## The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc.



## Welcome to the S.L.A.A. Annual Business Conference and Meeting (ABC/M) 2025

Dear Participant,

Thank you for taking the time to attend this year's Virtual ABC/M. We are grateful for your willingness to participate in worldwide service representing your Intergroup or Group as a voting member of the Conference.

Serving as a member of the Conference is an honor and a responsibility like no other—the Conference is the guardian of the S.L.A.A. Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts for S.L.A.A. World Service, and the Twelve Recommended Guidelines of S.L.A.A. The business conducted over these four days will shape policy and direction of the Fellowship for years to come.

Your voice is important. Every effort is made to hear what you have to say in a safe and respectful manner. Likewise, it is important to listen to what other Conference members have to say. This is an opportunity to practice Tradition Two, taking the time to share your thoughts and opinions and listening to others, as a Power greater than ourselves is expressed through our group conscience.

Our valued Committee members, Trustees, Staff, and committed individuals have contributed many hours of their time and volunteer efforts to hopefully provide a productive and Higher Power-driven four days of impactful business outcomes. Even so, there is always room for improvement, and we want to hear your suggestions in the ABC/M Survey.

Remember that self-care is important even while you participate as an active member of the Conference. Even though we are virtual this year, opportunities are still provided in the schedule for all the wonderful recovery meetings and time to connect with others provided by the fabulous host, the Greater Delaware Valley Intergroup. In addition, temporary sponsors are available as well as Delegate mentors.

This year's theme is the 11<sup>th</sup> Tradition— "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, TV, film, and other public media. We need guard with special care the anonymity of all fellow S.L.A.A. members."

We would love to be able to fund a hybrid ABC/M sometime in the near future. This would take tremendous effort and funding to accomplish. As you contribute your time and talent, remember this goal and our Seventh Tradition which says that we must be self-supporting. Our Fellowship requires <u>ongoing financial</u> <u>contributions</u> to support the F.W.S. Office and services of the Conference and Conference Committees.

We are grateful for your service and the opportunity to serve you. Please contact us if you have any questions.

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