

GENERAL INFORMATION

2022 Annual Business Conference/Meeting

(ABC/M)

Tuesday, August 9 – Friday, August 12, 2022

8th Tradition of S.L.A.A.—“S.L.A.A. should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.”

PURPOSE AND PARTICIPATION

The Annual Business Conference (ABC) is the once a year event at which S.L.A.A. members and other members of our service structure convene to conduct the Annual Business Meeting (ABM). The ABM refers to the business conducted during General Assemblies over a four-day period. This portion of the ABC is where members of the Conference participate in discussing Items (IFDs) and voting on Motions to provide consensus and direction to Fellowship-Wide Services. 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. Intergroups/Groups worldwide, members of the Board of Trustees (BOT), members of the F.W.S. Senior and Administrative Staff, the Chair of the Conference Charter Committee 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 General Assemblies. 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 all S.L.A.A. members at no charge.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

It is expected that Conference Committee meetings held at the ABC/M will be available by Zoom to any program member who wishes to attend the meeting.

LOCATION AND TRAVEL TO THE ABC/M

The ABC/M will be held at: **Hilton Arden West**
2200 Harvard St. Sacramento, CA 95815

The F.W.S. Office will handle your housing needs according to the Registration Form. Accommodations for Monday, August 8 and Friday, August 12 must be made by the F.W.S. Office. Check out time is noon Friday, August 12. Please note that there are additional meetings for Conference Committee Chairs and the Board of Trustees after the last General Assembly of the ABC/M that may go as long as 5pm Friday, August 12.

Please make your return travel arrangements after 7pm Friday, August 12 to ensure that you participate fully in the ABC/M.

The **Hilton Arden West** is located 14 miles from the Sacramento International Airport. The hotel does not provide an airport shuttle service, so delegates will be responsible for their own transportation between the airport and the hotel.

Please note that meeting rooms will be on the cool side and you may need a sweater or warmer clothes. We will follow all mandates of public health authorities and the hotel then in effect.

In the spirit of anonymity and the 12th Tradition, participants are asked not to take videos or photographs at the General Assemblies, Conference Committee meetings or social functions.

LODGING

You must pre-register for lodging. In order to meet the contract requirements of the hotel all participants must stay at the hotel except those Delegates/volunteers living in the Sacramento area. **If you have room questions or changes, call F.W.S. at 1-210-828-7900.** Please do not call the hotel.

PARKING

The hotel provides free parking for guests.

DELEGATES

MEALS

Included in the ABC/M rates are all meals starting with lunch Tuesday, ending with lunch on Friday. Regular meal times are anticipated to be 7 am, 12 pm and 6 pm. If you have **necessary** dietary restrictions or needs, please let us know in writing **at least 60 days** in advance and we will attempt to accommodate you. However, no guarantees can be made regarding special diets. Arrangements for special meals may incur extra charges, which you will be responsible for paying.

You may have to make your own arrangements to support your dietary needs. Microwaves and refrigerators may be available for rental (at your expense) from the hotel.

REGISTRATION FEES

Following is a breakdown of the costs in U.S. dollars for Delegates of the ABC/M. The ABC/M includes three (3) nights lodging (Tue, Wed, Thurs), ten (10) meals from lunch Tuesday through lunch Friday, Conference activities, speaker meetings, and entertainment.

***All Delegates will receive a \$610 Scholarship for housing and meals.**

DISCOUNT Registration postmarked by Thurs, May 26, 2022		FEES		
DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS	SINGLE	DOUBLE/ SHARED	SACRAMENTO COMMUTER
REGISTRATION	NORTH AMERICAN DELEGATES	\$285	\$285	\$200
	DELEGATES OUTSIDE NORTH AMERICA	\$0	\$0	
HOUSING	Tue-Thurs (3 nights) Lodging + Food	\$180	\$0 After \$610 Scholarship*	NO HOUSING Includes Food
	ADD Monday Lodging (Optional)	\$125	\$65	
	ADD Friday Lodging (Optional)	\$125	\$65	
DISCOUNTS AND LATE FEES				
Discount if Postmarked by Thurs, May 26, 2022		(-\$50)	(-\$50)	(-\$50)
Late Registration fee after Sat, June 25, 2022		\$75	\$75	\$75
Late Dietary Needs fee after Fri, June 10, 2022		\$60	\$60	\$60
TOTAL WITH DISCOUNT, NO ADD-ONS Postmarked by Thurs, May 26, 2022				
NORTH AMERICAN DELEGATES		\$415	\$235	\$150
DELEGATES OUTSIDE NORTH AMERICA		\$180	\$0	
TOTAL WITHOUT DISCOUNT, NO ADD-ONS Postmarked after Thurs, May 26, 2022				
NORTH AMERICAN DELEGATES		\$465	\$285	\$200
DELEGATES OUTSIDE NORTH AMERICA		\$180	\$0	

All Registration Forms must be received by Saturday June 25, 2022

Registrations received after this date incur extra fees.

Register Online at <https://go.slaafws.org/abm2022register>

NON-DELEGATE OBSERVERS

MEALS

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You may have to make your own arrangements to support your dietary needs. Microwaves and refrigerators may be available for rental (at your expense) from the hotel.

REGISTRATION FEES

Following is a breakdown of the costs in U.S. dollars for Non-Delegate Observers of the ABC/M. The ABC/M includes three (3) nights lodging (Tue, Wed, Thurs), ten (10) meals from lunch Tuesday through lunch Friday, Conference activities, speaker meetings, and entertainment.

DISCOUNT Registration postmarked by Thurs, May 26, 2022		FEES			
DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS	SINGLE	DOUBLE/ SHARED	SACRAMENTO COMMUTER	ONE DAY PASS
REGISTRATION	All Non-Delegate Observers	\$285	\$285	\$350	\$125
HOUSING	Tue-Thurs (3 nights) Lodging + Food	\$790	\$610	NO HOUSING Includes Food	Limit One (1) Per Person Includes Food
	ADD Monday Lodging (Optional)	\$125	\$65		
	ADD Friday Lodging (Optional)	\$125	\$65		
DISCOUNTS AND LATE FEES					
Discount if Postmarked by Thurs, May 26, 2022		(-\$50)	(-\$50)	(-\$50)	No Discount
Late Registration fee after Sat, June 25, 2022		\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75
Late Dietary Needs fee after Fri, June 10, 2022		\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
TOTAL WITH DISCOUNT, NO ADD-ONS Postmarked by Thurs, May 26, 2022					
ALL NON-DELEGATE OBSERVERS		\$1025	\$845	\$300	\$125
TOTAL WITHOUT DISCOUNT, NO ADD-ONS Postmarked after Thurs, May 26, 2022					
ALL NON-DELEGATE OBSERVERS		\$1075	\$895	\$350	\$125

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CANCELLATION POLICY

- Any cancellation made **by Thursday May 26, 2022** will be fully refunded.
- Any cancellation made **between Friday May 27 – Saturday June 25, 2022** will receive a 50% refund.
- Any cancellation made **after Saturday June 25, 2022 will not be refunded.**

ABC/M COST CONTRIBUTIONS

Each year, Fellowship-Wide Services covers a large portion of the cost of holding the ABC/M so that attendee fees can be kept as low as possible. Typically, up to \$40,000 of proceeds from literature sales, contributions to F.W.S. and the ABM Fundraiser help pay for the ABC/M. This year, that amount is expected to double due to the \$610 Scholarship for housing and food being provided to every Delegate. Your ABC/M Cost Contributions directly help F.W.S. to assist with these costs.

ABC/M TRAVEL ASSISTANCE CONTRIBUTIONS

ABC/M Travel Assistance Contributions provide financial assistance to Delegates traveling at least 500 miles to the ABC/M venue. All Travel Assistance Contributions will be shared among Delegates who apply within 30 days after the ABM. The amount of assistance for the respective Delegate will be based on mileage traveled. The more funds contributed, the more we will be able to help.

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 and other members of Conference Committees need to communicate with each other. As a member of the Conference, please understand that phone numbers and email addresses are distributed to Conference members and members of Conference Committees only if you sign the Anonymity and Disclosure Statement Form. 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. The CCC generally Chairs the ABC/M and is made up of past and current Delegates as well as current and former BOT members and others. To discuss the ABC/M schedule or the ABM Agenda contact the CCC Chair, through the F.W.S. Office.

F.W.S. Office: Any questions contact the F.W.S. Office at 1-210-828-7900 or email via the F.W.S. website.

ABC/M SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - To Be Announced

Participant sign-in opens at **4pm Monday, August 8**. The ABC/M takes place from **8am Pacific Time Tuesday, August 9, through 5pm Friday, August 12** when the Conference closes business. There is a Conference Committee Chairs meeting at 8:30 am and a Delegate Orientation at 10:30am on Tuesday, August 9. In addition, there is a Conference Committee Chairs and a mandatory BOT meeting scheduled from 2:30pm to 5:00pm on Friday, August 12.

Please make your return travel arrangements after 7pm Friday, August 12 to ensure that you participate fully in the ABC/M. You may be able to take advantage of discount travel costs by returning Saturday morning and having double accommodations.

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