

Agenda: Ontario Intergroup of SLAA
Thursday, October 31, 2013. 7:00-8:30 PM
Room 2008, Cardinal Carter Wing, St. Michael's Hospital

Present: Jody N. (Chair); Dionne F. (Vice-chair); Wayne M. (Treasurer); Jim D. (Secretary and Hamilton IR); Tim W. (Literature Coordinator); John F. (Phone and PI, Pickering IR); Justin O. (Prison Outreach); Fred K. (Fall Conference Chair); Charles V. (Website); Richard B. (Thurs. 7:30 IR); Alan B.

Absent with regrets: Jim B. (FWS Delegate and Rockwood IR); Susan O. (Sat. 5:30 IR)

- 1. Meeting begins with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer**
- 2. Reading of Trusted Servant's Prayer**
Done.
- 3. Reading of The Twelve Traditions**
Done.
- 4. Introductions**
Done.
- 5. Reading of previous meetings Draft Minutes by secretary – Jim D.**
Jim reported. Changes made were; an amendment to the Literature Report and addition of part of the Fall Conference Report omitted by accident. Amended copy is ready for posting. Revised minutes accepted by consensus.
- 6. Secretary announcements – Jim D. reported**
 - a) Since he became secretary, in May, the IG records are scattered for January to April. He is putting this information together and will be seeking help from IG members in finding the missing information. In particular, for the January meeting there are no records except the Treasure's Report. Alan B. indicated that he had handwritten records and would find them and forward to Jim D.
 - b) Jim D. will be looking into updating info with FWS. Jody suggested that he contact FWS and ask them what is required.
 - c) Personal info from IG members is being requested. Jim D. asks that, if you have not already done so, could IG members please send your full name, email address, and phone number as required by our Ontario Intergroup By-Laws.
- 7. Reading of Reports:**
 - a) Treasurer – Wayne M.**
- see attached. Highlights are:

• Opening Balance:	\$500
• No income:	\$0
• Retreat and Conference Fund:	\$899
• FWS:	\$0
• FWS Delegate Fund:	\$967.12
• Total Balance of all Funds:	\$2215.22

Motion to accept by Dionne and 2nd by Charles. Report was accepted.
 - b) Literature – Tim W.**
Slow sales for October. Report (see attached), see highlights:

- Income: \$ 188.00
- Expenses: \$ 217.95
- Net this month (loss): \$ (99.95)
- Net Assets: \$ 9185.86
- Prudent Reserve: \$ 8500
- Current Period Surplus over Prud. Reserve: \$ 685.86

Report accepted by group conscience.

- c) **FWS Delegate** – Jim B. (Absent with regrets; reports read by Jody N. and Jim D.)
(for reports, see attached).

- Delegate Report for San Antonio TX 2013 Annual Business Conference/Meeting
- Delegate Financial Report (in brief: Advanced \$2000; Spent \$1758; Refund to IG \$242 – cheque included for Treasure; Travel Equalization Fund from FWS \$US144)
- FWS Report ABM13 Summary Motions IFDs

Jim B's note indicated that the \$US144 be returned to FWS or to IG or to IG fund of choice. Wayne suggested the money be donated to IG as these funds will eventually be donated to FWS in any case. Wayne's proposal was approved by group conscience.

The list of Summary of Motions was lengthy and it was decided to not read the Passed Motions into the minutes. Instead, we are asking if **Jim B.** would mind making a brief summary of the motions 'passed' that most relate to our Intergroup for the next meeting.

- d) **Phone Line and Public Information** – John F.

See information attached – accepted by group conscience.

- e) **Fall Conference** – Fred K.

All good to go (see attached report). There are 3 or 4 volunteers to help run the conference. Tim offered to sell literature at the conference. Fred will set up a Table. Thanks to Tim. Accepted group conscience.

- f) **Spring Retreat** – Dionne F.

Nothing new to report.

- g) **Prison In-Reach/Outreach** – Justin O.

Nothing new to report.

- h) **Correspondence Received and Sent** (checking mailbox) – position vacant

Still need someone to fill this position. Tim will check mailbox tomorrow.

- i) **Website** – Charles V.

See attached. Some email accounts are present but have not being used by anyone. Charles would like to have them removed. Agreed to remove these old email accounts; accepted group conscience.

8. Old Business

- a) Alan suggested forming a committee to look specifically at the question: "What is the Single Purpose of SLAA"

Open to discussion. Alan was inspired to ask this question due to the business of the member that was using SLAA to prompt his private business. Is it worthwhile to come up with a way (outside of this group) that people could be more informed about our traditions? Jody, suggested a ½-day workshop at a conference (note **Dionne**)?

Alternatively, a subcommittee could be formed to investigate this issue. Alan did not think that the format of discussion was important but the content was important and should be based on following the Twelve Traditions. Alan asked "where did the traditions come from, what are the origins?". We took the traditions from AA. How does this relate to us in SLAA? Jody: Do we have a clear idea of what we should do? Can we address this again in the future. Charles pointed out that a large amount of literature is dedicated to this issue. Justin suggested we consider this as a topic for the Spring Retreat. Jim B. (read into the minutes by Jody N.) submitted a written report on this issue:

Comments on "Singleness of Purpose" by Jim B. in Response to Alan B. Agenda

Hello Alan and Jim (D.), Not being very much in attendance lately, I just noticed your thoughts about our SLAA single purpose, i.e. what is called our "Singleness of Purpose".

As I see it, the purpose is basically the same for individuals and for groups. ie the steps and the traditions. They are:

1. According to the steps for the individual in program, our purpose is "we TRIED to carry this message to sex and love addicts." and
2. According to the traditions for the group in SLAA, #5, "Every group has but one PRIMARY purpose -- to carry IT'S message to the sex and love addict who still suffers".

PS. According to #1.... We try, however if we do not succeed, that's not our business. Remember, these steps have been written for us, we individuals working the steps, only secondarily for the still suffering newcomer. According to #2....IT'S message has sometimes been not too clear to me, however I think that our group message is everything a newcomer might learn at our group meeting, the sharing, the reading, the opinions, i.e. our experience, strength, and hope.

Yours in love and service,

Jim B. Ontario FWS Delegate. Rockwood Group.

By group conscience, we decided to Table this to a future meeting.

- b) Intergroup is looking for a Correspondence Rep to replace Ron
– Announce this to all groups; particularly in Toronto close to the mailbox at 473 Church Street (Church and Maitland).
- c) Confirm that Tim and Susan are moving ahead with plans to take on their respective Treasurer and Literature roles.
Jody is helping the incoming and outgoing positions of Treasure and Lit rep in transition.
- d) Communication from Chair & Secretary - BCC or CC – which is best? Discussed and agreed BCC.

9. New Business

a) Intergroup needs to find a new FWS delegate

We need someone soon and it should be someone with IG experience. Suggestions for this position were Wayne M., Fred K. or Natalie C. Fred will contact Natalie C. to see if she is interested in running for this position.

Adjourned at 8:25.

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday November 28, 2013 7:00 PM

**October 2013 Treasurer's Report
SLAA Intergroup Ontario**

GENERAL FUND

Opening Balance \$500.00

Income - Donations/Contributions

Total Income \$0.00

Expenses

Transferred to Delegate Fund
 Transferred to FWS Fund
 Bank Service Charge 4.95
 Fido Cell Phone - Electronic Debit 30.51
 September Rent St Michaels Cheque # 25.99
 Web Hosting Cheque # 90.25

Total Expenses 151.70

Prudent Reserve = \$500.00

Closing Balance \$348.30

RETREAT COMMITTEE & CONFERENCE COMMITTEE FUND

Previous Balance TOTAL 899.80

Prudent Reserve = \$900.00 + \$682.31 for 2013

BALANCE \$899.80

FELLOWSHIP WIDE SERVICES FUND

Previous Balance \$0.00
 Transferred from General Fund

PAID TO FWS - End of each Quarter

BALANCE \$0.00

DELEGATE'S FUND

Previous Balance \$967.12
 Transferred from General Fund
 Advanced to Delegate
 Received from delegate.

Prudent Reserve = \$2,000.00

BALANCE \$967.12

Overall Balance \$2,215.22

SLAA Ontario Intergroup Literature ReportPeriod *September 23 to October 27, 2013*

A. Income and expenses

Revenue			
Sales	118.00		
Shipping			
Total revenue	<u>118.00</u>	118.00	
Expenses			
Bank fees	4.95		
Shipping			
Markdown to resale	95.00		
Cost of goods sold	<u>118.00</u>		
Total expenses	<u>217.95</u>	(217.95)	
Net loss			<u>(99.95)</u>

B. Balance sheet and reserve

	Current Period	Previous Period
Bank	4,726.89	4,379.59
Petty cash	-	-
Accounts receivable	411.22	645.47
	<u>5,138.11</u>	<u>5,025.06</u>
Inventory	4,047.75	4,260.75
	<u>9,185.86</u>	<u>9,285.81</u>
Accounts payable		
Individual	-	-
Net assets	<u>9,185.86</u>	<u>9,285.81</u>
Transfer from(to) Intergroup		
Adjusted net assets	<u>9,285.81</u>	<u>9,285.81</u>
Adjusted net change in assets	<u>(99.95)</u>	
Net assets current period	9,185.86	
Prudent reserve	<u>8,500.00</u>	
Surplus	<u>685.86</u>	

FWS Delegate Report – Jim B.

Hello all Intergroup Members. The following is/are my reports of the business and other activities at this year's ABC (Annual Business Conference/Meeting) of SLAA in San Antonio, TX. Aug 5-10/2013.

Attendance: 37 members, including 2 British, 1 Swedish, 1 German, and 1 Canadian.

Auction; Raffle; Donation; Merchandise purchased.

1. Items were auctioned on Aug 5 to a total of \$2259; as well, an original Big Book sold for a record amount of approx. \$3500.00.
2. A Raffle was held for Big Books, Audios, CD's, all other literature for \$369.00
3. One donation from a member was made for \$3000.00 to the fellowship.
4. Members bought merchandise from the store for \$4151.10.

Lisa McGrath resigned as Office Manager. A temporary manager was hired, Pam Martin – perhaps permanent. If anyone is interested, this position has an annual salary of \$40,000 plus a possible \$7500 bonus.

I have a list of all attendees, names, phones, and emails, which of course are strictly anonymous. Should anyone in intergroup need to contact anyone, please check with me, and I will contact him/her.

Many educational workshops were held in all areas of recovery: Sponsorship, anorexia, steps & traditions, diversity, the Journal, Prison outreach, Literature, Internet, and others.

Though physically disabled at the time, I apologize as I only attended the workshops on Sponsorship, Steps and traditions, and Prison outreach (only one other member).

I understand that tentatively the 2014 conference will be held in Houston, Texas. England has only been considered however is out of the question financially.

Thanks you for this opportunity to grow in our fellowship. I believe service is THE most important part of a lasting recovery.

I'm here to share it with you, if you have any questions, I will try to remember or find them.

Jim B. Delegate

See separate document (also attached):

“FWS Report ABM13 Summary Motions IFDs 28 Aug 2013”
for motions at ABC.

Financial Report as FWS Delegate – Jim B.

The following are my expenses for my attendance at the annual ABC of SLAA at San Antonio, TX. August 5-10/2013.

Note. I travelled via Buffalo, NY rather than Toronto Pearson, so as to have an Intergroup saving of approx \$200 round trip. Only gas and time involved.

1. Hotel Accommodation including 10 meals = \$845 X 1.05 exchange	= \$891.00
2. Air Fare via Buffalo, NY	= \$543.00
3. Gas/wear/travel	= \$ 40.00
4. Parking at Buffalo	= \$ 50.00
5. Insurance	= \$ 35.00
6. Luggage	= \$ 25.00
7. Snacks, meals, beverages not included Aug 6-9	= \$ 78.00
8. Dinner at Hilton Aug 5 (arrival at midnight).	= \$ 31.00
9. Aug 9-10 Atlanta, Security, tips for wheelchairs, bus, luggage, misc.	= \$ 65.00
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Total	\$\$\$ 1758.00

Forwarded to myself for ABC from Ontario Intergroup Treasurer Wayne M. \$2000.00

Therefore refund owing to Intergroup = \$242.00

PS. If I am not in attendance due to health problems, and because for our fellowship I cut corners and only charged to Ontario Int. the bare necessities of attendance, I would like to SUGGEST that my TRAVEL EQUALIZATION FUND which amounted to \$144 US dollars for the distance of my travel from Toronto, that it be donated back to FWS from our Intergroup or it could be simply put into the fund of choice. Not a motion.

Thanks for everything and the experience. Warmest Best Regards to all,

Jim B. Ontario Delegate.

SLAA INTERGROUP REPORT

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE & PUBLIC INFORMATION OCTOBER 2013

FROM
JOHN F. / PIONEER GROUP

Telephone Report

October... Only 5 phone calls came in this month, and one hang-up call. All calls were looked after in a prompt fashion by the telephone volunteers.

Public Information Report

There were no requests for Public Information this month.

John F.
Chairperson for Intergroup, Toronto

2013 SLAA Conference Committee IG Report – Fred K.

31-October-2013

Email: slaconferenceontario@gmail.com

Committee Members: Fred K. Committee Chair, email monitor,
Nicole C. Committee Co-chair, Treasurer,
Jody N. Conference schedule designer
Felipe M. Flyer and literature designer

Conference Date November 2, 2013 1 day event

Registration Fee: Free

Location St Andrews Anglican Church
117 Bloor St. East, Toronto, ON

Theme “How It Works”

CONFERENCE PROGRESS

- ✓ SHOPPING AND PRINTING ARE TO BE COMPLETED BY FRIDAY AND THE CONFERENCE PLANNING AND SCHEDULING ARE COMPLETE. SHOPPING WILL BE BASED ON 100 ATTENDEES
- ✓ THE COMMITTEE WILL PAY FOR THE SHOPPING AND RECOUP THE EXPENSES FROM THE 7TH TRADITION RECEIPTS FOR THE EXPENSES TO BE ATTACHED THE 7TH TRADITION
- ✓ THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN TO THE VENUE AND TOURED THE 4 WORKSHOP AREAS
- ✓ 16 WORKSHOPS-THE FACILITATORS HAVE AGAIN CONFIRMED KEYNOTE SPEAKER-JUSTIN O.-CONFIRMED
- ✓ PROMOTION HAS BEEN CONSTANT.
- ✓ THE COMMITTEE HAS RECRUITED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE SETUP AND REGISTRATION.

Intergroup Webmaster Report for Oct. 31, 2013

Charles V.

- Updated Twitter news about items sent to us from a Los Angeles retreat, Wanless step study, Question of the day from FWS “The Journal”.
- Paid for the website service via personal credit card, expecting cheque from Treasurer
- Received “Paid in Full” message for the year’s service, bill # 22046902, Sept, 30, 2013.
- Created back up password list.
- Updated website main page with link to conference flyer and changed the order of text slightly by placing “What is SLAA?” above the contact information.
- Update the Literature page with reduced pricing for “Titled” basic textbooks selling for \$12 down from \$17 and updated the PDF price list with the same.
- Updated Intergroup page with the following: removed the “where the money went in 2010” section, changed the top of page browsing link to “Donations to Intergroup”.
- Uploaded June minutes as approved.
- Removed the contact phone number for the Sarnia group.
- Replied to about 5 emails myself and did not forward them to John, sent the responses myself since answers were very simple.
- Checked into the current use of email accounts and need clarification. Payment@ IS ACTIVE, Letgo@ is an admin acct. Please advise if anyone disapproves of deleting email accounts for the following INACTIVE email accounts @slaa-ontario.org : lit@, delegate@, public@

Summary of Business Meeting Items Decisions for 2013 ABM

# of the Motion/IFD	Motion or IFD	Result of the Vote	Pass/Fail
13n01/13-01	<p>Item for Discussion: For the time of the year the ABM is held to be changed; e.g., ABM to be held outside of school holidays and main holiday season such as June or September instead of July or August.</p>	IFD	See minutes for summary of discussion
13n02/13-02	<p>Item for Discussion: The Conference Anorexia Committee (CAC) would like Conference feedback regarding designating the <i>What is Anorexia</i> document (see Attachment 1) as a Core Document of S.L.A.A.</p>	IFD	See minutes for summary of discussion
13n03/13-03	<p>Motion: To ratify the Board of Trustee's formation, in May 2013, as a Texas nonprofit corporation entitled "The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc.," and for the Board of Trustees to take all actions proper and necessary to move the state of incorporation from Massachusetts to Texas.</p>	36-0-0	Passed
13n04/13-04	<p>Motion: To adopt the attached as the By-Laws of the newly incorporated "The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc.", a Texas non-profit Corporation, which "mirror" the By-Laws of the existing Massachusetts Corporation, except in the title of the Corporation, the references to "Clerk" which have been replaced with "Secretary," and the references to the Articles of "Organization" which have been replaced with Articles of "Corporation." (see Attachment 2)</p>	36-0-0	Passed
13n05/13-05	<p>Motion: To change the By-Laws, to incorporate the "12 Concepts for World Service" into Article 1 – Purpose, Section 4.</p> <p>Section 4 - Twelve Concepts for World Service</p> <p>The following are the <i>Twelve Concepts for World Service</i> for use at the Fellowship-Wide service level:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ultimate responsibility and authority for S.L.A.A. world services always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship. 2. The Annual Business Conference, by delegation, is the voice and conscience for our world services and of S.L.A.A. as a whole. 3. To insure effective leadership, each element of S.L.A.A. - the Conference, the Board of Trustees, staff, and committees - all possess the "Right of Decision." 4. The "Right of Participation" is maintained by allowing members the opportunity to cast one vote up to the level at which they are trusted servants. 5. The "Right of Appeal" prevails so that minority opinion is heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration. 6. The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the Board of Trustees. 7. The Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of the Fellowship are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. Although the Conference Charter is a legal document; it also relies on tradition and the power of the S.L.A.A. purse for final effectiveness. 8. The trustees are the principle planners and administrators of overall 	35-0-2	Passed

	<p>policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, including their ability to hire staff.</p> <p>9. Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership must be assumed by the Board of Trustees.</p> <p>10. Every service responsibility is matched by equal service authority – the scope of this authority is always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and by-laws.</p> <p>11. The trustees need the best possible committees, staff, and consultants.</p> <p>12. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, systems of rotation, and rights and duties are always matters of serious concern.</p> <p>13. The Conference observes the spirit of S.L.A.A. Tradition,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; b. that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; c. that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; d. that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; e. that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; f. that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Fellowship it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action. 		
13n06/13-06	<p>Motion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To change the By-Laws in Article V – The Fellowship-Wide Services S.L.A.A. Conference Charter, Section 8 – Definitions: Deletion of the word “Conference” from “Board Conference Committee” and change the word “Committee” to the plural form to correct an error intended to reference Board Committees. 2. Article VI – Board of Trustees, Section 5 - Regular Meetings: add that regular Board meetings are also held by “telephone conference.” 3. Article VI – Board of Trustees, Section 7 - Notice of Meetings: remove notice to Board Members by telegram, and include email notice. 	36-0-1	Passed
13n07/13-07	<p>Motion: To change By-Laws in ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF TRUSTEES</p> <p>Section 2 - Number, Tenure and Qualifications That the numbers of Trustees change to twelve instead of nine.</p> <p>Section 13 - Board Finance and Operating Committee That the Board Finance and Operating Committee become the Board Finance Committee and consist of at least two members of the Board of Trustees and other persons as designated by the Board. The Board Finance Committee would have responsibility for preparing the financial statements</p>	25-12	Tabled

	and serve as the audit committee. That sections 14 and 15 be stricken from the By-laws: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 14 - Board Governance and Nominating Committee • Section 15 - Board Public Relations Committee 		
13n08/13-08	Item For Discussion: The Agenda Review Subcommittee (ARS) would like feedback from the Conference regarding what constitutes "S.L.A.A. Literature" that must go through the Conference Literature Approval Process prior to being submitted in a Motion for the Conference approval. The members of the ARS want feedback from the Conference to help guide them in creating a definition or list of criteria for items that must go to the CLC and through the Conference Literature Approval Process.	IFD	See minutes for summary of discussion
13n09/13-09	Item For Discussion: The Conference Finance Committee is submitting the following Item for discussion: Should we raise the maximum amount an individual may contribute directly to the Fellowship-Wide Services general fund in any given fiscal year from \$12,000 to a higher amount?	IFD	See minutes for summary of discussion
13n10/13-10	Item For Discussion: Request discussion on the possibility of canceling the face-to-face Annual Conference and hold a special Conference meeting instead, if the agenda has fewer than five (5) motions.	IFD	See minutes for summary of discussion
13n11/13-11	Item For Discussion: To discuss the possibility of group travel arrangements for any Annual Conference outside of the North American continent.	IFD	See minutes for summary of discussion
13n12/13-12	Item For Discussion: The Greater Delaware Valley (GDVI) submits that the 40 Questions, while an excellent diagnostic tool, no longer accurately reflects the issues that Sex and Love Addicts encounter when addressing our addiction. GDVI suggests that the Questions be reviewed for revision so that they may more accurately reflect both the addiction, and the rationale behind the addiction.	IFD	See minutes for summary of discussion

End of Minutes and Attachments for Ontario Intergroup 31 October Meeting.