) will have the 2014 Agenda Second Version sent to the F.W.S. Office for distribution no later than 5:00 pm Central Time, Monday, May 19, 2014. Due to the submission of multiple items close to the deadline, there was not enough time to fully implement the ARS process.

The web store will be closed August 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 13<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the ABC/M. This is one of the two times each year that our store/Office is closed. Pre-orders for on-site pick-up are encouraged.

Enjoy your Springtime!

Respectfully Submitted, Pam Martin General Manager

## A Letter from the BOT Chair 5/7/14

Hello All! As I reflect on the anniversary of my 8<sup>th</sup> year of sobriety, I am so grateful that I've found this program. I've never had it so good! Whatever it takes to stay sober, I'm going to keep "doin' the do!" How about you?

I want to share good news with all of you! We have finally hammered out all of the details for the distribution of the e-book of our Basic Text. By the time you read this, hopefully, it will be available on Amazon and iTunes. There will be a link on our website that will take you to these stores. The cost will be \$9.99. Be sure to order your copy now!

The other good news is that we will be going digital with the Journal (our "meeting" in print). We are hammering out all of the details right now, testing a distribution method, and will make all of the details for it available on our website as soon as we get it ironed out.

Don't forget the Annual Business Meeting is coming up! The deadline is June 21<sup>st</sup>; after that, there is a \$75 dollar late fee. We will be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in beautiful downtown Houston – hope to see your Intergroup there!

All the best wishes for your continued recovery! Susan G.

#### Introduction of New (Yet Seasoned) BOT Member

My name is Chris D. from California U.S.A.

My first S.L.A.A. meeting was in Northampton, Massachusetts, in June 1991. Withdrawal for me started the prior month and I was not optimistic that the program was going to help me feel better. However, by that time, I was sober in A.A. for several years, so I had some understanding of recovery. On the other hand, it was very difficult to be a newcomer in a different fellowship! I had never felt as hopeless in my life and S.L.A.A. was my only option.

I was too sick to work that summer, so I was able to attend many meetings. I started to work part-time in the fall but still felt pretty hopeless. Finally, one evening that December, I realized that it hadn't been a bad day and that was the first non-bad day since withdrawal started. That marked the end of withdrawal and I finally believed that I was going to survive. Members of the fellowship were showing me a level of recovery that I didn't know existed. The idea that my life did not have to be run by sex or by a primary relationship was an unknown concept.

For me, recovery from sex and relationship addiction is graduate school recovery. A.A. started me on the road to health and I would be dead if I hadn't gotten sober when I did. But S.L.A.A. recovery provides me

with a connection to my Higher Power and myself that I had not previously experienced. Although I had already worked the Steps several times, the results of re-working them while sexually sober were nothing short of astonishing. I owe my sanity to S.L.A.A. However, my H.P. is "kind" enough to remind me every once in a while that my grasp on sanity isn't permanent - I only have a daily reprieve contingent on the maintenance of my spiritual condition.

I started doing service early in A.A. and the same is true when I joined S.L.A.A. I was a member of the local Intergroup, started a meeting, and sponsored others. My plan (hah!) in 2004 was that I would be more open to service at the Conference level when I was more settled in my new career as an attorney (another gift of the program). But H.P. had different plans and I was appointed to the Board of Trustees, where I served for six years. In 2014, I find myself again as the fellowship's newest Board member.

Each Board member is assigned a Board committee – I am a member of two: the Board Governance & Nominating Committee and the Board Finance and Operating Committee-Operations. Also, I am the Board liaison to the Conference Diversity, Service, and Healthy Relationships Committees. So I have a lot to learn!

If not already clear from the above, I am thrilled to be able to be of service to the fellowship this way. The life I live today, and the quality of my relationship with my spouse, are direct results of my participation in S.L.A.A., sobriety, and service. Furthermore, this is a very exciting time to be a member of a fellowship that can provide so much hope to so many potential new members. Thank you for helping me to stay sober today.

#### Greetings S.L.A.A. Member,

The Board of Trustees is looking for individuals that are willing to be of service. One of the reasons I serve on the Board is to "give back what I have so freely received." This Fellowship has shown me a path to freedom that has enriched every part of my life. And to show my gratitude, I have decided to give of my time. Helping the addict who still suffers is our primary purpose and I can do that by welcoming the newcomer AND by being a member of the Board. By keeping the corporation moving forward as smoothly as possible, everyone benefits. As a part of the group conscience process in service, I can help my Higher Power's will to become known and through that process I get to learn about myself. Service is the principle behind the 12<sup>th</sup> Step and "I have to give it away to keep it," which means to me that service really does keep me sober.

Rick B-



#### Please Consider Joining the

#### F.W.S. Board of Trustees



#### Or, nominate someone you know

#### **Board candidates**

- √ 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.\*)
- ✓ 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 experience in S.L.A.A. service at the Intergroup and/or conference level.
- ✓ served as a delegate at the conference level for at least one year.
- √ have at least 20-30 hours a month available for BOT service.

#### **Board candidates ideally**

- ✓ have skills and abilities valuable to the organization.
- ✓ served as non-BOT member of a BOT Committee (BGNC, BPRC, BFOC) for at least 3 months.
- ✓ works well in a group dynamic.
- ✓ have a functional understanding of group conscience.

#### \*Non-S.L.A.A. board candidates ideally

- ✓ generally know and love the S.L.A.A. Fellowship for how it has helped family, friends or clients.
- √ has skills from such areas as legal, financial and/or business fields.
- ✓ brings an added perspective due to being outside the S.L.A.A. program.

#### Please Let Us Know

If you are interested in serving or know anyone who might be please send an email to -

http://www.slaafws.org/contact/bgnc

#### The Board of Trustees (BOT)

-From the CSM (Conference Service Manual)

The BOT is composed of up to nine people. The term of service is normally three years. Terms of service are staggered so that three members are elected each year.

#### Qualifications

Any S.L.A.A. member can be elected to the Board as long as s/he meets the By-Laws requirements of three years minimum continuous, self-defined sobriety and a working knowledge of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Recommended Guidelines of S.L.A.A.

Non-S.L.A.A. members can also be a part of the BOT as long as they are willing to adhere to the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Recommended Guidelines of S.L.A.A., and generally know and love the S.L.A.A. Fellowship for how it has helped family/friends/clients or have made substantial contributions to the recovery of sex and/or love addicts. In addition, it is important that they have specific skills such as legal, financial or business administration.

#### Responsibilities

The BOT's duties and responsibilities (according to the S.L.A.A. By-Laws) are as follows:

"The Board of Trustees shall act as the guardian of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, ensuring that there are no alterations except by action of the Fellowship-Wide Services S.L.A.A. Conference, as set forth in these Articles. This guardianship shall in no way infringe on the right of any individual to personal interpretation of the 12 Steps, or the autonomy of the individual groups as set forth in the Traditions, but the Board of Trustees may call to the attention of any group or individual a violation of the 12 Traditions it determines has been made. The Board, however, shall not have power or control over any group or individual and shall act only in an advisory capacity on matters affecting the Fellowship as a whole. The principle to be followed in all matters regarding the relationship of the corporation to others is to be according to the spirit of the 12 Traditions, especially those that state the Fellowship ought never to engage in public controversy.

"The Board of Trustees shall act as spokesperson for the Fellowship in all matters affecting S.L.A.A. as a whole; provide for and supervise publications of the Fellowship; provide counsel and guidance to member groups and to new groups; furnish a medium for the interchange of ideas between groups and arrange for the Fellowship-Wide Services S.L.A.A. Conference Annual Meeting." Article VI, Sections 3a and 3b

Please note that BOT work can require extensive work and commitment on the part of the BOT member to achieve the Board's primary function. A minimum of 20-30 hours /month is required.

#### **Term and Method of BOT Selection**

At the ABM, an election is held for the three board positions that are opened every year. Any S.L.A.A. member who meets the criteria is requested to contact the Board Governance and Nominating Committee (BGNC) or F.W.S. Staff/Office for details and a Written Questionnaire. Once the Written Questionnaire is received, an Oral Interview will be arranged with two members of the BGNC. Both documents are submitted to the Conference for review before the BOT election on the morning of the last day of the ABM.

Nominations may be received at the ABC up to the day prior to the scheduled election. This is done for two reasons: 1) To allow for last minute nominations from newly interested members who have had a chance to participate in the ABC process; and 2) So that Conference members have a chance to discuss possible candidates among themselves who may not have been considered in the past by the BOT.

The Board can also appoint people to serve on the BOT when positions are not completed to full term. The same Written Questionnaire and Oral Interview process is performed and the individual appointed must have unanimous approval by the BOT before coming onto the Board. Usually, appointed BOT members are placed on the election slate at the next ABC, so the Conference can confirm the Board appointments. If a term is less than a year, there is no need to confirm that appointment.

Throughout the year, the BGNC posts flyers on the F.W.S. Website and sends reminders to S.L.A.A. Intergroups/members to nominate those individuals they feel would be appropriate additions to the BOT.

# Board of Trustees Members Susan G. Bob G. Steve B. Rick B. Chris D.

### Board Finance and Operating Committee - Finance May 2014 Treasurer's Report

This report will cover the finances for the second quarter (January – March) of Fiscal Year 2013-14 and the actions of the Finance Committee since the last Newsletter.

First, the audit of the Fellowship-Wide Services books for the 1012-13 Fiscal Year has been completed. Noting only a minor issue with a few small checks on the books written in past years by F.W.S. that were

never cashed, we have again successfully met the Auditor's standards for accountability in handling your fellowship's funds. A copy of that audit is included in this newsletter, including the Auditor's report to the Board of Trustees.

Finances for the last Quarter have been stable, with just under \$41,000.00 in contributions since the first of the calendar year and almost exactly \$50,000.00 net income from sales of literature. These numbers are consistent with recent prior quarters; however we have an increase in total sales over last year of close to \$30,000.00. The other good news is that contributions are up approximately \$24,500 over the prior two years, mostly due to increased intergroup donations. That is not to say, however that money isn't still tight as we have added salary expenses, including that of the General Manager.

I am actually describing what is, in reality, the "consolidated" books of the two co-existing corporations, the old Massachusetts Corporation and the new Texas Corporation. We are still in the process of winding down and dissolving the Massachusetts entity which requires the approval of the Massachusetts Attorney General and Supreme Court. We are hopeful that this process will be completed soon.

Nonetheless, although the consolidation of the books may be helpful to the Finance Committee to closely monitor the ongoing operations of the Office, we will not publish them since that would not reflect the more complex, short-term legal reality. Generally speaking, however, the Fellowship had, as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, approximately \$251,770.00 in various accounts, including just under \$184,000.00 in Prudent Reserve funds. This increase in reserve from the last Quarter is the result of a very generous \$25,000.00 contribution, specifically to the Prudent Reserve, from an anonymous member.

Some highlights of business the BFOC-Finance Committee handled in recent months include:

- 1. Review of the Audit, tax forms and monthly financial reports; recommended to the BOT that future reports be run on a straight accrual basis; previously we had been using a modified cash basis for P&L reports.
- 2. Discussed several copyright issues, including questions on translation from international intergroups.
- 3. Considered the best reports for consistent review by the Committee and set a schedule.
- 4. Decided to invite the General Manager to sit in on BFOC-Finance calls.

We are lucky to have two accountants (Operations Chair Bob G. and Rich K.) serving on the Finance Committee as well as an attorney (Tom R.) and our Board Chair (Susan G.). I am extremely grateful for their expertise and service. Contact me with questions about the Finances of F.W.S. at <a href="http://www.slaafws.org/contact/SB">http://www.slaafws.org/contact/SB</a>.

In Service, Steve B.

Board Finance and Operating Committee - Finance Chair, F.W.S. Treasurer

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Kandy L. Walker

To the Board of Trustees
The Augustine Fellowship,
Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous,
Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of The Augustine Fellowship, Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc. (the Fellowship) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2013, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Fellowship's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fellowship's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fellowship's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and, therefore, there can be no assurance that all such deficiencies have been identified.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency or combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Fellowship's Board of Trustees and others within the organization, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

San Antonio, Texas January 27, 2014



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January 27, 2014

To the Board of Trustees The Augustine Fellowship, Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc.

We have audited the financial statements of The Augustine Fellowship, Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc. (The Fellowship) for the year ended September 30, 2013, and have issued our report thereon dated January 27, 2014. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated December 9, 2013. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

#### Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by The Fellowship are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. The Fellowship changed its basis of accounting from modified cash basis to accrual during 2013. We noted no transactions entered into by The Fellowship during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. The attached schedule summarizes misstatements of the financial statements, which are considered to be material, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. Management has corrected all such misstatements.

#### Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

#### Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated January 27, 2014.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to The Fellowship's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

#### Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as The Fellowship's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

#### Other Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements

With respect to the supplemental information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplemental information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

#### **Prior Year Control Deficiencies**

<u>Outstanding Checks:</u> We noted numerous outstanding checks over 90 days old being carried on the monthly cash reconciliations, primarily for the general checking bank account.

<u>Current Year:</u> We again noted this issue has not been corrected in the current year.

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend that checks over 90 days old be investigated to determine if the checks should be reissued. The Fellowship should consider establishing a formal, written policy concerning un-cashed checks in accordance with current State escheat laws. Such a policy should specify aging milestones with required actions.

#### **Prior Year Significant Deficiencies**

<u>Cash Receipts</u>: In our review of internal controls, we noted a potential for funds to be misappropriated upon submission for deposit. We noted receipts are counted by two individuals upon receipt but only one individual is responsible for submitting cash deposits via mail. We further noted there is currently no procedures in place to reconcile the funds received to the deposited funds.

<u>Current Year:</u> We noted this issue was corrected in the current year.

We would like to express our appreciation for the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by Steve Barrana and his staff.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Trustees and management of The Fellowship and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you want to discuss any of the matters contained herein.

Very truly,

Randy L. Walker

AUGUSTINE FELLOWSHIP SLAA Augustine Fellowship FY 13 9/30/2013 TB - Trial Balance Adjusting Journal Entries Report Client:

Engagement: Period Ending:

Trial Balance:

Workpaper:

Account	Description	W/P Ref	Debit	Credit
Adjusting Journa To reflect unrealiz	al Entries JE # 1  ded gain on investments in the proper income account at year	<b>ZZ-2</b> -end.		
33000	Unrealized Gain/Loss		600.00	
49950 <b>Total</b>	Unrealized gain/loss on Investments		600.00	600.00 600.00
Adjusting Journa	al Entries JE # 2	M-3		
To record depreci	ation expense for the current year.			
68000	Depreciation Expense		1,210.00	
17100 <b>Total</b>	Accum Depreciation		1,210.00	1,210.00 1,210.00
	al Entries JE # 3 d accounts payable at the beginning of the year and to adjust	CC-2a the year		
end balance.		•		
20100	Accounts Payable		3,560.00	
32000	Unrestricted Net Assets		3,560.00	
20100	Accounts Payable			3,560.00
63400	Contract Services - Labor			1,895.00
63500	Contract Services - Other			1,665.00
Total			7,120.00	7,120.00
	al Entries JE # 4	CC-2b		
To properly record	d payables at year end.			
63400	Contract Services - Labor		798.00	
63500	Contract Services - Other		1,898.00	
20100	Accounts Payable			2,696.00
Total			2,696.00	2,696.00
Adjusting Journa	al Entries JE # 5	A-4		
To properly adjust realized gains at y	t unrealized gain/loss on investment and investment income	and		
49950	Unrealized gain/loss on Investments		2,189.00	
49901	Uncategorized Income			2,189.00
Total	-		2,189.00	2,189.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS and Supplemental Information September 30, 2013

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS September 30, 2013

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Trustees The Augustine Fellowship, Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc. San Antonio, Texas

We have audited the accompanying statement financial position of The Augustine Fellowship, Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc. (The Fellowship), a non-profit corporation, as of September 30, 2013, and the related statement of activities, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Augustine Fellowship Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc. as of September 30, 2013, and the changes in its net assets and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Other Matter

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The Schedule of Functional Expenses on page 10 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management, was derived from, and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

San Antonio, Texas January 27, 2014

andy L. Walker

## THE AUGUSTINE FELLOWSHIP, SEX and LOVE ADDICTS ANONYMOUS, FELLOWSHIP-WIDE SERVICES, INC. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION September 30, 2013

#### **ASSETS**

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	45,252
Investments	Ψ	158,800
Undeposited Funds		352
Prepaid Expenses		3,068
Inventory		45,723
Property and Equipment, Net		14,125
TOTAL ASSETS	\$_	267,320
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$	8,038
Sales Tax Payable		186
TOTAL LIABILITIES	_	8,224
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted		259,096
TOTAL NET ASSETS	_	267,320
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	267,320

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

#### For The Year Ended September 30, 2013

SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
Sale of Inventory	\$	228,185
Contributions		104,042
Fundraising Income		39,635
Licenses and Royalties		1,301
Investment Income	_	600
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	_	373,763
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Program	\$	291,013
General and Administrative		45,014
Fundraising	_	17,129
TOTAL EXPENSES	_	353,156
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		20,607
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR (Restated)		238,489
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$	259,096

#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

#### For The Year Ended September 30, 2013

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATIONS		
Increase in Net Assets from Operations	\$	20,607
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Excess to Net Cash		
Provided by Operations:		
Depreciation Expense		1,210
Net realized and unrealized gain on investment		(600)
(Increase)/Decrease in Assets:		
Undeposited Funds		(193)
Inventory		1,974
(Decrease)/Increase in Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable		(449)
Sales Tax Payable	_	58
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	_	22,607
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of Equipment		(11,731)
Purchases of Investments		(288,032)
Proceeds from the sale of investments	_	277,907
NET CASH USED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	_	(21,856)
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		751
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	_	44,501
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	\$_	45,252

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**September 30, 2013** 

#### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting following current accounting practices for non-profit organizations. The significant accounting policies are described below to enhance the usefulness of the financial statements to the reader.

#### Organization and Nature of Activities

The Augustine Fellowship, Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc. (The Fellowship) is a non-profit organization associated with the Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, or S.L.A.A., which is a Twelve Step, Twelve Tradition oriented Fellowship of men and women who help each other to stay sober. They offer help to anyone who has a sex addiction or love addiction or both and want to do something about it. The S.L.A.A.'s have a special understanding of each other and the disease, and have learned how to recover through The Twelve Steps of S.L.A.A. The Fellowship, like all other S.L.A.A. groups are self-supporting, declining outside contributions, and have no required dues or fees. The Fellowship is supported mainly by voluntary contributions from members and sales of S.L.A.A. literature.

#### Basis of Presentation

The Fellowship is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets:

- Unrestricted net assets Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.
- Temporarily restricted net assets Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met either by actions of the Fellowship and/or the passage of time.
- Permanently restricted net assets Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the Foundation.

The Fellowship had no temporarily or permanently restricted net assets at September 30, 2013.

#### Income Taxes

The Augustine Fellowship, Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc. is exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and as such qualifies for the maximum charitable contributions deduction by donors.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS September 30, 2013

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Property and Equipment

Purchased property and equipment are stated at cost. Donated assets are not accepted by The Fellowship. Assets greater than \$400 are capitalized by The Fellowship. Depreciation is computed using the straight line method over the estimated useful lives as follows:

Building and Improvements 30 years Furniture and Equipment 5 years

#### Contributions

All contributions received are recorded as unrestricted for The Fellowship's operations. The Fellowship utilizes volunteers in its daily operations, the value of which is not reflected in the financial statements.

#### Investments

Investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are reported at their fair values in the statements of financial position.

#### **Inventory**

Inventories consist of literature books, journals, CD's, CD accessories, medallions, plastic chips, pamphlets, and wristbands. Inventory is stated at the lower of cost or market based on a perpetual specific identification basis.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles includes the use of estimates that affect the financials statements. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Subsequent Events

The Fellowship has evaluated subsequent events through January 27, 2014, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**September 30, 2013** 

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### **Expense Allocation**

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the supplemental schedule of functional expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

#### **NOTE 2 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

Property and equipment are as follows at September 30, 2013:

Property and Equipment	\$ 49,485
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(35,360)
Total	\$ 14,125

Depreciation expense was \$1,210 for the year ended September 30, 2013.

#### **NOTE 3 - LEASES**

The Fellowship leases office space under an agreement that expires on May 31, 2016. Total rent expense was \$35,071 for the year ended September 30, 2013.

Future minimum lease payments under existing lease is as follows:

September 30,	
2014	\$ 35,168
2015	36,110
2015	24,492
Total	\$ 95,770

#### **NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The Fellowship adopted the provisions of ASC 820, "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures" (formerly SFAS 157). ASC 820 defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market, and establishes a framework for measuring fair value in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The adoption of ASC 820 did not affect the Fellowship's financial position or results of operations.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**September 30, 2013** 

#### NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUTED)

The valuation techniques required by ASC 820 are based upon observable and unobservable inputs, and ASC 820 establishes a three-level fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. The three levels of inputs used to measure fair value are as follows:

- Level 1 inputs consist of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and have the highest priority.
- Level 2 valuations are based on quoted prices in markets that are not active.
- Level 3 valuations are based on inputs that are unobservable and supported by little or no market activity.

The Fellowship has no Level 2 or Level 3 assets or liabilities.

The Fellowship's financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, undeposited funds, prepaid expenses, inventory, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and sales tax payable. The carrying amounts reported in the statements of financial position approximate fair values because of the short maturities of those instruments.

The Fellowship's financial instruments also include investments. The fair value of investments is based on quoted market prices for those or similar investments.

#### **NOTE 5 - INVESTMENTS**

At September 30, 2013, The Fellowship's investment consisted of the following:

	 Cost	Fa	air Value
Bonds	\$ 161,245	\$	158,800

Total investment unrealized loss for the year ended September 30, 2013 is \$2,445.

#### **NOTE 6 - PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT**

The Fellowhsip changed its basis of accounting from modified cash to accrual during the year ended September 30, 2013. The basis of accounting change resulted in a decrease to the net assets of \$8,475 for the year ended September 30, 2012.

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

#### SCHEDULE OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

September 30, 2013

	-	Program		General and Administrative	 Fundraising	_	Total
Contract Services	\$	73,197	\$	13,724	\$ 4,575	\$	91,496
Rent		29,460		5,261	350		35,071
Cost of Goods Sold		32,738		-	1,723		34,461
Salaries		30,344		1,686	1,685		33,715
BOT Expenses		26,988		-	2,999		29,987
ABC/M Accommodation		23,342		1,297	1,296		25,935
Shipping Expense		22,601		-	1,189		23,790
Professional Fees		-		13,206	695		13,901
ABC/M Conference		12,723		-	-		12,723
BOT Conference Expense		10,393		-	-		10,393
Vendor Fees		9,079		-	478		9,557
Printing and Production		5,240		1,310	-		6,550
Supplies		2,934		903	677		4,514
Property Insurance		3,173		1,058	-		4,231
Payroll Taxes		3,547		197	197		3,941
FWS Website		2,283		878	351		3,512
Telephone		-		2,561	854		3,415
Depreciation		-		1,210	-		1,210
Federal and State Tax		-		1,013	-		1,013
Postage and Delivery		762		190	-		952
Bank Charges/Fees		663		166	-		829
Payroll Accounting		691		38	39		768
Payroll Expenses		392		22	21		435
Miscellaneous		269		47	-		316
Dues and Subscriptions		-		225	-		225
Inventory Adjustment		194	-	22	_	-	216
Total E	Expenses \$	291,013	\$	45,014	\$ 17,129	\$ _	353,156

#### **CPOC REPORT - MAY 2014**

We are happy to report that the Conference Prison Outreach Committee remains active in getting the message of hope and recovery behind the prison walls. Last conference year we set a new record for received requests from inmates and are on target this year to surpass that record. If you have local members who are facing incarceration due to their addiction, be sure that they have the FWS office address so that they can write to request help.

We have had some reports of local Intergroups who are forming their own jail/prison outreach committees to reach out to those in their areas. We are encouraged to receive these reports and know that others outside this committee are interested in working with the incarcerated. If any local committee would like to share their experiences with this committee you may do so by contacting us at <a href="http://www.slaafws.org/contact/cpoc">http://www.slaafws.org/contact/cpoc</a>. If you are willing to share what procedures you had to follow in order to get into the facilities, we would welcome this information so that it might be shared with other Intergroups.

Our greatest need at all times is that we need many more men to step up to serve as pen pals to those who have requested our assistance. Right now, we have men who have been on our waiting list for seven months. At this writing, we have 22 men waiting. The requests for help far exceed our ability to provide pen pals. We need people who have three months sobriety and are willing to commit to at least one letter per month to help these men. If you have been serving in the past and your pen pal has dropped out or been released, please contact us and we can provide you with additional names. A complete list of suggested writing guidelines is available upon request. A printable flyer is included with this issue of the Newsletter; please announce and promote this opportunity.

We have recently broken down the responsibilities of our committee chair into two separate positions; Committee Chair and Responder. In the past the Committee chair has also been the responder. If you have a passion to work with those who are incarcerated, we encourage you to join with us as a member of the CPOC. We have three service opportunities forthcoming; this summer we will be electing a new chair, vice chair and a responder.

In Service,

Garry K, CPOC chair

#### PEN PALS NEEDED

## THE CPOC HAS AN IMMEDIATE NEED FOR MEN TO SERVE AS PEN PALS FOR OUR INCARCERATED MEMBERS

DUE TO A RECORD NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR HELP DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, WE ARE BACKLOGGED BEYOND SIX MONTHS WITH REQUESTS FOR A PEN PAL

THEY HAVE RECEIVED THE BASIC TEXT AND SOME PAMPHLETS, BUT THEY NEED SOMEONE TO GUIDE THEM INTO SOBRIETY

SERVICE KEEPS US SOBER – DOING SERVICE HELPS ANOTHER ADDICT TO HAVE A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR RECOVERY

IF YOU HAVE AT LEAST 3 MONTHS SOBRIETY AND ARE WILLING TO COMMIT TO AT LEAST ONE LETTER PER MONTH, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU RIGHT AWAY

TO CONTACT US GO TO - <a href="http://www.slaafws.org/contact/cpoc">http://www.slaafws.org/contact/cpoc</a>

The FWS News Editor is looking for articles from members all over the world, specifically your experiences in doing service in S.L.A.A. You may send them any time to:

http://slaafws.org/contact/newseditor

#### **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 10, 2014

November 9, 2014

February 8, 2015

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

Respectfully submitted, Deb W.