



**The Augustine Fellowship,
S.L.A.A. Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc.
Board Technology Committee (BTC)
2025 Annual Board Committee Report**



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Mission Statement:

The mission of the Board Technology Committee is to promote, support and coordinate the use of technology in order to benefit the function and welfare of the S.L.A.A. Fellowship. It acts in an advisory capacity to the BOT, Fellowship-Wide Services, and the Conference.

BTC Membership

<u>Non-BOT members:</u>	David W. (CA), Jeff C. (UK), and John D. (PA)
<u>IT Contractor:</u>	Dave Crawford $\frac{3}{4}$ of the year
<u>New IT Contractor:</u>	John D. (PA)
<u>Trustee Member:</u>	Jeff R. (WA)
<u>Interim Chair:</u>	Rick B. (PA)

Meeting Schedule

Board Technology Committee met on the 4th Sunday of the month at Noon PT, 1pm MT, 2pm CT, 3pm ET, and 20:00 UK Time for a 90-minute Zoom call.

Website Management Subcommittee (WMS) met on the 3rd Sunday of the month at Noon PT, 1pm MT, 2pm CT, 3pm ET, and 20:00 UK Time for a 90-minute Zoom call.

Overview of the Year:

The BTC has been looking at ways to improve the Fellowship's technological resources for the Board of Trustees (BOT), the Fellowship-Wide Services (F.W.S.) office, the Staff, and the members of Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous (S.L.A.A.).

Summary of Activities:

1. Restarted the Website Management Subcommittee (WMS)
 - a. Met once/month for 90-minutes calls to address website topics separate from BTC
2. Suggested getting a "help desk ticketing system" for the Fellowship.
 - a. The 'Report-a-Bug' system that FWS had was insufficient for large scale web editing
3. Drafted a 'helpdesk ticket workflow' process including Categories that show in general what the issue is with the website and where this topic should go.
4. Edited the 'helpdesk ticket workflow process' to suggest who would address the various challenges that are generated through the Help Desk Ticket system.
5. Working to create a "Website Assistance Team" with members from the Fellowship to assist the IT Contractor (ITC) with experience with these highly specialized technologies such as:
 - a. Microsoft Azure environments, Shopify e-Commerce platform
 - b. TCML-UI with 12-Step Meeting Finder by Code4Recovery
 - c. WordPress Elementor, WordPress Plugins, HTML5, CSS3, SQL Programming
 - d. Server Administration, LAMP Systems, Application Programming Interfaces (APIs)

- e. GIT experience, PHP, JSON, and Mobile App Development.
6. Drafted a Website Assistance Team flier to find highly tech specific support for the F
 7. Creating a WMS Manual for new non-BOT members, BTC chair, and archive for the ITC
 8. Motion: Staff move all Network Solutions domain names to Cloud Flare for their free service
 9. Reviewed a 'finder' that is used by a few Intergroups (GDVI, Australia, Chicagoland, etc.)
 10. Requested the use of staff for three hours to do the WordPress Multi Site installation for the Code4Recovery (C4R) Meeting Finder
 11. BTC/WMS member contacted the C4R people about what S.L.A.A. needs specifically that differs from other 12 Step fellowships
 12. A member of the WMS/BTC onto the Slack for the C4R coders adapting the Meeting Finder
 13. Archived info from github on the C4R Meeting Finder for future reference on BTC agendas
 14. Asked for staff to apply for the free Google for Nonprofit Account (John D. addressed this)
 15. Looking at platforms that generate Security and Privacy Policies (and also 'Cookie Policies').
 16. Created a Webmaster/IT Contractor (W/ITC) on Board Committees Policy for the Board Human Resources Personnel Committee (BHRPC)
 17. Researched 'free' WordPress Carousel Plugins for WordPress
 - a. Found out that FWS already had a carousel plugin and started using immediately
 18. Researched Woo Commerce, Stripe, and WorldPay for alternate payment systems
 - a. Found that each have their own challenges
 19. Assisted the IT Contractor with performing a WordPress Multisite installation.
 20. Connected with Code4Recovery (C4R) that has an Application Program Interface (API) for the WordPress platform that is used for the F.W.S. site slaafws.org
 21. Have a representative who is part of the 'Slack' for the code writers from C4R
 22. Authorized staff to purchase a few Domains for developing a meeting list polling system
 23. Created a non-BOT Member Appointment Process for the BTC including links to help the next chair to have a guide with suggestions along with resources to make populating this Board Committee easier, faster, and smoother.

BTC Budget

The BTC drew around ^{USD}\$600 to pay for increased bandwidth from DreamHost needed from our web hosting service to assist with facilitating an Application Program Interface (API) for the Fellowship's WordPress platform, and to purchase a Meeting Finder template from Code 4 Recovery (the company that Alcoholics Anonymous [A.A.] uses for their Meeting Finder).

Other

The Board Technology Committee is looking for members of the Fellowship that are proficient in WordPress templated website editing, SEO, and "Slack". This is to develop an Ad Hoc 'Web Team' populated by people who can assist the BTC in allowing the IT Contractor to focus on the larger, overarching issues. Consider giving some time and effort to this vital service work group.

Please think about helping out on one of the Board Committees:

- The Board Finance Committee (BFC) can use members who are CPAs, numbers people, or financially minded.
- The Board Outreach Committee (BOC) could use some individuals who are passionate about outreach, knowledgeable in making digital content, and drafting Public Service Announcements (PSAs).
- The Board Development Committee (BDC) needs members who have been a: Chair of a larger Intergroup, a business person, or a member who is an Executive that can assist in making processes that can keep the Board of Trustees running smoothly, moving ahead, and forward thinking.

- The Board 7th Tradition Committee (B7TC) is looking for members who have experience in fundraising, non-profits contribution campaigns, and those who are proficient in member engagement.
- The Board Copyright and Translation Committee (BCTC) is looking for: attorneys, bi-lingual members, and people who understand United States copyright law.
- The Board Human Resources/Personnel Committee (BHRPC) is looking for members experienced in human resources, management, and policy writing.
- The Board Publishing and Distribution Committee (BPDC) is looking for people who know layout work for books, publishing, and graphic designers to help keep the Fellowship's publishing running smoothly while also assisting with the work that needs to be done once a piece of literature is Conference-Approved.

Open the [Board Committee Flier](#) from this report and review if this level of service might be a good fit for you. If you could be of help, just fill out a [Board Committee Application](#) (link in blue), sign all the [non-BOT Paperwork](#) found here ([Confidentiality Agreement](#), [Conflict of Interest Policy](#), and [Policy Prohibiting Harassment](#), etc), and then return it to the Board Development Committee (BDC), the [F.W.S. Office](#) staff, or send it to the Contact the Board Link on the F.W.S. website.

Contact Information

Any members who have experience with these advanced technologies:

- a. Microsoft Azure environments, Shopify e-Commerce platform
- b. TCML-UI with 12-Step Meeting Finder by Code4Recovery
- c. WordPress Elementor, WordPress Plugins, HTML5, CSS3, SQL Programming
- d. Server Administration, LAMP Systems, Application Programming Interfaces (APIs)
- e. GIT experience, PHP, JSON, and Mobile App Development.

Please fill out the [non-BOT Paperwork](#) above and send to the following link: slaafws.org/bot/btc

Acknowledgements

My sincere appreciation to Dave Crawford - the Fellowship's late Information Technology Contractor, for being part of the BTC, helping out on another of my Board Committees to assist us in gaining group conscience, and my deep condolences to Mr. Crawford's family at the loss of a father, a partner, a friend, and a beloved grandfather

I would like to share my deep gratitude for each of the non-BOT members of the BTC, Dave W. (CA), John D. (PA), and Jeff C. (UK), who educated me in many technological areas so that I could be a more effective as the interim chair. Thank you to Jeff R. (WA) – second Trustee on the BTC and the Treasurer of the Corporation, for all the work, number-crunching, and presentations produced for the Board that were helpful in conveying how the Fellowship's finances progressed throughout the Conference-year. And congratulations to John D. (PA).

It has been an honor to be of service to the Board of Trustees, the Annual Business Meeting participants, and especially to the Fellowship of Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous - that not only saved my life, but... gave me a life **worth living!**

In Service,
Rick B. (FL) – Interim BTC chair