

Augustine Fellowship of Central Arkansas

# INTERGROUP MEETING

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**August 6, 2022 at CHI Saint Vincents and via Zoom at 8:15 AM**

## **PRESENT IN ATTENDANCE:**

- IG Chairperson
- LR Intergroup Rep
- Saline County Group Rep
- IG Delegate
- NLR Intergroup Rep

## **OPENING – Serenity Prayer**

**READING** – “Service is a vital part of the growth in recovery; it gives a sense of giving back what we have been given. Through sharing our experience, strength, and hope, we see that recovery truly works. Groups that and lof ack the willingness to do service may falter or stagnate. The use of service for many of us has helped to overcome the hardships of withdrawal and has given us an opportunity to stay sober. Service is not a requirement or burden; it is a joy and satisfaction.”

*From the How to Start an Intergroup Document, S.L.A.A. FWS,  
not conference approved*

**READING: TWELVE TRADITIONS OF S.L.A.A. (skipped)**

## **Check-Ins**

**I. Minutes from the last meeting** – [Review Here](#) (approved w/o comment or vote)

**II. Written Reports**

- **Saline County**

- **Financial:** Verbally offered
- **Attendance:** Verbally offered
- **Group Conscience/Business Meeting:** Verbally offered
- **Group Health:** Verbally offered

- **Little Rock**

- **Financial:** Verbally offered
- **Attendance:** Verbally offered
- **Group Conscience/Business Meeting:** Verbally offered
- **Group Health:** Verbally offered

- **North Little Rock – Patrick M.**

- Financial:
  - Cash: Approximately \$425
  - Last payment to IG was \$30 on July 8.
  - *We continue to commit at least \$15 each to IG and FWS monthly.*
- Average Attendance:
  - Wednesday 7pm meetings: 10
  - Friday 7pm: 4 (varies widely)
  - Wednesday 7pm 12 step workshop zoom meetings: No current numbers to report
- Group Conscience/Business Meeting:
  - We continue to hold a group business/conscience meeting on the first Wednesday of each month. On July 6 we decided to order literature and supplies as well as move forward in using a Google Sheets chair signup sheet that can be checked by members online.
- Group Health:
  - Sobriety continues to be an emphasis of group discussion and support and new chips are regularly earned.
  - We've seen a significant presence of newcomers who have been a welcome addition to our core group of regular attenders
  - Service continues to be an area for growth. Most are signing up to chair, which is encouraging.
  - We would benefit from more members willing to sponsor.

- **Conway Group**

- **Financial:** No representative present
- **Attendance:** No representative present
- **Group Conscience/Business Meeting:** No representative present
- **Group Health:** No representative present
  
- **Secretary/Treasurer**
  - **Financial Report for August 6th, 2022 IG meeting:**
    - Opening balance on 5/1/22: \$1098.22
      - Credit on 5/2/22 for \$115.00 from NLR Group \$1213.22
      - Debit on 5/9/22 for \$154.15 for annual subscription\* to Zoom.US \$1059.07
      - Credit on 5/10/22 for \$270.00 from In-person \$1329.07
      - Debit on 5/20/22 for \$835.96 for airline ticket for Phillip W. \$493.11
      - Debit on 5/31/22 for \$5.00 for Paper Statement Fee (Simmons Bank). \$488.11
    - **Closing balance on 5/31/22: \$488.11**
    - **Opening balance for 6/1/22: \$488.11**
      - Debit on 6/30/22 for \$5.00 for Paper Statement Fee (Simmons Bank). \$483.11
    - **Closing balance on 6/30/22: \$483.11**
    - **Opening balance for 7/1/22: \$488.11**
      - Credit on 7/8/22 for \$30.00 \$513.11
      - Debit on 7/29/22 for \$5.00 for Paper Statement Fee (Simmons Bank). \$508.11
    - **Closing balance on 7/31/22: \$508.11**
  - *\*Moving to an annual subscription fee for Zoom saved approximately \$41.21 per year.*
  
- **Delegate** – See attachment

### III. Old Business

- A. Financial Issues, Ownership of the Bank Account for IG, separate from LR Group**

a. **Action Taken: Motion made (IG Delegate) and seconded (NLR IGR) to establish a new Employee Identification Number (EIN) of the Intergroup and proceed with setting up a new bank account. The IG Delegate will then create a document listing the names and positions of current Intergroup Board Members to be included in the paperwork required to set up the new bank account. The IG Delegate will arrange a time to complete this bank process with any IG Members who will need to be signees.**

**B. IG Venmo Account – Action (Treasurer) Pending on resolving the issues above in III.a.**

**C. Recovery Workshop?**

a. The IG Approved sponsoring a recovery workshop with Stuart H as the keynote speaker. The IG Chair will reach out to Stuart and secure three possible dates and present that information to the IG who will then choose the best date for the fellowship.

**D. Job Descriptions for IGR Members**

a. Saline, LR and NLR discussed this and each have either verbal or written Job Descriptions for the IGR position.

**E. Intergroup Service Positions Job Descriptions** The Intergroup approved the following revised Job Descriptions for these positions. These Job Descriptions will be effective with the new terms of service beginning January 1, 2023.

a. Intergroup Chairperson – See attachment

**b. Intergroup Secretary/Treasurer - See attachment**

**c. Intergroup Delegate - See attachment**

### **IIII. New Business**

- A. E-Newsletter** - Shane requests that IGRs have any announcements submitted to him by a week before the first of the month. He is trying to get the newsletter out on a monthly basis.
- B. Delegate Change** - The LR IGR recommends that we participate virtually rather than in person in years where a virtual option is available for the FWS ABM. **TABLED**
- C. Written Recommendations** - The IG Chair asks that effective January 1, 2023 all new items submitted for business be done so in writing at least one week (seven days) before the business meeting in which said recommendation will be presented. Any item submitted after this deadline will be added to the following meeting agenda.
- D. IG Reports** - the IG Chair asks that if possible, all IGR reports be submitted in written format to be added to the agenda for the upcoming Intergroup Meeting before the meeting date. Individual IGRs may submit said reports with personal names omitted as to protect anonymity of all parties involved. Per a group conscience, a local group may choose to submit verbal reports which will be added to the meeting minutes using the phrase "submitted verbally".
- E. Venmo** - The LR IGR will set up a separate email account for their Venmo in an effort to further separate the finances of the LR Group and the Intergroup. He will strive to

complete this before the next IG Meeting on September 10, 2022.

**NEXT MEETING: September 10 2021 , 8:30 A.M. Via Zoom (Per our IG Group Conscience, we will only offer this as a virtual meeting)**

**CLOSING – Serenity Prayer**

## **Delegate Report for the Central Arkansas Intergroup Meeting August 6, 2022**

According to the S.L.A.A. 2022 CSM:

*The Delegate is a member that represents an Intergroup at the Annual Business Conference/Meeting (ABC/M). Delegates use their own experience, strength and hope and understanding of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, the Twelve Concepts, and the Twelve Recommended Guidelines for Dealing with the Media. As elected trusted servants, they contribute by discussing and communicating Intergroup issues and input in relation to Motions, IFDs, and Fellowship business that are addressed during the ABC/M.*

*Wherever possible, Delegates and alternates shall be selected at least 120 days before the annual ABC/M and their names forwarded to the F.W.S. Office. Each Delegate is elected for a term of two years and serves for no more than four consecutive years, respecting the tradition of rotation of leadership, except for reasons decided by the local Intergroup as outlined in Article V, Section 5 of the By-Laws.*

**Responsibilities include the following:**

- *Review all materials and communications sent from F.W.S. and the CCC;*
- *Discuss ABM (Annual Business Meeting) Agenda Motions and Items for Discussion (IFDs) with the members of the Intergroup; and, report back the outcomes and comments that took place during the ABC/M;*
- *Option to prepare Motion(s) or IFDs for the ABM Agenda;*
- *Attend and learn about various Conference Committees and commit to actively participate in at least one after the end of the ABC/M*
- *Coordinate ABC/M travel plans, car-pooling, roommates, and financial support with the F.W.S. Office;*
- *Assist in local fundraising for Delegate expenses and carry the message for how participation in the ABC/M benefits the Groups and Intergroup.*
- *Attend General Assemblies of the ABC/M as a voting member of the Conference.*

### **Term and Method of Selection**

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### **ABC/M**

*The Annual Business Conference (ABC) is the yearly four-day event during which the business of the S.L.A.A. Fellowship is conducted. The ABC includes a new Delegate Orientation, presentations by the Board of Trustees (BOT), Board and Conference Committee meetings, recovery activities, a live auction and other fundraising activities, in addition to the general business meetings called General Assemblies.*

*The Annual Business Meeting (ABM) is that part of the ABC in which all members of the Conference convene formally in General Assemblies to review the ABM Agenda and other Fellowship business. During the ABM, a Board of Trustees election is held to fill open Board positions on the last morning.*

As your delegate, I have forwarded the 2022 ABM Agenda Third Version and the 2022 ABM Agenda Third Version Attachments (contains all the draft literature that can't be posted to the open internet) to the IG Chair for distribution. Both documents can also be found on the S.L.A.A. Service Forum at:

<https://service.slaa.network/t/2022-abm-agenda-third-version-with-attachments/1715>

(You will need to register on the Service Forum to access the link, registration is free.)

There are currently 19 items of the 2022 ABM Agenda Third Version, and I will attach a summary to the end of this report.

If there are any items that anyone wishes to discuss, please contact me before I leave for the ABM on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

The ABC/M is scheduled to run from August 9<sup>th</sup> thru August 12<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento, California. This is the first in person ABC/M since the 2019 ABM that was also in Sacramento. There are COVID-19 protections in place to protect everyone in attendance.

This will be my ninth ABC/M, and 5<sup>th</sup> as a Delegate for the Central Arkansas Intergroup, three as a previously elected Delegate (2013-2016) and the 2<sup>nd</sup> for this term (2021-2022) as your current delegate. I have also attended the ABC/M as the CCC Chair for 3 years, and an alternate Delegate for the Montreal DASA-S.L.A.A. Intergroup (2018).

As your Delegate for this 2021-2022 term, I have served on the following Board and Conference Committees and Subcommittees:

- Board Technology Committee
- Board Seventh Tradition Committee
- ABM Planning Committee
- Conference By-Laws Committee
- Conference Intergroup Communications Committee (Chair)
  - o Service Forum
  - o IG/Meetings Contact List
  - o IG Virtual Forum
- Conference Committee Chairs
- Conference Charter Committee
  - o CSM Revision Workgroup
  - o ARS (Agenda Review Subcommittee) Agenda Editor
  - o Trusted Servants Workgroup
  - o ABM Scheduling Workgroup
  - o CCC Manual Workgroup

This works out to almost 600 hours over the last 2 years serving as your Delegate to S.L.A.A. Fellowship Wide Services.

I will provide details of all the actions taken at the upcoming ABC/M at the next Central Arkansas Intergroup Meeting.

In Service,

Name Redacted to protect anonymity.

### 2022 ABM Agenda Third Version

#### IFDs/Motions Summary

	# of the Motion/IFD	Motion or IFD
1	22o2/21-17	<p><b>Item for Discussion</b></p> <p>To Create a Conference Committee dealing with fantasy in connection with sex and love addiction.</p>

2	22o3/21-18	<p><b>Item for Discussion</b></p> <p>Discussion about current and future issues regarding recovery materials (audio and visual) posted to the Internet.</p>
3	22o4/21-19	<p><b>Item for Discussion</b></p> <p>The Board Publishing and Distribution Committee (BPDC) seeks Conference and Fellowship-wide discussion and comment on the report of its Literature Creation, Editing and Publishing subcommittee (LCEP) on the process used to create Conference Approved Literature from the initial proposal through Board of Trustees publishing. The current process is detailed in Appendices H and I to the Conference Service Manual.</p> <p>LCEP has been working for the better part of two years. The Board of Trustees (BOT) created it as part of the BOT's legal and fiduciary responsibility to supervise all publications of the fellowship. LCEP includes two members appointed by the CCC, two members appointed by the CLC, two members of the BOT and two former BOT members.</p> <p>The LCEP Report is in the form of a draft flowchart (included as an Attachment to this IFD) that would replace Appendices H and I should it receive necessary approvals. The LCEP Report also includes additional draft items not currently part of the Attachments including an appeal process, a description of a proposed CLC subcommittee, the Style Subcommittee, and a description of the Production Editor position.</p> <p>None of these draft documents has been approved by the BPDC, the BOT, the CLC or the Conference.</p>
4	22o5/21-20	<p><b>Item for Discussion</b></p> <p>Provide the PDF version our S.L.A.A. Basic Text (in all available languages) for free on the FWS website.</p>
5	22o07/20-02	<p><b>Motion</b></p>

		Publish the Twelve Steps of S.L.A.A. in Simplified English for use by members as they practice the steps.
6	22o09/20-04	<b>Motion</b> Publication of the book <i>A Framework for living: The Twelve Steps, The Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous</i> .
7	22o10/20-05	<b>Motion</b> To create a pamphlet on Outreach Calls to sell as a resource for S.L.A.A. The title of the literature is 'The Importance of Making Outreach Calls'.
8	22o12/19-05	<b>Motion</b> Publish the Super Service Star brochure
9	22o13/21-01	<b>Motion</b> Publication of this booklet, "Anorexia 8-9; Working the Program and Not the Problem", which was an ID last year – to sell as resource for S.L.A.A. members.
10	22o17/21-05	<b>By-Laws Motion</b> Article III – MEMBERSHIP Section 3 – Delegate Members <del>Delegates</del> <del>members</del> are <del>persons</del> <u>members</u> who are elected by the Intergroup <del>and general members</del> or <u>Group acting as an Intergroup</u> to attend the Fellowship-Wide Services Conferences and vote as representatives of the Intergroup <del>and general members</del> or <u>Group acting as an Intergroup</u> at such Conferences.

11	22o18/21-06	<p><b>Motion</b></p> <p>Increase total democratic involvement in ABC/M by eliminating the delegate registration fee and instead establishing a suggested donation. This item includes a formula to calculate the suggested donation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Intergroup should be prevented from having representation at the ABC/M due to cost.</li> <li>• Improve our alignment with the democratic intent of the Concepts.</li> </ul>
12	22n19/22-01	<p><b>Item for Discussion</b></p> <p>50th Anniversary Basic Text Subcommittee (50BTS) of the Conference Literature Committee (CLC) is submitting this IFD so that the Conference may review the proposed lightly edited chapters (one through three) of the S.L.A.A. Basic Text, <i>Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous</i>.</p>
13	22n20/22-02	<p><b>Item for Discussion</b></p> <p>To receive comments and suggestions from delegates on the text of the "Making the Most of Meetings" Pamphlet.</p>
14	22n21/22-03	<p><b>By-Laws Motion</b></p> <p>ARTICLE VIII - REMOVALS</p> <p>Trustees, including persons elected by Trustees to fill vacancies in the Board, may be removed from office with cause by the members or Trustees. Officers elected or appointed by the Trustees may be removed from their respective offices with cause by the Trustees. A Trustee or Officer may be removed for cause only after a reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard before the body proposing to remove said Officer. The Trustees may terminate the authority of any agent.</p>

15	22n22/22-04	<p><b>Item for Discussion</b></p> <p>To receive comments and suggestions from delegates on the text of the "Sex and Love Addiction on the Internet" Pamphlet.</p>
16	22n23/22-05	<p><b>Item for Discussion</b></p> <p>The purpose of this Item for Discussion (IFD) is to seek guidance from the Fellowship about a section of the By-Laws that are confusing. The By-Laws mention Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc. (F.W.S.) staff in a way that is unclear and needs clarification.</p>
17	22n24/22-06	<p><b>Item for Discussion</b></p> <p>The purpose of this Item for Discussion (IFD) is to seek guidance from the Fellowship about a section of the By-Laws that is unclear. The By-Laws mentions how the Annual Business Conference "advises" the Board and the Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc. (F.W.S.) office staff in all matters.</p>
18	22n25/22-07	<p><b>By-Laws Motion</b></p> <p><b>Article V – The Fellowship-Wide Services S.L.A.A. Conference Charter, Section 6 - The Fellowship-Wide Services Conference Meetings</b> (only the last sentence):</p> <p>The Conference will ... pass an issue...</p> <p>Mail or telephone polls may also be used at any time to render advisory opinions.</p>
19	22n26/22-08	<p><b>Motion</b></p> <p>To adopt the following as Core Documents of S.L.A.A.: "What is Anorexia in S.L.A.A." excerpted from the Anorexia Sexual, Social, Emotional pamphlet, and the 50 Questions from the "Are You Anorectic" section of the <b>Anorexia pamphlet</b>.</p>

# SERVICE POSITION JOB DESCRIPTION

POSITION: INTERGROUP CHAIRPERSON

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POSITION: INTERGROUP CONVENTION DELEGATE

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