



Gentle Currents



THE NEWSLETTER FOR PEOPLE RECOVERING FROM SEX AND LOVE ADDICTION

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TampaBaySLAA.org

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ANNUAL BUSINESS CONFERENCE/MEETING

S.L.A.A. began December 30, 1976 with four people who found each other through Alcoholics Anonymous and believed they were suffering from sex and/or love addiction. These people agreed to meet on a regular basis to foster support and as a means to stop the obsessive and compulsive behavior that was causing them pain...

As the program began to flourish, there came a need to address issues that were affecting the Fellowship as a whole in a formal and constructive way. In 1980, S.L.A.A. adopted a Motion to incorporate...so on January 14, 1984, the first meeting, known then as the F.W.S. Conference was held and has been held annually since then, with the exception of 1986.

We have a **Conference Service Manual!**

It's located at: slaafws.org/conference

All of our processes, acronyms and history are in it.

It includes delegate roles and defines the process of the Annual Business Conference and Meeting.



Do you speak another language?? **The Conference Translation and International Outreach Committee**

is seeking new members who are multilingual and/or interested in the translation of S.L.A.A. Conference Approved Literature. Anyone who wishes to join may contact the committee at:

Translation_committee@slaafws.org

Did you know?! We have By-Laws! These are the rules our board follows. It's a historical document that shows all the motions that have been presented at an ABM.

Our local delegate, Rick B is the chair of our Conference By-laws Committee. The members of the committee work make clarifications to "wordy" items. (Yay!)

The Conference By-Laws Committee (CBC) is responsible for maintaining and updating the current S.L.A.A. By-Laws, in cooperation with the BOT. It acts in an advisory capacity to the BOT and Fellowship-Wide Services and the Conference with regard to potential or requested By-Law changes. The committee also works with the BOT to facilitate changes to the By-Laws passed in accordance with Article XIV of the By-Laws.

They meet the 3rd Sunday of the month. For more information: <https://slaafws.org/cbcmail>



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Conference Literature Committee: Future Projects

- Anorexia 8, 9
 - HOW documents
 - Sponsorship Pamphlet
- On hold, but not eliminated:
- Internet Pornography Pamphlet
 - Twelve Concepts (will be incorporated into the S.L.A.A. 12&12)
 - 50th Anniversary of the Basic Text

If EVERY MEMBER of our fellowship donated \$1-2 per MONTH, our fellowship would be completely self-sustaining and in great shape in this strange time of COVID.

Check out the LIFESAVER PROGRAM on the SLAAFWS.ORG website.

Our 7th tradition states: "Every S.L.A.A. Group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions." This means only people who consider themselves members of

Contact information on S.L.A.A.

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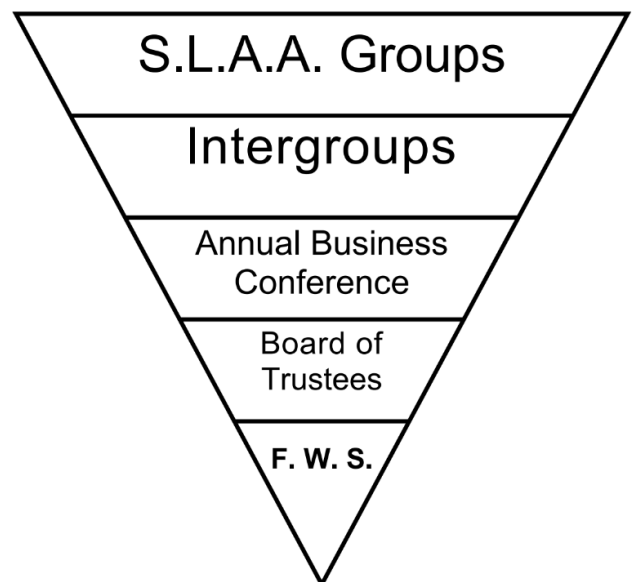
Office hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. CST.

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SLAAFWS to (202) 858-1233



Service and Responsibility in S.L.A.A.

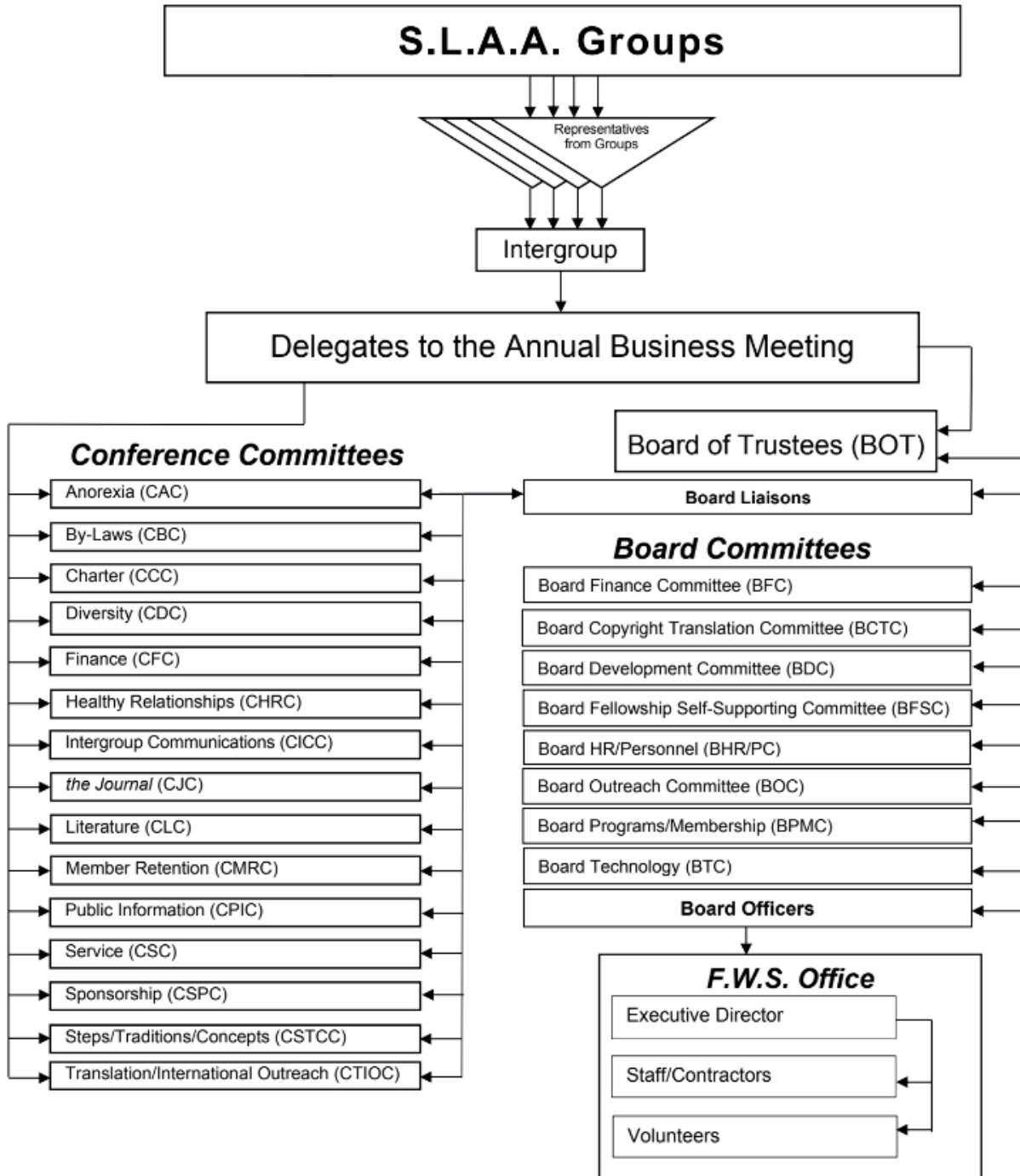
At all levels of service in S.L.A.A., we work together to achieve our primary purpose to help the sex and love addict who still suffers. Concept One states that "Ultimate responsibility and authority for S.L.A.A. world services always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship." The image of an inverted triangle illustrates the service structure of S.L.A.A. that begins with S.L.A.A.Groups. Service entities of Fellowship-Wide Services and the Board of Trustees are responsible to the Conference, Intergroups, Groups, and members as well as the public asking for information.





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Conference Service Organization Chart





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Where do we get our **MONEY**? Fellowship-Wide Services

22% contributions (individuals, groups, intergroups)

75% sales of literature

Our fiscal year runs Sept 30-October 1 annually.

Our prudent reserve goal is \$206000 which is 75% of our annual operating expenses (9 months of expenses). We have this money in an interest bearing account and are now sitting at \$201,000. If the budget is approved by the Board of Trustees, the prudent reserve would increase to \$212,000. Prudent reserve funds protect us in the event of a catastrophe (such as a hurricane.)

Conference Member Retention Committee:

PURPOSE:

The CMRC is responsible for the development and implementation of tools and methods to retain members, as well as accessing the wisdom, experience, strength, and hope of long-time members.

PROJECTS:

Member Retention Pamphlet

PURPOSE: To identify the unique challenges experienced by long term members and provide tangible solutions to keep those members engaged and active in S.L.A.A.

PROGRESS: We have an extensive list of possible sub-topics, on which we are currently writing and soliciting writing submissions. We have had an active and lively discussion, covering several topics at each monthly phone meeting.

Member Retention Panel for 2020

To gather members with various lengths of sobriety to share their experience, strength and hope on the challenges they have faced around staying active and engaged in S.L.A.A.

Member Retention Survey Project

PURPOSE: To attempt to ascertain why some members leave SLAA and others stay, and to guide the committee's direction on future projects.

Progress: This project is on hold

We published new literature!

Step Questions Workbook

(our first!)

The Gift of No Contact

and

State of Grace Daily Meditations

Hardcover (limited edition) and
softcover

Thank goodness we have a

Board Technology Committee

that was just formed in February.
It definitely helped with our virtual
ABM this year.

They are also working on a meeting app to help members locate meetings right from their phone anywhere in the world. If you have experience with this type of work, consider joining that committee. More info on the SLAAFWS.org website.

The Journal Committee

Is working on digitizing not only our *Journal*, but all of our literature!
They are seeking volunteers to write articles. See the SLAAFWS.org Website for more information on specific topics.