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the F.W.S. Newsletter

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

May 8, 2026

Hello to our Fellows worldwide!

While it is unseasonably cool right now in South Texas (especially for May, when we normally are headed to the beach), the wildflowers are blooming everywhere. Whole fields awash in yellow, orange, red, blue, purple, and pink are always a comforting reminder to me that all life can—and does!—find a way to renew after months of adverse conditions.

In case you have not yet heard, we have a new book! A Framework for Living is selling like the proverbial hotcakes, in both print and digital formats. Run, don't walk, to get your copy today on the F.W.S. Store website!

Speaking of spring "renewals," please do not forget to renew your subscription to The Journal, our "meeting in print." Likewise, this is a good time to review (and restart, if it has lapsed) your recurring contribution to F.W.S. We often receive calls or emails asking why the expected monthly contribution has not yet been processed, only to discover that the member's credit card or banking information has changed. So please help us to help you by doing a periodic check to ensure your billing information is current. Each and every contribution, no matter the frequency or the amount, is a gift that helps us "keep the lights on" and serve our members around the world. We are truly grateful for your support.

Planning for the 2026 ABC/M is in full swing, and registration is now open on the F.W.S. website. A limited number of delegate scholarships are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so please do not wait until the last minute to apply if your Intergroup needs financial assistance to send a delegate. The earlier we have everyone registered for ABC/M, the better we will be able to provide an enriching experience for our attendees.

From all of us at the F.W.S. Office, we wish you a wonderful day! We appreciate your support and your service.

Respectfully,

Pam Reyes
Executive Director

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR'S REPORT



Hello S.L.A.A. Friends!

Effective May 15, 2026, the Board of Trustees (BOT) appointed Kathleen A. (CA) to a term ending at the 2028 Annual Business Conference/Meeting (ABC/M). The 2026 ABC/M must still confirm her appointment. Welcome and congratulations, Kathleen!

We are less than three months away from the ABC/M, which will be held virtually from August 6-9, 2026. For details, visit <https://abm.slaafws.org>.

Our new Conference Approved book, A Framework for Living, is now available for purchase in the United States. We're ironing out international sales and publication issues and hope to resolve them soon. This book covers S.L.A.A.'s Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts for World Service. You can buy it at the F.W.S. Store: <https://webstore.slaafws.org/>.

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We look forward to celebrating S.L.A.A.'s 50th anniversary. We offer celebratory merchandise at <https://webstore.slaafws.org/collections/50th-anniversary> and feature rotating literature discounts.

Members are now registering for the International Recovery Convention (IRC) in Baltimore, Maryland, and Castletown, Ireland. You can attend either location in person or join virtually. To support the Ireland Intergroup, the BOT approved funding for our Executive Director, Pam, to attend the Castletown convention in person.

Recent Board actions include:

1. Prudent Reserve Loan: Directed the F.W.S. Treasurer to repay the \$50,000 USD loan (borrowed for 2023 ABC/M cost overruns) from the F.W.S. Operating Checking Account. The Treasurer paid \$25,000 USD payment in April 2026, and will pay the remaining \$25,000 USD in equal monthly installments between May 1 and August 1, 2026.
2. Google Groups: Limited the "owner" role of all F.W.S. Google Groups to the Webmaster and the F.W.S. General Manager/Executive Director.
3. Workshop: Hosted the well-received workshop, "Growing Forward Together."
4. Sponsor Literature: Approved the "Guidance and Support for Sponsors" literature bundle. Print and digital formats are available at <https://webstore.slaafws.org/collections/bundles-and-packets>.
5. Anniversary Discount: Approved a 50% discount on the "Digital Pamphlet Bundle" PDF for March–April 2026 to honor S.L.A.A.'s 50th anniversary.
6. Pre-Conference Meetings: Scheduled the two-day, pre-ABC/M Board meeting for July 12 and July 26, 2026, for 10 hours each day.
7. Trademark Funding: Approve up to \$1,500 USD for attorney fees to register the S.L.A.A. trademark with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR'S REPORT



We are grateful to the individuals, groups, and intergroups that financially support F.W.S.

This is my final Chair's message for the F.W.S. Newsletter. My three-year term on the Board ends at the 2026 ABC/M, marking the conclusion of my two years as Chair. During my previous terms on the Board, I marveled at how past Chairs navigated their responsibilities. My awe for them has only grown. I honestly do not know how anyone could balance this role with full-time employment. I am lucky and grateful to have served alongside such dedicated Board members. This service has helped keep me sober, which is a miracle.

Finally, I freely admit that I could not have succeeded in the role without our Executive Director, Pam. Her commitment to our Fellowship is endless.

Thank you all!

Chris D. (CA)
BOT Chair
May 15, 2026

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ADDENDUM

A huge thank you to James B. (Utah) for his dedicated service as the Board of Trustees' record keeper and for meticulously preparing the 2025 ABM Minutes. These efforts are vital in preserving our history and carrying our message forward. James, your commitment is deeply appreciated by us all.

The Board of Trustees

Last revised 5th April, 2026

ATTENTION

Notice to all Intergroups and Copyright Holders of S.L.A.A.-Related Content

An unofficial app entitled, "SLAA Recovery Companion" has recently been released. We recommend that S.L.A.A. Intergroups and other copyright holders review the app for infringement.

In addition, there is an unofficial app with S.L.A.A. shares on it called "SA, SLAA Sex, Porn Addiction Anonymous." We recommend that S.L.A.A. members also review this app for infringement.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES LAWSUIT UPDATE



The Board of Trustees wishes to inform the Fellowship that legal action involving the Fellowship-Wide Services (F.W.S.) office and the New York Intergroup as co-defendants, has been **dismissed by the court**. This concludes the litigation at the trial court level, subject to any rights the parties may have under applicable law.

Throughout this process, the Board has remained committed to protecting the Fellowship's resources, supporting our trusted servants, and allowing the legal process to proceed without public commentary on the merits of the case.

We recognize that this matter has been of interest and concern to many members. We appreciate the patience, respect, and continued focus on our primary purpose shown by members throughout this process.

As we move forward, the Board encourages all members to continue working together in a spirit of unity, service, and recovery.



S.L.A.A. 2025 Member Survey Results & Insights

Since 1989, S.L.A.A. Fellowship-Wide Services (F.W.S.) has conducted a series of membership surveys designed to better understand the fellowship and its evolving needs. These surveys serve as a cross section of members' demographics, experiences with the program, sobriety, sponsorship, and the impact of S.L.A.A. on their lives.

The 2025 Membership Survey was open throughout the entire calendar year and achieved the highest level of participation of any survey conducted to date. A total of 2,007 members responded, with more than 1,400 completing the survey in full. This strong engagement reflects the effectiveness of our outreach efforts and enhances our understanding of how F.W.S. can best serve the fellowship and support its continued growth.

The latest survey results can be found at:
<https://slaafws.org/s2025r>

Contact: S.L.A.A. Board Outreach Committee: boc@slaafws.org - Release Date: 13 July 2026



BDC

BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

June 2026

As always, I want to thank our 2025-2026 BDC members for their service:

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- Leads succession planning and addresses issues related to BOT terms of service.
- Identifies and helps develop Fellowship members with future service potential.
- Reviews the BOT's functions and effectiveness, and assists the BOT Chair, as needed, to manage the annual BOT self-assessment process and strategic planning.
- Reviews By-Laws, internal policies and procedures, then recommends amendments as necessary.
- Designs, updates, and oversees the new BOT member orientation, assisting the new members in becoming fully integrated both functionally and socially.
- Reviews and updates BOT forms.
- Creates and organizes S.L.A.A. Archives.

Best,
Chris D.
BDC Chair
18 May 2026

DON'T FORGET!



**The deadline for submissions to the
September 2026 Edition of the S.L.A.A.
Newsletter is Sunday, Aug 23, 2026
to newsletter@slaafws.org**



BCTC

BOARD COPYRIGHT AND TRANSLATION COMMITTEE REPORT

An Important Announcement Regarding Fellowship Copyrights and Compliance

The mission and directives of the Board Copyright and Translation Committee:

The Board Copyright and Translation Committee (BCTC) focuses on protecting and maintaining copyright and trademarks and following up on royalties from the translation of literature.

The BCTC focuses on five directives. The Fellowship and Board of Trustees have entrusted the BCTC to ensure the following are accomplished.

- Copyright, trademark, and service mark protection
- Licensing and assignment agreement authorization
- Translation requests and submission approvals
- Website guidelines of material copyrights
- S.L.A.A. Core Documents, Basic Text, and the Journal copyright oversight.

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From the Chair:

Max B., Chair of the BCTC, here in service to our Fellowship.

I would first like to thank our Executive Director, Pam R., for the diligent work accomplished daily to ensure the Fellowship's copyrights, trademarks, and service marks are protected. As Chair, and through being in regular contact with Pam R., I know the many hours required to protect our Fellowship assets. The workload would be lessened simply through compliance within the Fellowship.

We have Policies and Guidelines in place, which can be found on our website. They are freely available and should be distributed to those in service at all levels. Over the last few months, we have had several compliance issues that could have been avoided simply by fellows having an understanding of the Policies and Guidelines. As a Fellowship, we need to ensure compliance.

It is the fiduciary responsibility of the Board of Trustees to ensure full compliance with the Policies and Guidelines, as our intellectual property makes up a significant part of the fellowships income. The Policies and Guidelines can be found on the S.L.A.A. FWS website at <https://slaafws.org/guidelines/>, and our trusted servants at all levels should be familiar with them.

On the translation front, I would like to thank all of our fellows who are translating our literature. We have a process for translating our literature, and the checks and balances are in place to ensure the message of our Fellowship is carried consistently. We must remember that ownership of our assets includes all translations.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge all of our fellows around the world who have asked for clarification of the Policies and Guidelines. Our staff, committee members, and I welcome your inquiries at <https://slaafws.org/board-committees/board-copyright-and-translation-committee/>
In-service

MaxB, Chair, Board Copyright and Translation Committee / Board of Trustees Member



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BOARD OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

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Date: May 15, 2026

Chair / Members: James B. / Patrick D., Ruquia A., Holly A, Richard H, Nicole M.

Member Survey Report

The committee reviewed and approved text revisions to the 2025 S.L.A.A. Membership Survey webpage at <https://slaafws.org/s2025r>

- The 2025 Survey remained open throughout Calendar Year 2025
- A total of 2,007 members participated
- More than 1,400 respondents completed the full survey
- The survey achieved a higher engagement rate than previous fellowship surveys

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Other Items:

- September Newsletter submissions due July 12 [August 23]
- Working with BPDC on pending Bundle Proposals to be sold on the webstore
- Working in collaboration with the CPIC on updating information on the following webpages:
- Beginning Recovery in Places Where No In-Person Meetings Exist

<https://slaafws.org/no-meetings/>

- Suggestions for Public Outreach

<https://slaafws.org/files/committees/CPICSuggestionsPublicOutreach.pdf>

- Continue working on Newsletter development.



BPDC

BOARD PUBLISHING & DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

It has been a productive and busy few months for the Board Publishing and Distribution Committee (BPDC). Our committee remains dedicated to our mission of preparing Conference-approved literature for sale and distribution in both print and digital formats, ensuring the S.L.A.A. message reaches those who need it worldwide. Here is a look at what we have been working since the last issue of the newsletter:

Print-on-Demand (POD)

A major focus has been streamlining our international distribution to reduce high shipping costs and import taxes for members outside the U.S. In service of this goal, we are hoping to make all major book titles—including the Basic Text, the forthcoming Texto Básico, A State of Grace, Step Questions Workbook, and A Framework for Living — available to international intergroups and individuals via IngramSpark and Lulu respectively. This strategy allows for local, on-demand printing in the UK, Australia, and other regions, which not only speeds up delivery but also reduces costs by eliminating transcontinental shipping fees and lost shipments. We are also actively investigating specialized logistics for South America to better serve our Spanish-speaking fellowship there.

New and Updated Literature

We are thrilled to report significant progress on several key titles:

- A State of Grace (2nd Edition): The committee has approved the final manuscript and a "redline" version for the Conference Literature Committee (CLC) to review.
- Spanish Step Questions Workbook: This project is now moving into the layout design phase. We are coordinating with Spanish-speaking designers to ensure the translation is accurate and accessible to the Spanish-speaking community.
- Texto Básico: The Spanish Basic Text is being prepared for worldwide distribution through POD platforms, ensuring it remains available to international members without the burden of excessive customs fees or shipping times.
- A Framework for Living: Now available in the U.S. and soon to be available internationally via POD.

Committee News

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Lee W., who recently stepped down after five years of incredible service to the BPDC. At the same time, we are happy to welcome Sharon S. as our newest committee member.

The BPDC is committed to carrying the message by making our literature more affordable, profitable, and accessible. Thank you for your continued support as we work to serve the fellowship.

Patrick D (Chair of the BPDC)

(Submitted and last edited on 12 May, 2026)

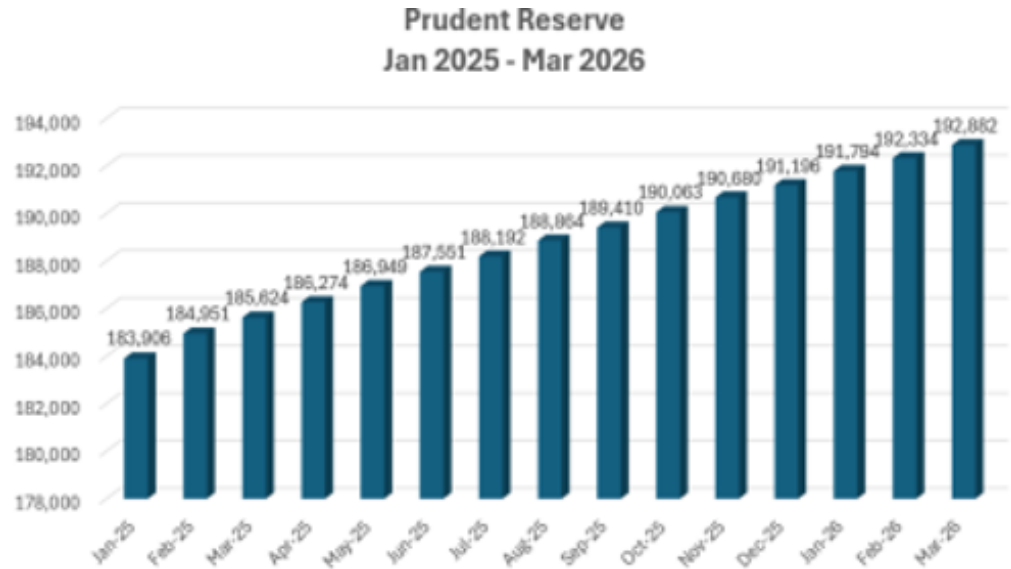


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BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

OCTOBER 2025 - MARCH 2026

What did we learn from the March 2026 Balance Sheet?



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What did we learn from the March 2026 P&L?

1. Bottom Line Up Front: YTD (H1) we are net positive \$46,460 (income greater than expenses)

	Q1	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q2	YTD
Gross Income	109,389	40,512	29,443	36,473	106,428	215,817
Expenses	90,274	23,389	29,688	26,006	79,083	169,357
Net	19,115	17,122	(245)	10,467	27,345	46,460

2. How are contributions looking in 2025-2026 H1?

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	H1	%
Individuals	4,323	4,144	8,705	5,286	4,200	4,752	31,410	34%
Groups/Meetings	4,028	5,294	3,057	6,203	5,606	4,350	28,538	31%
Intergroups	16,094	4,614	2,679	2,774	3,693	2,643	32,497	35%
TOTAL	24,445	14,052	14,441	14,263	13,499	11,745	92,445	100%

Biggest unique contributions in H1 • 9 donations \$1K+ • 5 from Intergroups • 1 meeting appears twice on the list • 2 individuals, both in Q1

3. How did merchandise and literature sell in H1? – A: Strong in Nov, Jan, and Mar

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	H1
Merchandise and Literature	24,943	28,433	13,983	28,282	20,827	29,004	145,472
E Literature	1,633	-	2,956	1,527	-	989	7,105
theJournal	40	251	46	40	46	396	818
SALES	26,615	28,684	16,985	29,849	20,873	30,389	153,395

Top Unique Sales • 16 sales over \$1K • 15 in H1 • Exact same number of large sales in H1 last year • 5 sales from the Glackins • All others are from Intergroups

• Four Intergroups dominate: L.A., the UK, GDVI, and Netherlands/Denmark



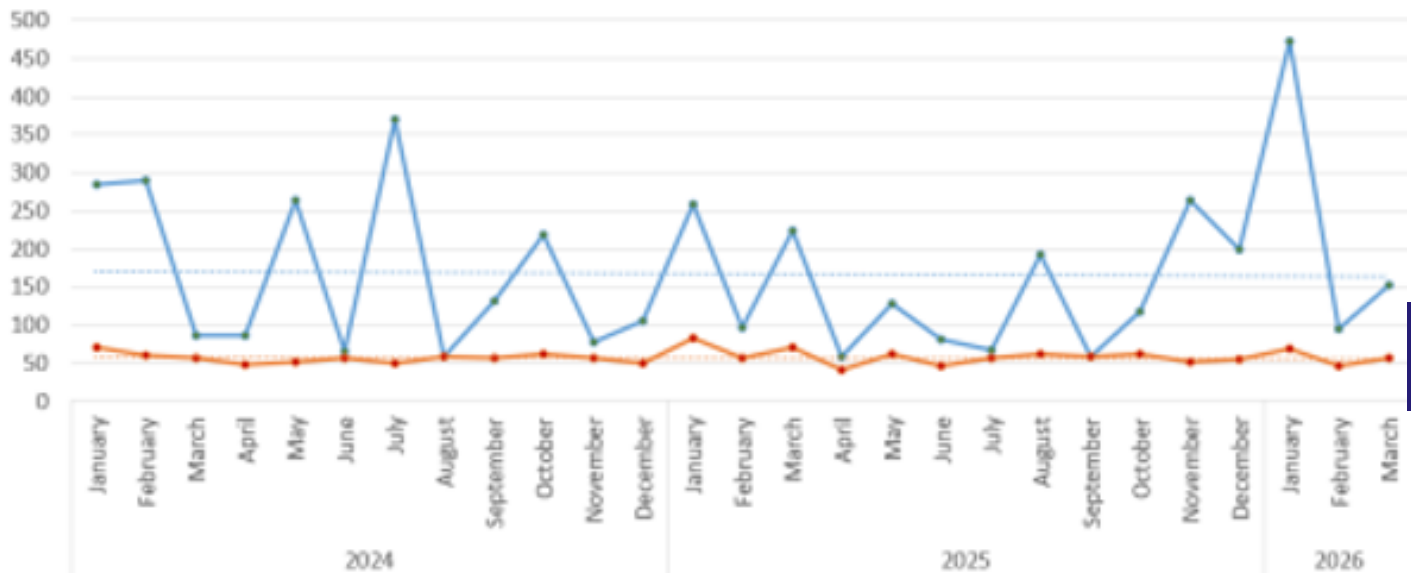
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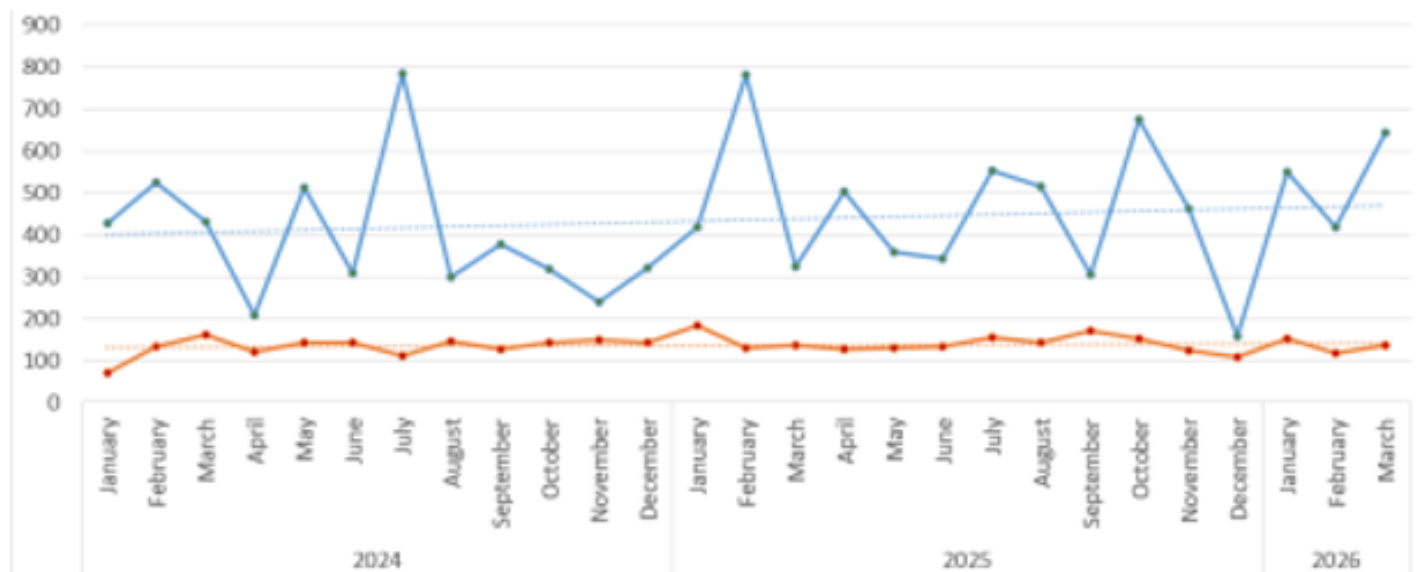
4. How did the Basic Text and A State of Grace sell in the last 27 months? (all numbers are a count of sales, not dollar figures)

2024-2026 Sales of A State of Grace: [Print](#) and [Electronic](#)



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2024-2026 Sales of the Basic Text: [Print](#) and [Electronic](#)



5. Are expenses holding at the average of ~ \$25K / month? – A: Yes, average is now \$28.2K / month

Biggest Expenses in H1 1. Payroll: \$74.3K 2. Webmaster costs: \$27.5K 3. Rent: \$15.5K

4. Contract Services \$14.3K This will go up!



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BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

OCTOBER 2025 - MARCH 2026

What did we learn from the Mar. 2026 P&L vs. Last Year?

1. How did our +\$46.5K net H1 compare to last year's H1?

	This Year	Last Year	YoY \$	YoY %
Gross Income	215,817	219,610	(3,793)	-1.73%
Expenses	169,357	153,923	15,434	10.03%
Net	46,460	65,687	(19,227)	-29.27%

Adjusted for \$21,065 Bequest January 2025

	This Year	Last Year	YoY \$	YoY %
Gross Income	215,817	198,545	17,272	8.70%
Expenses	169,357	153,923	15,434	10.03%
Net	46,460	44,622	1,838	4.12%

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2. How did H1 contributions compare to last year's H1?

	This Year	Last Year	YoY \$	YoY %	Last Year Adjusted	YoY \$	YoY %
Individuals	31,410	44,105	(12,695)	-29%	23,040	8,370	36%
Groups/Meetings	28,538	26,213	2,325	9%	26,213	2,325	9%
Intergroups	32,497	40,773	(8,277)	-20%	40,773	(8,277)	-20%
TOTAL	92,466	111,222	(18,757)	-17%	90,026	2,439	3%

3. How did Merch/Lit sell in H1 compared to last year?

Sales is Up \$20K over same 6 months LY

- If Gross Income was essentially flat to LY, and because of the bequest, and contributions are DOWN about \$20K compared to LY, then sales of Merch/Lit must be UP about \$20K
- That indeed is the case. Sales is +\$20K vs. H1 LY
- Actually, because of Jan and Mar, Merch and Lit is UP \$28K over LY
- Dragged down by E-literature and theJournal subscriptions
- Concerning ~50% decreases YoY

4. How did expenses in H1 compare to last year?



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OCTOBER 2025 - MARCH 2026

BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2026

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
10350 Frost Bank - 0540 - Other	0.00
10351 Frost Bank *9438	0.00
10352 Frost Bank *0169	0.00
10400 Vanguard Prudent Reserve Fund	192,881.95
10450 ABC/M & IRC Scholarship Fund	63.61
10455 The Endowment Fund	-0.14
10500 Wells Fargo *2471	129,374.41
10501 Wells Fargo *4655	6,000.48
10903 Petty Cash-Pam Martin	16.88
12020 Paypal (PRIOR Undeposited Fund)	5,453.84
12090 Venmo	4,462.93
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 338,253.96
Accounts Receivable	
11100 Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	-409.86
11200 Accounts Receivable	0.00
Fraud Charges in Dispute	-182.65
Total Accounts Receivable	-\$ 592.51
Other Current Assets	
12000 Undeposited Funds-Operating Acc	1,482.12
12100 Inventory Asset	73,158.92
13000 Prepaid Expenses	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 74,641.04
Total Current Assets	\$ 412,302.49
Fixed Assets	
15000 Furniture and Equipment	58,904.97
17100 Accum Depreciation	-58,904.97
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 0.00
Other Assets	
18700 Security Deposits Asset	2,679.82
Total Other Assets	\$ 2,679.82
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 414,982.31
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
20100 Accounts Payable	0.00

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

October2025 - March2026

	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Total
Revenue							
40000 ABC/M Income							0.00
40400 ABC/M Scholarship Fund				10.45			10.45
Total 40000 ABC/M Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 10.45	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 10.45
42000 Contribution Income							0.00
42100 Groups	4,028.02	5,294.33	3,056.92	6,202.55	5,606.31	4,349.93	28,538.06
42200 Individuals	4,323.32	4,143.62	8,704.82	5,285.94	4,200.06	4,752.29	31,410.05
42300 Intergroups	16,094.05	4,613.73	2,679.16	2,774.11	3,692.57	2,642.92	32,496.54
42400 FWS Staff Appreciation Fund		20.90					20.90
Total 42000 Contribution Income	\$ 24,445.39	\$ 14,072.58	\$ 14,440.90	\$ 14,262.60	\$ 13,498.94	\$ 11,745.14	\$ 92,465.55
44000 Reserve & Endowment Income							0.00
44200 Prudent Reserve Income	652.66	617.22	620.93	598.25	539.83	597.66	3,626.55
Total 44000 Reserve & Endowment Income	\$ 652.66	\$ 617.22	\$ 620.93	\$ 598.25	\$ 539.83	\$ 597.66	\$ 3,626.55
45000 Investments							0.00
45030 Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	0.82	0.91	1.00	0.92	0.90	1.04	5.59
Total 45000 Investments	\$ 0.82	\$ 0.91	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.92	\$ 0.90	\$ 1.04	\$ 5.59
48999 Merchandise & Other Income							0.00
49000 Sales Income	24,942.55	28,433.48	13,983.21	28,282.03	20,826.75	29,003.94	145,471.96
49010 E-Book Income Amazon/Apple Deposits	1,632.84		2,955.56	1,527.39		918.70	7,034.49
49015 E Journal Income						70.40	70.40
49050 Journal	39.60	250.80	46.20	39.60	46.20	396.00	818.40
49100 Shipping	2,190.87	2,291.21	1,926.05	2,853.33	1,962.22	2,236.83	13,460.51
49110 Subsidies	-2,219.04	-1,746.12	-266.38	-165.10	-1,124.44	-2,762.05	-8,283.13
49300 Merchandise Discounts - POC	-168.87	-0.35	-1.00				-170.22
Total 49110 Subsidies	-\$ 2,387.91	-\$ 1,746.47	-\$ 267.38	165.10	1,124.44	2,762.05	8,453.35
49902 Dues, Fees, Licenses,Royalties	-130.00	100.52		2,311.00	880.50	2,150.74	5,312.76
Total 48999 Merchandise & Other Income	\$ 26,287.95	\$ 29,329.54	\$ 18,643.64	\$ 34,848.25	\$ 22,591.23	\$ 32,014.56	\$ 163,715.17



CONFERENCE LITERATURE COMMITTEE (CLC) UPDATE

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.

Current volunteer positions: Chair: Peggy S.; Vice-Chair: Kevin C.

Style (sub)Committee Chair: Eric W. Minutes Taker: Jay G. BOT Liaison: Patrick D.

Recent literature activity:

- The CLC voted NOT to submit the 50th Anniversary (2nd) Edition of the S.L.A.A. Basic Text as a Motion to the 2026 ABM. Instead, it has been set back to Box 11 of the LCEP (Page 2 - Review and Edit Stage)
- Recovery From Sex and Love Addiction For Nonbelievers has been submitted as an IFD to the 2026 ABM.
- Sex and Love Addiction - Two Threads in the Same Fabric has been submitted as an IFD to the 2026 ABM.
- In its May 23rd meeting, the CLC will be voting to submit two fantasy-related drafts in one Motion to the 2026 ABM.
 1. Characteristics of Fantasy for Sex and Love Addicts
 2. Signs of Recovery from Fantasy for Sex and Love Addicts
- In its May 23rd meeting, the CLC will also be voting to submit two fantasy-related drafts in one Motion to the 2026 ABM.
- Strengthening Sobriety Through Sponsorship

The CLC Style (sub)Committee has reviewed the Anorexia 1-2-3 and Anorexia 4-5-6-7 (revisions).

There has been no action on the following items from the February 2026 Quarterly Report:

- Proposed literature projects in early development:
 1. A Spirit of Giving (7th Tradition)
 2. Sober Dating Workbook
- Proposed revisions to current literature: Questions Beginners Ask; Setting Bottom Lines

Questions or comments?

Contact the CLC through our Committee page on the FWS website.

The monthly CLC meetings take place on the 4th Saturday, from 9am to 10:30am Pacific Time (5-6:30 PM UTC). Meeting ID: 874 1967 1188. Passcode: 311933



CONFERENCE JOURNAL COMMITTEE (CJC) UPDATE

- The Conference Journal Committee (CJC) seeks new production-team members. Details about the open roles and application process follow: <https://bit.ly/SLAAJournalTeam>.

Please share this announcement with any interested individuals. All production team members are invited to our monthly committee meeting on the fourth Sunday.

Fill out our contact page here: <https://slaafws.org/committee/cjc/>

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- Remember to write for, answer questions in, and read The Journal.
- We are a 'meeting in print,' available 24 hours a day at: <https://slaafws.org/thejournal/>

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES (CLICK ONE FOR MORE INFORMATION)

- ✓ Participate in the S.L.A.A. Online Service Forum
- ✓ Write Articles for the Journal, S.L.A.A.'s Magazine
- ✓ Translate S.L.A.A. Conference-Approved Literature
- ✓ Join a Conference Committee ✓ Serve on the Board



CONFERENCE STEPS, TRADITIONS, AND CONCEPTS COMMITTEE

Questions from the Fellowship, March 24, 2026

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The CSTCC welcomes Questions from the Fellowship concerning the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts. Our responses are individual, and neither binding nor authoritative. We do not speak for the whole of S.L.A.A.

Question from the Fellowship (Committee Reference #2026-1):

Does S.L.A.A. consider the availability and use of nonreligious venues for meetings and events to ensure that members who feel uncomfortable or unsafe in religious settings can fully participate in the fellowship?

Response #1:

Tradition Four: "Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or S.L.A.A. as a whole."

Because each group is autonomous, its members decide when and where to hold meetings. They must weigh several factors—such as rent, parking, room size, and privacy—and a religious building may be the preferred option for a specific group.

Tradition Five: "Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the sex and love addict who still suffers."

Step Twelve: "Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to sex and love addicts and to practice these principles in all areas of our lives."

Meeting in a religious building, however, might be off-putting to newcomers. This can interfere with our primary purpose, so groups should consider this impact when deciding on a location.

When I entered the program as an agnostic Jew, I was uncomfortable entering religious buildings. Fortunately, many local meetings were held in nonreligious facilities. After attending these neutral locations for a month, I followed my sponsor's direction and attended my first meeting at a religious facility. Seeing familiar faces there helped me feel comfortable in that setting.

If meetings want to "carry the message to the sex and love addict who still suffers," I suggest they strongly consider finding nonreligious locations.

Response #2:

Each S.L.A.A. group is entirely independent. As Tradition Three states: "Any two or more persons gathered together for mutual aid in recovering from sex and love addiction may call themselves an S.L.A.A. group, provided that as a group they have no other affiliation." No S.L.A.A. group should be affiliated with its meeting venue; therefore, the fact that a church may own or operate the venue is an "outside issue" under the Traditions.

Tradition 10: S.L.A.A. has no opinion on outside issues; hence the S.L.A.A. name should never be drawn into public controversy.

Many online meetings today eliminate the need for a physical venue. Anyone who identifies as an S.L.A.A. member may establish a meeting in any venue that is suitable.

While we cannot dictate venue choices, we have found that many groups consider accessibility and member sensitivities when selecting locations.



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Response #3:

Yes. Within S.L.A.A. the Traditions—especially Traditions Three, Four, Five, and Ten—support using nonreligious venues when needed so that all who seek recovery feel welcome and safe.

Here's how this aligns with S.L.A.A. principles and structure:

1. Tradition Three—The Only Requirement for Membership

"The only requirement for S.L.A.A. membership is a desire to stop living out a pattern of sex and love addiction."

This means no one should feel excluded because of discomfort with a religious setting. If meeting in a church, synagogue, mosque, or temple creates a barrier to attendance for some members, groups are encouraged to consider alternatives so the fellowship remains accessible.

2. Tradition Four—Group Autonomy

"Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or S.L.A.A. as a whole."

Individual S.L.A.A. groups decide where to meet. Many groups historically meet in religious buildings due to affordability and availability, but there is no requirement to do so. A group can choose a secular venue—community centers, libraries, rented offices, online platforms, etc.—if that better serves its members.

3. Tradition Five—Primary Purpose

"Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the sex and love addict who still suffers."

If holding meetings in a religious venue prevents addicts from attending, the group may determine that moving to or adding a nonreligious venue better fulfills its primary purpose.

4. Tradition Ten—No Opinion on Outside Issues

"S.L.A.A. has no opinion on outside issues. . . ."

S.L.A.A. does not affiliate with or endorse any religion. While meetings may rent space from religious institutions, the fellowship itself remains spiritually based but not religiously aligned. Groups are mindful of maintaining neutrality and ensuring members understand that the higher-power concept is individually defined.

Practical Steps Within S.L.A.A.

If members feel uncomfortable or unsafe in a religious setting, a typical S.L.A.A. process would be to:

1. Bring the concern to a group conscience meeting.
2. Discuss options (alternative venues, hybrid formats, or additional meeting locations).
3. Review the Traditions to ensure decisions align with inclusivity and the group's primary purpose.
4. Take a group conscience vote.
5. Implement the decision while maintaining financial responsibility and accessibility.

In Summary

S.L.A.A. does not require meetings to be held in religious venues. Guided by the Traditions—especially autonomy and inclusivity—groups may (and often do) consider nonreligious venues to ensure all members can fully participate in recovery.



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Response #4:

Many do, and some may not.

First, our Fourth Tradition allows each group to decide what it deems appropriate for its own needs and abilities to follow the principles in S.L.A.A.'s Steps, Traditions, and Concepts.

Experience has made me aware that ideal conditions are not always possible. Early on, founders faced rejection from many houses of worship that refused to accommodate meetings because of the name and a misunderstanding of its purpose. Hence the additional name: The Augustine Fellowship.

In accordance with Tradition Five, each member, group, or meeting is reminded that in seeking its own recovery, our primary purpose is to carry the message of recovery offered by the S.L.A.A. program—and to do so while considering those who attend and the existing conditions.

Response #5:

Members of S.L.A.A. bring their life experiences—which often include traumatic events—to meetings. For this reason, members should be sensitive to one another's needs, especially those of newcomers, and try to help them feel comfortable and safe in any S.L.A.A. gathering, whether in person or virtual.

Finding in-person venues for S.L.A.A. meetings can be challenging; we are fortunate that religious groups often provide space for recovery. While those establishing new meetings can work to find religiously neutral locations, that is not always possible. For those who find attending a meeting in a religious setting untenable, many virtual options are available.

Members who are uncomfortable in a religious setting can be reassured by the Fifth Tradition: "Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the sex and love addict who still suffers." These words clarify that S.L.A.A. does not carry the message of any religious group or institution, even if a meeting uses its physical space.

Additionally, the Tenth Tradition—"S.L.A.A. has no opinion on outside issues; hence the S.L.A.A. name should never be drawn into public controversy"—keeps the S.L.A.A. structure separate from any religious or secular principles.

Many of us have mixed feelings about spirituality, God, religion, and related ideas as they apply to our lives and recovery. We can foster unity by sharing our own challenges with anyone who expresses discomfort, ensuring they do not feel alone.

Response #6:

Tradition 1 (Unity)

If S.L.A.A. members feel excluded by the setting, unity may be harmed. Reviewing venue options is a practical way to strengthen participation and unity.

Tradition 2 (Group Conscience)

Venue decisions fall within a local S.L.A.A. group's authority through its group conscience.

Tradition 4 (Autonomy)

Each group is autonomous and determines its own meeting location.

Tradition 5 (Primary Purpose)

Our primary purpose is to carry the message. If a location limits participation, evaluating alternatives supports that purpose.

Tradition 6 (No Endorsement)

Religious institutions are outside organizations. Meeting in one does not imply endorsement unless an affiliation is stated. Similarly, selecting a nonreligious location should not be framed as opposition to religion.

Tradition 10 (No Opinion on Outside Issues)

Religion is an outside issue. Our language should remain focused on accessibility, unity, and our purpose—avoiding commentary on religious matters.



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Response #7:

I understand the inclusivity concern expressed in this question because I did not practice a Western-based faith when I came to S.L.A.A. Consequently, I struggled with many overt and covert aspects of the program that have their basis in Christianity. For many years, I would not use the word God when sharing or joining in meeting opening or closing prayers. It was Step Three that helped me understand that regardless of the program's basis, all faiths (or lack thereof) are welcome. Step Three states that we made a decision to turn our will and lives over to the care of God "as we understood God." That final portion of the sentence helped me feel safe in meetings. The members, in practicing the Twelfth Step, also welcomed me with open arms and hearts. The Twelfth Step states that we are to "carry the message to sex and love addicts." In my experience, members did not care what my faith or belief system was; they were simply kind and supportive. Over time, I have come to understand that many meetings and workshops are held in faith-based buildings simply because the space is available. The original Twelve-Step program, Alcoholics Anonymous, started by meeting in church basements because those churches were open to helping them. Many places were not open to having alcoholics meet on their property then, and many places even now are not open to having an S.L.A.A. meeting on their property. So, while I still do not practice a Western-based faith, I have come to appreciate all faith-based organizations that open themselves to our meetings, workshops, and retreats. I see that they are truly practicing service for their communities. I have not seen any of them try to convert members to their faith or require members to join for the meeting to be held in their building.

Response #8:

I refer to Tradition Three:

"The only requirement for S.L.A.A. membership is a desire to stop living out a pattern of sex and love addiction. Any two or more persons gathered together for mutual aid in recovering from sex and love addiction may call themselves an S.L.A.A. group, provided that as a group they have no other affiliation."

Whether a group chooses to meet in a religiously affiliated location or not, it is of utmost importance that the only connection required for the meeting is a sincere desire to recover from sex and love addiction. Group members may predominantly share the same faith, which may happen if they meet in a building with a religious affiliation. However, meeting conditions should follow the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts that guide members to seek a higher power of their own understanding. Members relate to one another based on their experience, strength, and hope, which is the primary basis for recovery.

Response #9:

Tradition Ten states: "S.L.A.A. has no opinion on outside issues; hence the S.L.A.A. name should never be drawn into public controversy."

Regarding the question, "outside issues" includes meeting locations attached to a specific faith. Most meetings choose community centers or churches, presumably because they are accessible and affordable.

Tradition Three teaches that the only requirement for S.L.A.A. membership is a desire to stop living out a pattern of sex and love addiction, provided that as a group they have no "other affiliation." I recognize that the core of this question concerns people who do not feel safe in certain settings.

This leads to Tradition Four: "Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or S.L.A.A. as a whole." Under this Tradition, the group is free to choose its own location.

Response #10:

Because S.L.A.A. is a spiritual program, not a religious one, and is not affiliated with any religion, sect, or denomination, meetings may be held in churches, community centers, private offices, or entirely virtual platforms.

No type of venue is required or spiritually "better" than any other. When members share that a religious setting feels like a barrier, groups should listen carefully and let principles—such as common welfare, inclusivity, love, and tolerance—guide decisions about adding or moving to more neutral spaces so that the message can reach every sex and love addict who still suffers.

At the same time, S.L.A.A. service materials affirm that if a member feels uncomfortable or triggered, it is their prerogative to leave for self-care; that self-care takes priority, and no rules require anyone to stay.

In the spirit of Traditions 1 and 4, S.L.A.A. honors both our group's autonomy and each member's autonomy. Everyone is free to step out or leave at any time for their safety and serenity, and we support one another in making those spiritual decisions.



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Question from the Fellowship (Committee Reference #2026-2):

We are struggling with a dilemma here in my area. The Basic Text states that there should not be separate men's or women's meetings, yet looking at international websites, I see that these gender specific meetings exist almost everywhere. Are these types of meetings in conflict with the Steps and Traditions?

Response #1:

From a Twelve Step perspective, the primary purpose of any meeting is to carry the message to the sex and love addict who still suffers. The Traditions—particularly Tradition One (unity), Tradition Three (the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop living out a pattern of sex and love addiction), and Tradition Four (each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or S.L.A.A. as a whole)—offer helpful guidance here.

The Basic Text gives us important context. In its discussion of “special interest groups,” it explains that early S.L.A.A. experience did not support forming men’s, women’s, or other identity-based meetings—not because they were forbidden, but because they were seen as potentially limiting recovery.

The text points out that no meeting can truly be made “safe” by excluding certain groups, and that recovery asks us to take responsibility for our own condition rather than focus on external factors. It also emphasizes the therapeutic value of mixed meetings, where we learn to relate more honestly and humanly across differences, which strengthens sobriety in the real world.

At the same time, it acknowledges that S.L.A.A. cannot prevent such groups from forming. So, through the lens of the Traditions—especially autonomy and primary purpose—the question becomes less about whether they exist, and more about whether they are helping members recover without creating division or distraction.

Ultimately, the Basic Text seems to guide us back to this principle: the only real safety in any meeting is a shared desire to get well and reliance on a Power greater than ourselves.

The Basic Text’s suggestion about not having separate men’s or women’s meetings can be understood as an effort to preserve unity and inclusivity, ensuring that no addict feels excluded from recovery. At the same time, Tradition Four gives individual groups the autonomy to respond to the needs of their local fellowship.

In practice, many groups around the world have formed gender-specific meetings not to divide, but to better support recovery. For some members, these settings provide a greater sense of safety, identification, and honesty—especially when dealing with sensitive patterns or trauma. When these meetings remain open in spirit (i.e., grounded in the Traditions, not exclusionary in intent, and connected to the larger fellowship), they can still serve the primary purpose.



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So, the question may not be simply whether these meetings exist, but whether they are operating in alignment with the Traditions:

- Do they support unity, or create division?
- Do they remain focused on recovery and the primary purpose?
- Are they guided by group conscience rather than personal preference?

If a gender-specific meeting begins to suggest that certain members do not belong in S.L.A.A. as a whole, that would raise concerns under Tradition Three. But if it is simply one format among many, created to help addicts recover, it can be seen as an expression of Tradition Four in action.

Ultimately, this is an issue best addressed through informed group conscience, with humility and a willingness to be guided by spiritual principles. The tension you're noticing is not uncommon, and working through it together—respectfully and thoughtfully—is very much in the spirit of the program.

Response #2:

Nothing in the 12 Steps of S.L.A.A. addresses meeting format. The Steps are about personal recovery. Step 12 states that we should try to carry the message of recovery to other sex and love addicts, but does not make any mention of a requirement to carry the message to ALL sex and love addicts, therefore, only carrying the message to addicts of one's own gender does not seem to violate the idea in Step 12.

Tradition Four tells us that "each group should be autonomous, except in matters that affect S.L.A.A. as a whole." Because members have many meetings to choose from, the decision of some meetings to autonomously decide to be gender-specific means that those who are not included in that gender can find many meetings that do meet their needs to attend. The hidden gift of COVID lockdown has been a proliferation of online meetings, which means that there are meetings of all kinds available to S.L.A.A. members all around the world, any hour of the day or night.

Tradition One states that "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon S.L.A.A. unity." At first glance, this tradition may seem to indicate that gender-specific meetings undermine unity because they exclude some members. However, given that many members have had traumatic experiences that may be triggered by being around people of certain genders, having "safe spaces" limited to non-triggering people can ensure that those people feel able to avail themselves of recovery. We do not have unity if there are sex and love addicts who cannot recover because they feel unsafe in meetings.

As long as gender-specific meetings are not representative of the fellowship as a whole and as long as there are plenty of options for everyone to find a meeting, I do not see these types of meetings as a violation of the Steps or Traditions. We must remember that the Basic Text was written at a time when there were far fewer options for meetings available. Restricting meetings would have had a far greater potential for exclusion than it would in the present day. The huge variety of special interest, gender-based, and other themed meetings means that we have more opportunities for inclusion under the umbrella of S.L.A.A.



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Response #3:

The gender/orientation meetings may be in conflict with Tradition Five, it depends on the location of the meeting. Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the sex and love addict who still suffers.

If you are in an area that has multiple meetings and the person excluded from a sex/orientation focused meeting has the ability to go to other meetings I do not feel the meeting violates the Fifth Tradition. Even in meetings that are exclusive I've seen them ask for volunteers to create a separate ad-hoc meeting if someone needing help shows up at their meeting (Any two or more persons gathered together for mutual aid in recovering from sex and love addiction may call themselves an S.L.A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.).

In areas where there are multiple meetings, having meetings that are gender/orientation specific may help the addict who still suffers with Sex and Love addiction issues specific to their identity. Some people coming into our fellowship are coming out of abusive relationships and may not trust members of the opposite sex. They need meetings of the same sex to feel safe. Some people may have partners who are afraid that if their partner goes to a meeting with other sex addicts they may 'hook up' with another sex addict at the meeting.

That said, in areas where meetings are scarce, having meetings that are scarce I think the Fifth Tradition makes it more important for meetings to be open to Sex and Love Addicts of all stripes. I have met members who spent over an hour to get to a once-a-week meeting that was the only meeting in their area. Just from assuring the meeting continues, making it open to all Sex and Love addicts may be necessary.

In my opinion the gender/orientation meetings are helpful for new-comers to feel safe coming into the fellowship, however for people who have been attending meetings for a while and are starting to recover, it is important for them to attend meetings that reflect more of the society as a whole.

Response #4:

We have spiritual principles behind each Step and each Tradition.

Speaking of Traditions alone, spiritual principles behind these 5 Traditions are:

Tradition's One is Unity. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon SLAA unity.

Tradition's Two is Trust. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants they do not govern.

Tradition's Three is Identity. The only requirement for SLAA membership is a desire to stop a pattern of sex and love addiction.

Tradition's Four is Autonomy. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or SLAA as a whole.

Tradition's Five is Purpose. Each group had but one primary purpose to carry its message to the compulsive sex and love addict, who still suffers.

As long as gender specific meetings follow at least these five Traditions, they are not violating the principles and program as a whole.



Whistle Blower Complaint (WBC) Investigator Position Description

Suggested make-up of this committee of Investigators:

A rotational position of three (3) on the WBC Committee made up of:

Member A – most senior in their 3rd year in the role;

Member B – 2nd most senior member in their 2nd year in the role;

Member C – Newest member in their 1st year in the role.

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Suggested requirements:

- Have three (3) years of sobriety, unless voted in by exception
- Diversity in all diversity dimensions and locations
- Demonstrated behavioral adherence and knowledge of the Traditions
- Optimal Feeder Committees:
 1. CSTCC, CCC, CDC
 2. Board Alumni Trustees (BATs)
- Professionals who will comport in a business-like fashion and provide professional level expertise (examples, Fellows in the Law field, Accounting field, Human Resources field, etc.)
- Former Committee Chairs (Not recommending current chairs due to workload concerns)
- Former large Intergroups Chairs
- Delegates that show diligence at current or past ABMs
- Demonstrated a history of emotional sobriety:
 - + Words and actions match even under stress
 - + Given grace if there is just one outburst.



The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc.
2026 S.L.A.A. Annual Business Conference/Meeting (ABC/M)

Thursday, August 6 to Sunday, August 9, 2026



Virtual ABC/M

HOSTED BY GREATER DELAWARE VALLEY INTERGROUP (GDVI)

Theme: Tradition 12: "Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities."

Co-work spaces are encouraged for fellowship and community.

If you are planning a co-work space or would like information on hosting one, please contact helpdesk@slaafws.org so we can share it online, and others can join you!

Opening Soon:

Virtual ABC/M Registration: <https://abm.slaafws.org/>





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Do you want to work alongside fellow members in person?

August 6 to August 9, 2026



The 2026 ABM has specific technical requirements for each attendee and co-work space. If hosting a co-workspace, please notify the F.W.S. Webmaster by emailing helpdesk@slaafws.org to ensure your setup meets the minimum ABC/M technical requirements

USA Co-Work Space Locations

● East Coast, USA

Greater Delaware Valley Intergroup, Bangor, PA - <https://slaadvi.org/abm>

● West Coast, USA

Pending further information

International Co-Work Space Locations:

● Australia, UK, Other

Pending further information

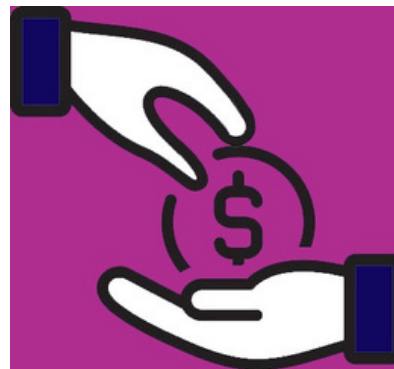
All members would still require individual 2026 Virtual ABC/M Registration: <https://abm.slaafws.org>



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2026 S.L.A.A. Annual Business Meeting

August 6 to August 9, 2026, Virtual ABM
Financial Aid Available for Delegates



First come, First-served basis. Limit one per Registered Intergroup or group functioning as an intergroup. All financial aid recipients will receive a special link to register.

REQUEST PROCESS

A delegate representing a registered Intergroup or registered Group Functioning as an Intergroup with limited financial means may request financial assistance by completing the Financial Assistance Application Form at:
<https://fws.slaafws.org/abm-finaid>

This information is also available under general info at <https://abm.slaafws.org/>



CALL FOR TRUSTED SERVICE

ABM 2026 Record Keeper

AUGUST 6-9, 2026

The Board ABM Planning Committee (BABMPC) wants to hear from members who wish to be considered for the Recordkeeper role at the 2026 Virtual ABC/M.

The recordkeeper must:

1. Attend **all** General Assembly sessions held during the four-day event (August 6th to 9th).
2. Write and submit a first draft of Minutes in Word format as outlined in the attached "ABM Minutes Review Outline".
3. Have some knowledge of our service structure and of the process used at the ABC/M.
4. Be willing to follow the recommended style and format as outlined in the attached "ABM Minutes - How to Write Them and the Template".
5. **One year sobriety requirement.**
6. Cannot serve in any other role at ABC/M.



Full details and submission form are available at:

<https://slaafws.org/abm-record-keeper-information/>

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The Augustine Fellowship S.L.A.A. Fellowship-Wide Services F.W.S. Tech Memo - June/July 2026



Here are several updates & reminders from the F.W.S. Tech Team, which can be contacted at helpdesk@slaafws.org.



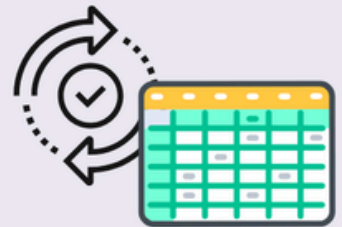
List your Upcoming Events on the F.W.S. Calendar!

Groups and Intergroups registered with F.W.S. may submit upcoming recovery retreats, days of sharing, annual meetings, and other events to the F.W.S. online events calendar. For best results, submit them at least 30 days in advance.

>> <https://slaafws.org/event-add>

Request your Intergroup Meeting List from F.W.S.

Meeting times and locations change, meetings disband and form anew, and information becomes outdated. Intergroup officers. Please email helpdesk@slaafws.org if you would like a copy of all meetings within your intergroup to reconcile new groups and remove disbanded groups.



Speaker Directory

The Conference Service Committee has worked with the F.W.S. Web Team to upgrade the Speaker Finder website (<https://speakers.slaafws.org>) and we are hoping that members with at least one year in program will sign up to be listed and that meetings seeking a speaker will use this new resource to find one.

Calling all Intergroup Webmasters & Coordinators

The F.W.S. Tech Team is asking anyone who coordinates and manages your intergroup's website to join an ongoing discussion about raising the quality of all website interactions with the S.L.A.A. fellowship. Please e-mail techdesk@slaafws.org to be added to the discussion group!



BOT Minutes & ABM IFD/Motions Search Engines

If you've ever wondered what all past board motions or ABM IFDs/Motions about a specific issue were, the new BOT Minutes Search allows anyone to search the FWS board minutes going back to 2012 and ABM motions going back to 1980 at <https://fws.slaafws.org/bot-minutes> and <https://abm.slaafws.org/iom>.



IMPORTANT LEGAL REMINDER: Intergroups and Groups (meetings) must **never use** the Fellowship-Wide Services I.R.S. Tax ID number, tax forms, for any purpose, including receiving software discounts, state tax exemption, etc. Doing so may be considered **tax fraud** by the Treasury Department. Furthermore, no group may alter the S.L.A.A. Logo, including removing the ® designation.

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Did You Know?

The Fellowship-Wide Services Office...

...provides worldwide meeting information to newcomers, to members moving or traveling, and others via website, telephone, mail and e-mail.

...maintains lists of worldwide intergroups, groups, contacts, meeting times and dates via the F.W.S. website, plus databases for Conference members, Committees, Newsletters, and the Journal.

...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 F.W.S. Newsletter quarterly with a distribution list of more than 2,000 members worldwide. The F.W.S. Newsletter 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 intergroups and groups turn to for feedback and information on group - related issues.

...works with intergroups and groups 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.

...processes more than 7,000 orders; publishes, produces, and ships more than 60,000 pieces of literature and recovery tools a year, including pamphlets; booklets; the Journal; the S.L.A.A. Basic Text (in multiple formats); a daily meditation reader); the Journal magazine; and other publications in print and digital formats.

...responds to national and international media and the professional community inquiries via the Board Outreach Committee and the F.W.S. staff.

...sponsors and coordinates all logistics including registration, site selection, technical requirements, and communication regarding the fellowship-wide Annual Business Conference and Meeting (ABC/M).

...ensures adherence to federal and state regulations and guidelines regarding administration of a non-profit organization.

...works with employees, contractors, trustees, volunteers, and vendors to handle all facets of fellowship operations.

...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 members as well as S.L.A.A. Conference-approved literature sales.

If you have questions or would like more information on S.L.A.A.

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Guidelines and Deadlines for Submissions for the F.W.S. Newsletter

The following guidelines are helpful when submitting service articles, reports and flyers, for 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: Conference and Conference Committees, F.W.S. Office, Board of Trustees, Board Committees, and relevant Intergroup events related to carrying the message. Minutes will not be accepted.
- Make submissions in a .doc or .docx file, with the exception of flyers created for specific events or requests. Submissions for all committee related flyers must be clearly dated eg. date/month/year, as to when they were created, approved by the relevant service body, or last revised, as applicable. The month must be written out, not numerical, such as 18 March 2025 or March 18, 2025. This helps readers see what is current and what isn't. Without a clear and visible date, submissions may not be accepted.
- Submissions should be portrait in orientation rather than landscape. The ideal size for submissions is letter (or A4).
- Please submit your item by the deadline for each edition, after the previous edition has been published. That is the only way the Newsletter editor will know that you wish the item to appear again and whether it has changed since its last appearance.
- Remember to maintain anonymity by using first name and last initial.
- Place periods between the initials in S.L.A.A., except when included in a specific website address such as slaafws.org or a specific email address such as slaavirtual@gmail.com.
- The Newsletter is not a recovery-oriented publication *per se* and not to be confused with *theJournal*, which publishes personal recovery stories.
- Members of the Board Outreach Committee (BOC) may respond by email to your Newsletter submission for edits as necessary and appropriate. This includes correcting typos, punctuation, breaking paragraphs correctly, editing for clarity, such as in sentence and paragraph structures and flow and any other usual editorial duties.
- Use the following website address for submissions: <https://slaafws.org/fwsnews-submit>

Deadlines for Submissions are Sundays:

2026 August 23 – September Issue
2026 November 15 – December Issue
2027 February 14 – March Issue
2027 May 16 – June Issue



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