

**From:** Call Squad Oversight Team (CSOT)  
**To:** S.L.A.A. Intergroup and Group Contacts  
**Date:** September 24, 2009  
**Re:** October 2009 Intergroup Discussion Items

**Dear Intergroup and Group Contacts,**

Fall is here and the summer as well as our busy Annual Business Meeting (ABM) season has ended. We have started planning for the new Conference year in all the Conference committees and at Fellowship-Wide Services (FWS) Office— thank you for helping us carry the message to Intergroups and Groups! What follows are the items to bring to your Intergroups/Groups – we appreciate your efforts and look forward to your feedback.

### **International Recovery Convention (IRC) 2011 and Annual Business Conference/Meeting (ABC/M) 2011 and 2012**

It is not too late to consider hosting the 2011 and 2012 ABC/M and the 2011 IRC which is the 35th SLAA Anniversary year. This is a great way to introduce the Fellowship to your City and bring lots of recovery opportunities to your Groups and Intergroup. An interested Intergroup/Group creates a proposal that includes the city, venue for the events, and costs. The location will be selected from proposals reviewed by FWS and the Board of Trustees (BOT). Deadline for submission is November 1, 2009. A flyer is attached and also available at <http://www.slaafws.org/node/252> with a How to Manual.

### **November is Gratitude Month**

November as Gratitude Month is a simple 7th Tradition gesture that first originated in A.A. over 50 years ago. The S.L.A.A. Fellowship is pleased to continue this tradition of gratitude, encouraging members and groups to give back to the program that has sustained our lives as recovering addicts. The attached flyer highlights ways members and groups can contribute during Gratitude Month (including online contributions) and the impact of these contributions to the Fellowship. Our hope is that your Intergroup will distribute the flyer and encourage as many groups as possible to read it every week of November, offering ways (and the whys) to participate. We are self-supporting through our own contributions, which involves principles of participation and spiritual responsibility. Though conversations about money can be uncomfortable, such discussions are vital to the support and growth of our Fellowship and enable us to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

### **Special Note from the BOT and General Manager (GM)**

The BOT and GM would like the Fellowship to know at this time there is an issue with cash flow due to decreased literature sales and donations less than usual for this time of year. As a result the FWS Office staff hours have been reduced and the office has been closed on Friday's to conserve funds until contributions increase. If Intergroup/Groups have funds that could be sent, it is needed now more than ever and every little bit helps.

### **ABM Report and Minutes**

A summary of motions and BOT election results is included in the **FWS Newsletter** Special ABM issue at <http://www.slaafws.org/taxonomy/term/1>. Three motions were passed: Conference-approval of the text for Romantic Obsession, amendments to the S.L.A.A. By-Laws and creation of the Conference Translations Committee. Three BOT members were confirmed: Chris D., Kim B., and Tom F. plus Leon C. was elected to the BOT. Rita H. continues as the BOT Chair and General Manager supervisor. In addition, the 42-page ABM 2009 Minutes are now available on the FWS website <http://www.slaafws.org/node/257>.

### **What can FWS, the Board or Conference do for you?**

Let us know what the single most important service your Intergroup needs from the Conference? (The Conference is composed of delegates, the Journal editor, FWS staff, and the BOT). In addition, at the ABC/M the 19 Conference Committees meet to discuss projects, budgets and ABM agenda items.

Once again, we cannot say enough about how your service efforts help to keep the Fellowship informed so that the addict can find recovery in S.L.A.A. Thank you!

**In service,  
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