

The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc.  
**GENERAL INFORMATION**  
**2009 Annual Business Conference/Meeting (ABC/M)**  
Tuesday July 14 – Friday July 17, 2009

## CONFERENCE THEME

**7th Tradition of S.L.A.A.**—“Every S.L.A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.”

## PURPOSE AND PARTICIPATION

The Annual Business Conference (ABC) is the once-a-year event at which S.L.A.A. group representatives and members of our service structure convene to conduct the Annual Business Meeting (ABM). The ABM refers to the actual full-assembly business meetings at the ABC. This portion of the ABC is where members of the Conference provide direction and constancy to Fellowship-Wide Services through discussion of issues and voting on motions. More importantly, the ABC is dedicated to forming community-wide group conscience and supporting service and recovery within the S.L.A.A. program.

The Conference is the voting body of Delegate members of S.L.A.A. groups world-wide, members of the Board of Trustees (BOT), members of the F.W.S. Staff, and *the Journal* Editor. Every S.L.A.A. member is welcome to attend all Conference functions; however, only Conference members will be allowed to vote during the ABM. If you are planning to attend the ABM, but do not wish to act as a Delegate you may need to pay some Conference fees—see below. All non-business events such as speaker meetings and entertainment are open to everyone at no charge.

## LOCATION AND TRAVEL TO THE ABC/M

The ABC/M will be held at: **DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center**  
8411 25<sup>th</sup> S.  
E. Parrish, Florida 34219 USA  
Phone (001) 941/776-1018  
Website: [www.dayspringfla.org](http://www.dayspringfla.org)

The F.W.S. Office will handle your housing needs according to the Registration Form. On-site accommodations for Monday July 13<sup>th</sup> must be made by the F.W.S. Office.

**DaySpring** is conveniently located near two International Airports.

- Tampa International (TPA), Tampa: 50 miles, approximate travel time 1 hour
- St. Petersburg-Clearwater International (PIE), Clearwater: 39 miles, approximate travel time 49 minutes

Shuttle service to and from the airport is available from the local planning committee for a fee of \$50. **Shuttle service must be prearranged with F.W.S.** and you will need to provide flight and contact information.

## LODGING

If you require lodging, you must pre-register! There will be no on-site housing available if you do not pre-register.

**DaySpring** offers guests natural beauty with an opportunity to experience peace and tranquility. The center provides limited wireless Internet access, along with 2 swimming ponds, canoeing and even a rope course. The surrounding cities have great beaches, museums, and golf courses. Alternative lodging may be available in the area. You must make your own arrangements for alternative lodging.

## MEALS

You must pre-register to eat on-site. There is no on-site food available if you do not pre-register. Included in the ABC/M rates are all meals starting with lunch Tuesday, ending with breakfast on Saturday. Regular meal times are anticipated to be 7:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. If you have special dietary needs, please let us know at least one month in advance and we will attempt to accommodate you; however, no guarantees can be made regarding special diets. You may have to make additional arrangements to support your dietary needs. Dinner is included with the Monday night lodging if you arrive before or during the dinner hour.

## REGISTRATION FEES

Following is a breakdown of the costs in US dollars for participants of the ABC/M. The ABC/M includes four (4) nights lodging (Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri), twelve (12) meals from lunch Tuesday—breakfast Saturday, Conference activities, speaker meetings, and entertainment. (Registration Form enclosed.)

DISCOUNT Registration postmarked by Thursday April 30, 2009		<u>FEES</u>		
DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS	SINGLE	DOUBLE/ SHARED	NO HOUSING
HOUSING	Tue-Fri (4 nights) lodging	\$560.00	\$420.00	
HOUSING	Monday lodging (Optional)	\$135.00	\$100.00	
FOOD	Tues-Fri (4 days)			\$140.00
On-Site				\$40.00
TRAVEL EQUALIZATION FUND (TEF)	Every delegate pays this fee. See TEF Guidelines and Request Form.	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Shuttle	To/From Airport (optional)	\$50.00	\$50.00	
REGISTRATION FEE	Covers administrative costs.	\$235.00	\$235.00	\$235.00
<b>TOTAL <i>Postmarked after Thursday April 30, 2009</i></b>		<b>\$1130.00</b>	<b>\$955.00</b>	<b>\$565.00</b>
<b>NO DISCOUNT</b>				
<b>Discount if <i>Postmarked by Thursday April 30, 2009</i></b>		<b>-\$50.00</b>	<b>-\$50.00</b>	<b>-\$50.00</b>
<b>TOTAL: WITH DISCOUNT</b>		<b>\$1080.00</b>	<b>\$905.00</b>	<b>\$515.00</b>

**All Registration Forms need to be received by Friday June 5, 2009. Registrations received after this date will incur extra fees and participants cannot be guaranteed housing/food at DaySpring. This may require finding lodgings by the participant nearby and arranging travel to DaySpring.**

## CANCELLATION POLICY

- Cancellation made **by Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup>** will be fully refunded.
- Cancellation made **between Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>** will receive a 50% refund.
- Cancellation made **after Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>** will not be refunded.

## TRAVEL EQUALIZATION FUND (TEF)

All Delegates pay a TEF fee, which helps to alleviate the costs of travel for Delegates coming from a further distance than those who can get to the Conference site easily. See the enclosed *TEF Guidelines and Request Form*.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Anonymity and Disclosure:** The work of the Conference occurs all year long, not only at the ABC/M. During the year, the full Conference (Delegates, BOT members, Editor of *the Journal*, F.W.S. staff) and other members of Conference Committees need to communicate with each other. As a member of the Conference, please understand that phone numbers, email addresses and home addresses are distributed to the rest of the Conference and members of Conference Committees. Please protect the anonymity of all members—do not share this information with those outside the Conference or Conference Committees.

**Mentors:** Experienced Conference members are needed to work with new Delegates to help them through the ABC/M and its process. The CCC matches experienced and new Conference members prior to the ABC to answer questions and explain the process of the ABC/M. If you are willing to be a mentor and help a new Delegate through the process, please indicate this on the Registration Form.

**Volunteers:** People are needed throughout the Conference in a variety of ways, including registration, Conference member check-in and check-out, hospitality suite staffing, selling literature, running errands, and setting up evening events and meeting spaces. If you are willing to be of service before, during or after the ABC, please indicate this on the Registration Form.

**Temporary Sponsors:** You are invited to volunteer as a Temporary Sponsor at the ABC. This position requires a minimum of one year self-defined continuous sobriety. If you qualify and would like to be designated as a Temporary Sponsor, please mark your Registration Form accordingly.

**Conference Charter Committee (CCC):** This Conference Committee works with the BOT and the F.W.S. Office to facilitate the ABC/M, create the agenda and information packets for the participants, and act as liaison to the Conference Committees. This committee is made up of Delegates as well as current and former BOT members. To discuss the ABC/M schedule or the *Business Meetings Items Summary (BMIS)* contact Sam M., CCC Chair, email [sam\\_m@slaafws.org](mailto:sam_m@slaafws.org) or through the F.W.S. Office.

Any questions contact the F.W.S. Office at (+1) 210-828-7900 or email [generalinfo@slaafws.org](mailto:generalinfo@slaafws.org)

## ABC/M SCHEDULE OF EVENTS To Be Announced

The ABC takes place from 10 a.m. Eastern Time Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup> when room check-in and on-site registration begin, through 2 p.m. Friday July 17<sup>th</sup> when the Conference closes business.

There is a Conference Committee Chairs meeting at 8:30 a.m. and a new delegate orientation at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup>. In addition, there is a Conference Committee Chairs and a mandatory BOT meeting scheduled from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday July 17<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, travel arrangements should be made with these additional meetings in mind.

A detailed ABC/M schedule will be provided closer to the event.