

**The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc.**  
**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING BY-LAWS CHANGE SUBMISSION FORM**

*Use for motions to change the F.W.S. By-laws.*

**Submission Deadline: April 1, 2008**

All motions to change the F.W.S. By-laws at the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) must be submitted on this form or a form containing all of this information. Submit as many motions as you would like—duplication of this form is authorized. All motions submitted will be forwarded to the appropriate Conference and Board committees for research and discussion prior to the ABM. **SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008** to allow for maximum group conscience.

The F.W.S. By-laws are a legal document filed with the state of incorporation and establishing the framework of the Fellowship—providing definition and clarity about how groups, Intergroups, the Conference, and the Board of Trustees interact with each other. In changing the By-laws, long term implications to the Fellowship must be considered. We ask that you explore these implications thoroughly prior to making submissions for By-laws changes. Are the By-laws the appropriate vehicle for the intended change to occur? If so, since the By-laws are a legal document, the wording requires structures and elements that may not be necessary in other ABM motions. The Conference Charter Committee (CCC) and its subcommittee, the Business Meeting Items Summary (BMIS) Review Subcommittee, is available to help explore these matters. Considering the additional time this may require, and to ensure discussion by the largest group conscience of the Fellowship, we encourage thoughtful consideration, requests for assistance, and submission of the motion well before the April deadline. A submission to change the By-laws may be offered at any time. However, not submitting such a motion early enough will limit discussion within the Fellowship, and may require the submission to be changed prior to its inclusion on the Conference agenda.

The submission process is as follows: 1) item is received and forwarded to the review committee; 2) the Editor of the BMIS compiles all agenda items and forwards copies by April 11 to Conference Committees for feedback; 3) Conference Committees submit reports to the CCC by May 16; 4) the BMIS is distributed on May 31 to Conference members and groups world-wide for group level discussion; 5) items are addressed by the Conference at the ABM, July 15-18, 2008.



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**DENOTE the one that applies:** *Individual*      *Group*      *Intergroup*      *Trustee*      *FWS*  
*Conference Committee*      *Board Committee*      *Journal Editor*

**ENTER how the section of the By-laws to be changed currently reads.** (This is the EXACT text of the By-laws as it appears prior to any proposed change.)

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**ENTER the new wording, using “strikethrough and underline” format, into the section of the By-laws proposed to be changed.** (This is the same text as above, with a horizontal “strikethrough” of the words proposed to be removed, and with the proposed new replacement words underlined.)

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**ENTER how the By-laws will appear if the change is adopted.** (This is the same section of the By-laws, reflecting the proposed change.)

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**ENTER the INTENT of the proposed change.** (Identify the problem with the By-laws as currently written and the objective that the change is intended to achieve including arguments in favor of the motion.)

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**ENTER the REQUIREMENTS if the By-laws change is adopted:** (In addition to the already inserted “Change the By-laws.” comment below, provide a description of what else would be required to carry out the proposed change in terms of specific dollar amounts, hours of labor, or other consequential needs if the change were accepted.)

Change the By-laws.

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