

Board Finance & Operating Committee (BFOC)

Chair Report

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Scope of Responsibility: The Board of Trustees Finance and Operating Committee focuses on matters of a financial nature or which have potential financial implications.

The BFOC has 6 members: 2 Board members, the FWS General Manager (GM), and 3 non-Board members and meets bi-monthly.

The BFOC supports and provides feedback to the GM in both office operations and finances. At the end of each month, BFOC reviews the office general fund account balance sheet and profit and loss statement reflecting financial data from the prior month. In addition BFOC reviews the office revenue and expense data on a month-over-month and year-over-year comparable basis.

The BFOC has 3 subcommittees:

12X12 Board Task Force

This task force has met several times and formed 2 sub-committees (Financial and Process) that have the mandate of creating a process to complete and publish the book with the working title *The 12 Steps and 12 Traditions of S.L.A.A.* It is hoped that this may provide a procedure for future publications.

Copyright and Translation Subcommittee

This committee meets monthly and is fortunate to have two members of SLAA who are attorneys with one specializing in copyright/trademarks. The CTS is reviewing policies for the protection of SLAA copyrighted material. It is also reviewing current guidelines and licensing agreements for the translation of SLAA literature for the addicts that still suffer all over the world.

Benefits Subcommittee

This committee was formed to review benefits for FWS employees and suggest changes. This subcommittee has been inactive since the Annual Business Meeting (ABM).

Starting after the ABM, BFOC has been busy re-aligning its membership, prioritizing and starting work on the tasks put forth by the Board of Trustees (BOT), and working with the GM to submit the Budget for the fiscal year 2009-2010 to the BOT. The budget has provisions for a "worst case scenario" based on current economic forecasts. Also, the budget has an increase in the price of literature and takes into account increases in taxes, commodity prices and shipping costs. These changes are scheduled to take effect February 1, 2010.

The BFOC will continue to work on its priorities and facilitate its subcommittees in the coming month. I am very grateful for the men and women who so graciously give their time to help continue these endeavors.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom F., Chair, Board Finance and Operating Committee