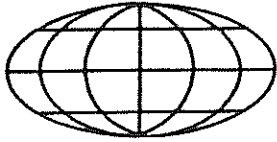


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# NEWSLETTER

The Augustine Fellowship, Fellowship-Wide Services, Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous

## Board of Trustees Meeting - 5/2/87

- Reprinting of the book, Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, was authorized. 10,000 copies will be ordered.
- Board by-laws were revised to conform with incorporation legalities. A Board subcommittee was formed which will make recommendations for revisions to the bylaws as a whole. They will be distributed at the next annual Fellowship-Wide meeting.
- Board outreach to national columnists Dear Abby, Ask Beth and Ann Landers was approved.
- FWS Tape of Conference Keynote address was copied and released.
- A Board vacancy was filled. Currently there are 6 Trustees (4 men, 2 women) serving the Fellowship in this capacity.
- The three current P.O. Boxes will be consolidated into two boxes. . Box 529 to be dropped, boxes 119 and 88 to remain.
- It was voted to contact Hazelden and CompCare and offer the book Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous as a listing. Listing in a midwest library service was also approved as it meets the guidelines setting a middle course between active promotion or advertisement and actually discouraging the sale of the book.

## Board of Trustees Meeting - 5/2/87 (cont'd)

- A policy concerning FWS mailing lists will be established. Meanwhile, no one will be added to the mailing list unless they write asking to be on the list or check the appropriate box on the newly created literature order form.
- The 1988 FWS Conference will be held on May 7, 1988 in the Boston area. A location will be considered at the August Board meeting.
- A Prison Outreach Committee was established. Sponsors by mail for those in prison will be its first goal.
- The next meeting will be on Saturday, August 8, 1987.

THE END



## NATIONAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

The SLAA National Directory is issued twice a year. Data is currently being gathered for the Summer edition. If you or your group has not recently updated your information, please use the attached form and return by June 30, 1987.

## DELEGATES TO THE FWS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

It is not too soon to begin thinking about the process of funding and electing delegates to the FWS Annual Business Meeting to be held on May 8, 1988. All votes at that meeting will be made by group delegates only.

Although your group may not want to elect a delegate until next winter, the question of how to fund the travel expenses for your delegate, whoever it may be, would best be addressed at a group meeting sometime in the near future. In SLAA, delegates come from the groups, not the intergroups. This means that the groups are responsible for travel expenses. Currently, most groups have treasurers reports at their business meetings. The 7th Tradition is usually divided between rent, FWS, literature, and local intergroup. If a group votes to send a delegate to the 1988 Conference, they might want to open a Conference Expense bank account and make regular monthly deposits into it.

You might estimate the total transportation costs (lodging can be provided at local members homes), divide by the number of months between now and the conference, and try to save that amount of money each month. For example, at the last conference, a coast-to-coast flight cost under \$300. To save this amount of money, a group would have to put \$25.00 a month in a savings account. If this amount is more than your current 7th Tradition, why not save what you can and see what the future brings.

Future articles in this newsletter will feature: 1) what a delegate does (a job description); 2) who should be a delegate; 3) how to elect a delegate; and 4) what knowledge of the traditions a delegate needs. If your group has any questions, write the FWS office.

## SLAA HISTORY

The following remarks were made at the January 17, 1987 Fellowship-Wide Conference in a presentation to Rich M. as he retired from the Board of Trustees.

On behalf of the SLAA fellowship and the Board of Trustees, Augustine Fellowship, it is my pleasure to relate to you an account of the part Rich M. has played over the past ten years in making SLAA what it is today. These brief remarks cannot tell the whole tale, but can provide a short history of our fellowship and Rich's role in its growth.

In retrospect, all of us might have said ten years ago that we had a problem with sex and love addiction, but Rich, wanting something different for himself, did something about it. In conjunction with three other sex and love addicts which he found by listening to members of another 12-Step fellowship and reaching out to those he identified with, Rich started the first SLAA meeting. This group, along with Rich, obtained a meeting place, chose a name, decided policy and so forth.

Continuing to reach out to others, both in person and through correspondence, is a constant in Rich's story. To this end, a post office box was obtained and Rich began to receive and answer mail from other sex and love addicts outside the Boston area. When literature seemed to be required, Rich helped write some pamphlets and took the responsibility for getting them copied, stapled and promptly mailed out.

A service committee seemed to be called for and in the 12-Step tradition, together with other sex and love addicts in the Boston area, Rich began regular attendance and participation in the Fellowship-Wide Business meetings, a group which preceded the Fellowship-Wide Services body. Incorporation and all its ramifications-forms, bookkeeping, deadlines, was a priority for a year or two. At that time, the Board of Trustees was established. Rich continued to open and answer the mail and the Fellowship continued to expand.

During these years, which contained good times and hard times, a manuscript describing our common experience of sex and love addiction was called for. Along with others, Rich wrote, edited and made copies of such a manuscript available to others. In order to obtain one-time publishing financing, Rich wrote many grant proposals, persisting in his commitment to the project until a 2-year grant was received which permitted the publication of our basic text, Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous and the establishment of an office and staff person.

There were two annual Fellowship-Wide conferences held in Newton, Massachusetts in which Rich played a role. There was sponsoring, speaking, setting up chairs, serving as treasurer of meetings and countless other tasks which Rich performed and which helped bring SLAA to today's level.

What can be said about the qualities of a person who will devote ten years of his life to helping initiate and nurture this self-help organization- SLAA? He is a frontiersman, going before other people when the need was evident, and although doing it for himself, a society troubled by sex and love addiction benefited. He has a belief in the 12 Steps and the Fellowship - the process of recovery.  
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SLAA HISTORY (cont'd)

He is willing to take the risks involved in such an effort. He has resisted many temptations which would have compromised the fellowship - publicity offers which would have increased our exposure to the public, merger offers which would have increased our size, other offers which would have increased our egos. When the time came to let go, Rich let go with grace.

Rich, as you complete your term of office on the Board of Trustees, we give thanks for your hope, commitment, endurance, insight, perception, patience, forgiveness, and most of all your ten years of sobriety.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the FWS Newsletter is to prove a channel of communication between the Fellowship-Wide Services (FWS) Office and the membership of SLAA. We welcome your comments, suggestions, or concerns. The FWS Newsletter is published quarterly by The Augustine Fellowship, Fellowship-Wide Services Office of Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, P.O. Box 119, New Town Branch, Boston, MA, 02258; c Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, 1986.  
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REGISTRATION FORM

S.L.A.A. NATIONAL DIRECTORY

Intent:

Intergroups, groups, and individuals often need meeting information, Intergroup phone numbers and/or mailing address and phone numbers of S.L.A.A. loners in localities where there are no meetings. Therefore, a directory of all groups, meetings, and individuals will be developed. It will be sent to Intergroups but will be made available to S.L.A.A. members only upon request. The directory will be for S.L.A.A. members only. It will not be used for purposes outside S.L.A.A. and will be labeled Confidential.

Directions:

Please take this form to your group secretary and ask that it be completed at a business meeting if group conscience so decides. Loners who wish to serve as contacts for their localities will please complete the form and return to:

FWS DIRECTORY  
P.O. Box 119  
New Town Branch  
Boston, MA 02258



Please return by July 15, 1987

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* City where group meets _____ State: _____ *
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* Meeting night _____ Time: _____ *
* Current # of Members: _____ *
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* Location (Church, Room, Private home, etc.) State *
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* Street Zip Code *
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* Contact Persons (for meetings, groups, Intergroups and loners) *
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* Name Phone Number *
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