

THINGS TO KNOW...BEFORE YOU GO

ABC: The Annual Business Conference is the once-a-year event at which S.L.A.A. members and other members of our service structure conduct the Annual Business Meeting. The ABC may include other activities such as recovery meetings, a fundraising auction, and entertainment.

ABM: The Annual Business Meeting is the full-assembly business meeting at the ABC. This is the working portion of the ABC where members participate in discussion of F.W.S. business and ideas that will affect the Fellowship as a whole. According to The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc. By-Laws, it is a requirement to hold an annual meeting to, at least, elect new Trustees. Often the ABC and ABM are referenced together as the ABC/M.

Definition of a Delegate: The member elected by an Intergroup or Group(s) to represent them at the ABC/M and bring back the results of that meeting.

Qualifications, Term and Responsibilities of a Delegate:

- have a minimum of six months continuous sobriety from bottom-line behavior(s).
- elected for a term of two years of service and serve as a member of the Conference throughout the term.
- acts as a liaison to the Group(s) they represent and the Conference.
- attends at least two Conference Committees at the ABC and joins at least one Conference Committee as a participant in that Conference Committee's function. Please consider, before you attend the ABC/M, which Conference Committee you would like to serve on. **See the Conference Service Manual (CSM) 2024 starting on page 18.**
- A delegate may serve no more than four consecutive years. **See page 16 in the CSM** for specific information:

Definition of BOT (Board of Trustees): An elected group of up to nine (9) people that acts as a guardian of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of World Service. They do not govern, but, as the delegate is responsible for the area they serve, the BOT is responsible to each Intergroup, group and member in all areas around the world. In most cases, BOT members have been delegates. They serve on one to two Board Committees and are liaisons to Conference Committees. We may have members of the BOT appointed by members of the BOT for unfilled terms and we may occasionally have a BOT member who is not a member of the Fellowship. Trustees must have three years of continuous sobriety as of the date of their election and must maintain their sobriety during their tenure. **See page 21 in the CSM** or the By-Laws of The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc.

How to submit Motions and Items for Discussion (IFD): The Motion or IFD is added to the ABM Agenda in the order in which it was received. Submit items to the Conference Charter Committee (CCC) via F.W.S. **See starting on page 27 in the CSM.**

The Agenda Review Subcommittee (ARS) Process: See **pages 28-34 in the CSM.**

Conference Committees: **See pages 18 - 20** in the CSM to determine which Conference Committees you are interested in joining.

BOT Election: You will be voting for new members to the BOT. Take the opportunity to meet them before you vote. See **starting on page 79** in the CSM for the election process.

Volunteers are needed for the ABC/M: Timekeepers, Spiritual Reminders, and more. See the F.W.S. Office Staff or Members of the CCC if interested.

When and if BEFUDDLED:

- Check the CSM
- Talk to a CCC member

- Talk to a returning Delegate
- Pray/use the tools of recovery

We are here to serve the sex and love addict who still suffers and by our willingness to serve and the strength, hope and experience we carry into this ABC/M, we ensure S.L.A.A. as a whole continues to thrive and grow.

CSM (Conference Service Manual) Electronic version

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