

Committee Report to the Delegates for Conference Year 2025-2026

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Conference Journal Committee (CJC)
Committee Leadership: Joel S., Chair
Charter or Purpose of the Committee
The Conference Journal Committee is responsible for the creation of the monthly/bi-monthly "meeting in print" magazine focusing on S.L.A.A. recovery and related issues. The committee works with the BOT and F.W.S. to ensure publication and to address <i>theJournal</i> policies.
2025-26 Conference Year Accomplishments
1. Established new Guidelines around Print vs Web version of <i>theJournal</i> (3 months) 2. Created SLAA's first <u>AI policy</u> for submissions and <i>theJournal</i> references 3. Production Team wins: a. Began using Affinity Publisher 2 and Canva, "free" applications (for cost savings) b. Created a hierarchy of @thejournal.slaafws.org email addresses for our team c. Established more complex Questions of the Day and Microsoft Forms as Intake d. Introduced Games (currently crossword puzzles), as well as inspirational quote for each issue e. Moved all Production Team Assets to the Microsoft Platform (OneDrive) f. Navigated new policies from handoff and continued Audio Recording Coordination g. Rotation of Service – First in 16 years – new team, new editors & backup editors h. Print issues are in Black & White core, Web issues are in Color (where possible)
Active and Ongoing Projects
1. Considering Compilation Editions 2. Discussing What to Do about the 100 Free issues on the web 3. Finalizing <i>theJournal</i> Topics for 2027 4. Considering Management of Own Subdomain
Proposed, Tabled, and Future Projects
1. CHRC/<i>theJournal</i> Bundles – may need to redo a flyer or recreate included reprints for the Office 2. Aging Policy on Older issues and out-of-print which may need recreation 3. Electronic/Digital Subscription Management in collaboration with the BOT 4. Management of our Own Self-Supporting Domain 5. Mission Statement Adjustment 6. More Measurements of our subscriptions and distribution, as well as page counts for decisionmaking
Challenges and constraints encountered in 2025-26
*As with other committees, volunteerism is down. Utilizing what we have at times puts the burden on the Chair and the Editor (who were one and the same for a portion of the year). *Our BOT liaison was unavailable for about 7 months of the year due to overlap with the BOT meetings and while the issue was raised, they were largely absent. Another set of eyes would be most helpful to us. *We didn't have an Outreach Manager. Maybe we can coordinate with the Board Outreach Committee in this CY. *Our handoff and training from prior editor were less than ideal for several reasons and while it wasn't only because they stopped coming to meetings in November. It was also because we completely changed the "template" that we chose to save SLAA money and the learning curve to begin this while working with the FWS which does not have the technical resources to adapt quickly at the same time as we are finding our way. The printing of the subscription edition went through multiple cycles due to these limitations and while we did make strides, our learning curve even visibly frustrated the BOT chair due to our misunderstanding of trademarks and the light availability of a very capable webmaster. When available, this went a bit smoother – but in additional adjustments with our team, we anticipate improvement and additional learning curves because we intend to rotate our editor and team within this year much more aggressively than in the past.
Other Relevant Information
*We will continue to invite, train and teach volunteer production members and CJC members to gain in our momentum and adaptation while continuing to make changes. *We introduced monitoring & not immediate publishing in our Google Group due to miscellaneous posts of meetings

