



# GSR Newsletter

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## A quarterly report to facilitate communication between the ISO and the SAA fellowship.

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### Annual meeting of the ISO Conference

For the past seven years, the annual meeting of the Conference was held in October; however, the Board of Trustees has decided to return to holding the annual meeting immediately preceding the convention, as was done in the years before 2018.

This year, the annual meeting of the Conference will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 23-24, 2025, immediately prior to the convention in Austin, TX. Note that this results in a short service year.

The deadline for motions to be considered by the Conference is March 1, which will allow the Conference Planning Committee time to vet them and make them available for review by area assemblies and member groups at least two months before the meeting.

The Conference website ([saa-conference.org](http://saa-conference.org)) is now available for delegate and guest registration.

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### SAA international convention, May 2025

The 2025 international SAA convention will be hosted by the Austin, TX, intergroup. A program of speakers, workshops, and social events is being planned by the Convention Committee.

The convention website ([saa-convention.org](http://saa-convention.org)) is now available with information about the convention and links to convention registration and hotel reservations.

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### SAA Concepts of Service

CSC Twelve Concepts subcommittee is planning to present a final draft version of the proposed new [SAA Concepts of Service](#) at the annual meeting of the Conference in Austin, TX, this coming May. This will begin a one-year period for review of the concepts before they are formally presented for consideration by the ISO Conference.

For these new concepts to become the official SAA concepts, they must be approved by a three-fourths majority of Conference delegates at two consecutive annual meetings of the Conference.

The current draft of the concepts is available on the ISO service website for review by members of the fellowship. Comments and suggestions may be sent to: [twelveconcepts@saa-iso.org](mailto:twelveconcepts@saa-iso.org).

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### Feedback Needed: Tradition Eleven

At the 2024 meeting of the ISO Delegate Conference, Area 54 proposed a change to Tradition Eleven. This change is in its review period and will be formally considered in 2026. You can view the proposed changes and provide feedback at [saa-recovery.org/tradition-eleven-feedback/](http://saa-recovery.org/tradition-eleven-feedback/)

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### Updating the Green Book

The ISO Literature Committee (LitCom) has announced a year-long project to update Sex Addicts Anonymous, the SAA Green Book. In particular, the LitCom has called for new stories from members with long-term sobriety and significant service experience.

Stories addressing how the Steps were worked and difficulties encountered and overcome should follow the now-classic pattern of “what it was like, what happened, and what it is like now.” Also, recovery from newer electronic means of acting out would be of particular interest.

Consider writing your story and share this invitation with members of your local group. No one needs to be a skilled writer. LitCom is prepared to edit and polish any submission while preserving the author’s voice.

Stories should be approximately 3-5 type-written pages and can be submitted with a signed release to [info@saa-recovery.org](mailto:info@saa-recovery.org).

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### Opportunities for service within the ISO

A draft of the proposed SAA Service Manual is available on the service website for review and comment by members of the fellowship. Since information in the Service Manual is subject to frequent changes, it is envisioned that the manual will be available only online.

For members without internet access, printed copies will be available from the ISO office.

Members are encouraged to review this informational document and to offer feedback via the available online form.

There are many opportunities to participate in service to members of the SAA fellowship. Most of the committees within the ISO welcome members of the fellowship.

A particularly helpful role in guiding ISO activities is played by the outreach committees that focus on serving the needs of specific members of the fellowship, such as women, men, LGBT members, and members who are incarcerated.

Other committees, such as Information Systems and Online Presence, Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community, and Literature, focus on and advise the ISO on matters related to specific activities.

Then, there are elected bodies that oversee defined duties within the ISO, such as the Board of Trustees, Literature Committee, Conference Steering Committee, and Conference Nominating Committee. Interested members may attend their meetings as guests but are not able to vote.

For more information about any of these service opportunities, consult the service website ([saa-iso.org](http://saa-iso.org)) or call the ISO office.

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### **Baffled by the ISO structure?**

Hi, I'm Carol Ann M, chair of the ISO Board Fellowship Internal Standing Committee (ISC). Who knows where Fellowship ISC is within the ISO? Anybody? Anybody?

That's ok. Even folks within Fellowship ISC didn't know either.

So, in the February meeting, we will have a presentation called "You are HERE: Figuring out what's what within the ISO."

Yes, we will talk about the ISO structure (because it kind of matters), and a little bit about ISO history, but mostly we will talk about the workflow – because that's what we do in service! I hope everyone will attend.

The Fellowship ISC meets at 11:00 am CST on the third Saturday. Contact the ISO office for sign-in information.

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### **Prisoners need writers-sponsors**

There is an urgent need for members of the fellowship to serve as sponsors for members who are incarcerated and who are asking for help. At present,

140 prisoners are awaiting assignment to an SAA member who is willing to work with them.

This is an opportunity to carry the SAA message of recovery to a sex addict who is incarcerated—putting Step Twelve and Tradition Five into action.

To learn more about this service opportunity, visit the Prisoner Outreach page on the service website, where you can find a form to register as a writer-sponsor and the guidelines for corresponding with prisoners.

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### ***The Outer Circle (TOC)***

The bimonthly ISO newsletter, *The Outer Circle*, contains three distinct categories of information that members of the fellowship may find interesting. First, there are articles written by members of the fellowship based on their experience in recovery.

There are also regular reports from the Board of Trustees and the office, including grafts depicting the current financial status of the ISO. A third category is information about the ISO, its committees, and activities going on within the ISO.

From encouraging articles to informational snippets, the newsletter is a good way to enhance your recovery and to keep abreast of goings on within the ISO. The current issue and all previous issues are available on the SAA website ([saa-recovery.org](http://saa-recovery.org)) under the Literature > Newsletter tab.



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### **Important Dates**

Conference (May 23 - 24)

Deadline for motions: March 1

Convention (May 23 - 26)

Deadline for workshops/speakers: March 31

Deadline for hotel reservation: April 22

Deadline to pre-register: April 29

Deadline to order meals: April 29

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### **More information is available from multiple sources within the ISO:**

**SAA website:** [saa-recovery.org](http://saa-recovery.org)

Commonly called the outreach website

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Password: goingbatty

**SAA convention website:** [saa-convention.org](http://saa-convention.org)

Password: goingbatty

**ISO service website:** [saa-iso.org](http://saa-iso.org)

Username: going – password: batty

**ISO office:** [info@saa-recovery.org](mailto:info@saa-recovery.org)

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