

The Augustine Fellowship, S.L.A.A., Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc.
GENERAL INFORMATION
2012 Annual Business Conference/Meeting (ABC/M)
Tuesday July 24 – Friday July 27, 2012

CONFERENCE THEME

10th Tradition of S.L.A.A.—“S.L.A.A has no opinion on outside issues; hence the S.L.A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.”

PURPOSE AND PARTICIPATION

The Annual Business Conference (ABC) is the once a year event at which S.L.A.A. group representatives and members of our service structure convene to conduct the Annual Business Meeting (ABM). The ABM refers to the actual full-assembly business meetings at the ABC. This portion of the ABC is where members of the Conference provide direction and constancy to Fellowship-Wide Services through discussion of issues and voting on motions. More importantly, the ABC is dedicated to forming community-wide group conscience and supporting service and recovery within the S.L.A.A. program.

The Conference is the voting body of Delegate members of S.L.A.A. Intergroups/Groups worldwide, members of the Board of Trustees (BOT), members of the F.W.S. Staff, and *the Journal* Editor. Every S.L.A.A. member is welcome to attend all Conference functions; however, only Conference members will be allowed to vote during the ABM General Assemblies. If you are planning to attend the ABM, but do not wish to act as a Delegate you may need to pay some Conference fees—see below. All non-business events such as speaker meetings and entertainment are open to everyone at no charge.

LOCATION AND TRAVEL TO THE ABC/M

The ABC/M will be held at: **Crowne Plaza San Diego**
2270 Hotel Circle North
San Diego CA 92108
Phone 1 619-297-1101
Website: www.cp-sandiego.com

The F.W.S. Office will handle your housing needs according to the Registration Form. Accommodations for Monday July 24th and Friday July 27th must be made by the F.W.S. Office. Check out time is noon Friday July 27th. Please note that there are additional meetings for Conference committee chairs and the Board of Trustees after the last General Assembly of the ABC/M that may go as long as 5pm Friday.

Please make your return travel arrangements after 7pm Friday July 27th to ensure that you participate fully in the ABC/M. For those staying Friday night a Fellowship activity will be planned.

Crowne Plaza San Diego is located 10 miles from the San Diego International Airport. Taxi or Shuttle service to/from the Airport is \$13.

LODGING

You must pre-register for lodging. In order to meet the contract requirements of the hotel all participants must stay at the hotel except those delegates/volunteers living in San Diego.

PARKING

If you use a car while staying at the Crowne Plaza San Diego please be advised that a special rate of \$2/night (vs. \$12/night) has been arranged for hotel parking.

MEALS

Included in the ABC/M rates are all meals starting with lunch Tuesday, ending with lunch on Friday. Meals are required for all ABM registrants. Regular meal times are anticipated to be 7:30 am, 12:00 pm, and 6:00 pm. If you have special dietary needs, please let the office know **at least one month in advance (June 27, 2012)** and every attempt will be made to accommodate you. However, no guarantees can be made regarding special diets. You may have to make additional arrangements to support your dietary needs.

REGISTRATION FEES

Following is a breakdown of the costs in U.S. dollars for participants of the ABC/M. Food is required on all packages in compliance with the hotel contract. The Full ABC/M Housing and Food package includes three (3) nights lodging (Tue, Wed, Thurs), ten (10) meals from lunch Tuesday—lunch Friday, Conference activities, speaker meetings, and entertainment. (Registration Form enclosed.)

DISCOUNT Registration must be postmarked by Friday May 11, 2012		<u>FEES</u>			
DESCRIPTION*	COMMENTS	SINGLE OCCUPANCY	DOUBLE/SHARED OCCUPANCY	NO HOUSING	ABM ONE DAY PASS
HOUSING AND FOOD	Tue-Thurs, 3 nights lodging and 10 meals	\$725	\$525		
HOUSING	Add Monday lodging (Optional)	\$145 (optional)	\$75 (optional)		
HOUSING	Add Friday lodging (Optional)	\$145 (optional)	\$75 (optional)		
SAN DIEGO DELEGATE-FOOD, NO HOUSING	Food is required.			\$300	
ONE DAY PASS AND FOOD	This means attending the ABM one day of your choice between Tuesday and Friday				\$150
TRAVEL EQUALIZATION FUND (TEF)	Every delegate pays this fee. See TEF Guidelines and Request Form.	\$150	\$150	\$150	
REGISTRATION FEE	Covers administrative costs, equipment and meeting rooms.	\$250	\$250	\$250	
<u>Discount if Postmarked by Friday May 11, 2012</u>		-\$50	-\$50	-\$50	No Discount
TOTAL: WITH DISCOUNT		\$1075	\$875	\$650	\$150
<u>If Postmarked after Friday May 11, 2012</u> TOTAL: NO DISCOUNT		\$1125	\$925	\$700	\$150
Late registration fee after Sunday June 10, 2012		\$75	\$75		

All Registration Forms need to be received by Sunday June 10, 2012

***Observers please see Registration Form.**

CANCELLATION POLICY

- Cancellation made **by Friday May 11th** will be fully refunded.
- Cancellation made **between Friday May 11th and Sunday June 10th** will receive a 50% refund.
- Cancellation made **after Sunday June 10th** will not be refunded.

TRAVEL EQUALIZATION FUND (TEF)

All Delegates pay a TEF fee, which helps to alleviate the costs of travel for Delegates coming from a further distance than those who can get to the ABM site easily. See the enclosed *TEF Guidelines and Request Form*.

MISCELLANEOUS

Anonymity and Disclosure: The work of the Conference occurs all year long, not only at the ABC/M. During the year, the full Conference (Delegates, BOT members, Editor of *the Journal*, F.W.S. staff) and other members of Conference Committees need to communicate with each other. As a member of the Conference, please understand that phone numbers and email addresses are distributed to the rest of the Conference and members of Conference Committees only if you sign the *Anonymity and Non-Disclosure Statement* form. Please protect the anonymity of all members—do not share this information with those outside the Conference or Conference Committees.

Mentors: Experienced Conference members are needed to work with new Delegates to help them through the ABC/M and its process. The CCC matches experienced and new Conference members prior to the ABC to answer questions and explain the process of the ABC/M. If you are willing to be a mentor and help a new Delegate through the process, please indicate this on the Registration Form.

Volunteers: People are needed throughout the Conference in a variety of ways, including registration, Conference member check-in and check-out, hospitality suite staffing, selling literature, running errands, and setting up evening events and meeting spaces. If you are willing to be of service before, during or after the ABC, please indicate this on the Registration Form.

Temporary Sponsors: You are invited to volunteer as a Temporary Sponsor at the ABC. This position requires a minimum of one year self-defined continuous sobriety. If you qualify and would like to be designated as a Temporary Sponsor, please mark your Registration Form accordingly.

Conference Charter Committee (CCC): This Conference Committee works with the BOT and the F.W.S. Office to facilitate the ABC/M, create the agenda and information packets for the participants, and act as liaison to the Conference Committees. This committee is made up of Delegates as well as current and former BOT members. To discuss the ABC/M schedule or the *Business Meetings Items Summary (BMIS)* contact the CCC Chair, through the F.W.S. Office.

F.W.S. Office: Any questions contact the F.W.S. Office at 1-210-828-7900 or email via the F.W.S. website.

ABC/M SCHEDULE OF EVENTS to be Announced

The ABC takes place from **8am Pacific Time Tuesday July 24th** when room check-in and on-site registration begin, **through 5pm Friday July 27th** when the Conference closes business.

There is a **Conference Committee Chairs meeting at 8:30 am and a New Delegate Orientation at 10:30am on Tuesday July 24th**. In addition, there is a **Conference Committee Chairs meeting and a mandatory BOT meeting scheduled from 2:30pm to 5:00pm on Friday July 27th**.

Please make your return travel arrangements after 7pm Friday July 27th to ensure that you participate fully in the ABC/M. You may be able to take advantage of discount travel costs by returning Saturday morning and having double occupancy accommodations.

A detailed *ABC/M Schedule* will be provided closer to the event.