

An Introduction to the Web Team

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On June 21, 2009, the Board Public Relations Committee (BPRC), the Board Governance and Nominating Committee (BGNC), and the Board of Trustees (BOT) approved the formalization of the Web Team. The Web Team was created for the purpose of setting policies and guidelines for the ever-expanding S.L.A.A. Fellowship-Wide Services website, as well as facilitating the actual publishing of website content and assisting committees in development of that content where needed.

The need for such a team became apparent when questions about web practices and requests for new web content went beyond the scope of any policies or procedures already in place. Copyright-related issues are also part of the Web Team's work, as more and more publications are made available online.

The Web Team will report to both the BGNC and the BPRC, with a membership comprising the BPRC Chair, the FWS General Manager, the Webmaster, and the BOT Chair, who is also a permanent member of the BGNC.

Here is a list of what we're working on:

- Formatting and pdf conversion of the seven "core" documents of S.L.A.A. (the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, S.L.A.A. Preamble, 12 Media Guidelines, 40 Questions, Characteristics, and Signs of Recovery). These files are meant to be used by newcomers as recommended reading, by groups for printing and use at meetings, for intergroup websites to link to, and by foreign S.L.A.A. Fellowships for translation to other languages.
- Working with Spanish and Polish Fellowships to finish translations of the seven core documents, and incorporate these translations into the F.W.S. website.
- Developing policies for new website content approval, translations, copyright protection, and email accounts.
- Assisting to move toward completion of the F.W.S. *Find a Meeting* database.
- Determining how best to organize the growing F.W.S. website to optimize efficiency for all users.

I can say as a sober member of S.L.A.A. that it is a privilege to be on the Web Team. Instead of looking at the website for what it already is, I get to see what's coming in the future and am part of the progress. If you have an interest in helping us, please send us a message at <http://www.slaafws.org/contact/Website+Questions>.

In recovery,
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