



The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A.,
Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 20 September 2025

Time: 1:00 AM UTC (<https://www.worldtimebuddy.com/>)

Opening Matters

- a. Check-Ins/Sobriety Statements – Jack F. (AUS), Jeff R. (WA), John S. (CA), Patrick D. (UK), Ari F. (NJ), Max B. (CA), Rochelle K. (OH), Chris D. (CA)
- b. Readings:
 - [Twelve Concepts](#) – Concept 9 - read by **Jack F.**
 - [Twelve Traditions](#) Tradition 9 - read by **Jeff R.**
 - [BOT Preamble](#) - Read by **John S.**

2) Assign roles

- a. Facilitator – **Chris D.**
- b. Record Keeper – **Michelle N.**
- c. Timekeeper – **Rochelle K.**
- d. Spiritual Reminder – **All**

3) Announcements

- a) Sharon S. has resigned from the Board of Trustees.

4) Unanimous Email Votes (listed here in the minutes)

- **MOTION:** James B be appointed to the Board Technology Committee for a term ending at the close of the next ABC/M, with a 90 day trial period.
Unanimous email approval
- **MOTION:** Nicole M. be appointed to the Board Outreach Committee for a term ending at the close of the next ABC/M, with no trial period. Nicole is a returning member, and this will be her third year giving service to the fellowship. No trial period needed. **Unanimous email approval**

5) Approval of Today's Agenda -

Request for urgent discussion, a priority elevation on IFD agenda item i, the reporting structure for Webmaster as a potential conflict of interest and potential reporting to BOT Chair. Item was adjusted to go above the board committee for the starter kit, above the multi-platform official S.L.A.A. social media presence, moving this request to item g. Balance of agenda approved.

6) Approval of last Month's Minutes - BOT Meeting Minutes:

- a. 2 August. Awaiting review.
- b. 30 August. Awaiting review.

7) Monthly Action Items

- a. Add all Trustees to the BOT OneDrive – **BOT Secretary**
- b. Upload all the Board paperwork to the OneDrive – **BOT Secretary**
- c. Add all Liaisons to their Conference Committees Google Groups – **BOT Secretary**
- d. Post Financial Report to the Newsletter Quarterly – **Treasurer**
- e. Forward the approved BOT Minutes to the IT Contractor for posting to the website – **BOT Secretary**
- f. Upload BOT Meeting Agenda to OneDrive – **BOT Chair**

8) F.W.S. Reports - No verbal reports provided at this meeting - only written

- a. Executive Director's Report
- b. IT Contractor's Report
- c. BOT Chair - no financial report to the Newsletter

9) Board Committee Chair Reports - No verbal reports provided at this meeting - only written

- a. B7TC/7th Tradition – Rochelle K.
- b. BABMPC/ABM Planning – Ari F.
- c. BTC/Technology – Max B.
- d. BCTC/Copyright Translation – **Jack F. (remains until 30 September 2025)**
- e. BDC/Development – Chris D.
- f. BFC/Finance – Jeff R.
- g. BHRPC/HR/Personnel – John S.
- h. BOC/Outreach – Jack F.
- i. BPDC/Publishing & Distribution – Patrick D.

10) Board Liaison Reports - No verbal reports provided at this meeting - only written

- a. CAC (Conference Anorexia Committee) - Vacant
- b. CBC (Conference By-Laws Committee) – Ari F.
- c. CCC (Conference Charter Committee) - Chris D.
- d. CDC (Conference Diversity Committee) - **Rochelle K. (revised)**
- e. CFaC (Conference Fantasy Committee) – John S.
- f. CFC (Conference Finance Committee) - Jeff R.
- g. CHRC (Conference Healthy Relationships Committee) – Jack F.
- h. CJC (Conference Journal Committee) - John S.
- i. CLC (Conference Literature Committee) - Patrick D.
- j. CMRC (Conference Member Retention Committee) – **Max B. (revised)**
- k. CPIC (Conference Public Information Committee) - **Max B. (revised)**
- l. CSC (Conference Service Committee) - John S.
- m. CSPC (Conference Sponsorship Committee) - **Rochelle K. (revised)**
- n. CSTCC (Conference Steps, Traditions and Concepts Committee) - **Ari F. (revised)**
- o. CTIOC (Conference Translation and International Outreach Committee) – Jack F.
- p. Office Supervisor – John S./Chris D.

BUSINESS

ELEVATED PRIORITY: discussions held in Executive Session

- a) BOT Committee membership votes:
 - **MOTION:** Holly A. be appointed to the Board Outreach Committee for the 2025-2026 Conference year, with a 90 day trial period. **APPROVED**
 - **MOTION:** David L. be appointed to the Board Copyright and Translation Committee (BCTC) for the 2025-2026 Conference year, with a 90 day trial period. **APPROVED**
 - **MOTION:** Jeff C. be appointed to the BPDC for the 2025–2026 Conference year, with a 90-day trial period. **APPROVED**
 - **MOTION:** Jeff C. be appointed to the BTC for the 2025–2026 Conference year with no trial period, as Jeff C is a returning member. **APPROVED**
- b) **IFD/MOTION:** That the 2025-2026 budget (as approved by the Board Finance Committee, and incorporating the changes approved by the Board) be accepted, with the caveat that the choice of ABC/M delivery options—In-person, Virtual, or Hybrid—remains within the Board’s purview and will be discussed at a future meeting. **APPROVED**
- c) **IFD/MOTION:** 2026 Virtual ABM for four days. **TABLED**
- d) **IFD/MOTION:** Treasurer and BFC insights - 2024 - 2025 (Period 11 August 2025) **TABLED**

Return from Executive Session

- e) **MOTION:** Approve the costs associated with printing and distributing the Texto Básico. (Patrick/Phoenix, 18 June 2025)
 - a. **IFD:** Ask Argentina to sign a **Nunc Pro Tunc** letter. **TABLED**
- f) **IFD:** F.W.S. Newsletter concerns. **TABLED**
- g) **IFD:** Which Board Committee wants to or should handle this?
<https://slaafws.org/download/SLAAGroupStarterKit.pdf> was never part of a Board committee. This document has great information from the draft literature "Connecting with Making the most of meetings." Let's recruit members to the Board Committee and let them work on the document. Ray H is the contact. **TABLED**
- h) **IFD:** Draft Motion for Multi-Platform Official S.L.A.A. Social Media Presence. **TABLED**
- i) **I) IFD:** Urgent Discussion – CCC Chair and Reporting Structure for Webmaster - potential Conflict of Interest

Discussions held in additional Executive Session

MOTION: John D. to report to Chris D. as new office supervisor with Max B., chair of BTC, all ideas regarding technology prior to implementation. **NOT APPROVED**

All items below were tabled

REGULAR PRIORITY:

- a) MOTION: All F.W.S outreach materials must be within seven years of board's approval.
- b) MOTION: To make the F.W.S. office update all conference committees contact us pages with the new chairs & bot liaisons within four weeks from the ABC/M.
- c) MOTION: All future policies be drafted using the term "persons" and remove all pronoun references. Current policies will incorporate 'persons' terminology and remove all pronoun references when they are next revised.
- d) MOTION: Fellowship-Wide Services discontinues the practice of providing Spanish booklets and pamphlets for free. Instead, F.W.S. will commence to sell these items on the F.W.S. website.
- e) MOTION: Review the BHRPC approved Policy for GM/ED on Board Committees and Approve for the Employee handbook.
- f) MOTION: Review the BHRPC approved Policy for W/ITC on Board Committees and Approve for the Employee handbook.
- g) IFD: What is an Intergroup?
- h) IFD/MOTION: Eliminating free access to past and current journal issues. Initiate charging for past or current printed journal issues (\$6.00 ea) and offering downloads for \$4.00 ea, while keeping subscriptions available for purchase.
- i) IFD: Discussion on moving towards geographical regions/districts similar to the AA model.
- j) IFD: Vote stacking.
- k) MOTION: To adopt the S.L.A.A. Board of Trustees Ethics Policy in full as stated: (see entire document in OneDrive).
- l) IFD: Expense Approval Matrix Concerns.
- m) For future discussion:
 - i. IFD: 50th anniversary merchandise. (Jeff)
 - ii. IFD: Gift, thank you gesture for John D 2024 and 2025 Virtual ABC/M (Ari)
 - iii. IFD: Gift, thank you gesture for James B to be record keeper 2025 Virtual ABC/M (Ari)

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Closing Matters:

Check-outs: Jack F. (AUS), Jeff R. (WA), John S. (CA), Patrick D. (UK), Ari F. (NJ), Max B. (CA), Rochelle K. (OH), Chris D. (CA)

Closing Prayer:

Higher Power- make me worthy to serve You through this Fellowship and the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. Help me to be generous with my time and effort, to give without counting the cost, to give back wholly for what I have so freely

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received without looking for any reward, other than that of knowing I have done your will. Through my service, may I give hope and peace to those who still suffer.
– Rochelle K. (Member with the least seniority on the BOT)

Meeting Schedule for Conference Year 2025-2026 (All 3 hours and in UTC)

30 August 25 – Interim 11:00 a.m.		
20 Sept 25 – Regular 1:00 a.m.	04 Oct 25 – Interim 11:00 a.m.	02 Nov 25 – Regular 1:00 a.m.
06 Dec 25 – Interim 11:00 a.m.	04 Jan 26 – Regular 1:00 a.m.	07 Feb 26 – Interim 11:00 a.m.
8 Mar 26 – Regular 1:00 a.m.	04 Apr 26 – Interim 11:00 a.m.	03 May 26 – Regular 1:00 a.m.
06 Jun 26 – Interim 11:00 a.m.	5 Jul 26 – Regular 1:00 a.m.	1 August 26 11:00 a.m.