

AUGUSTINE FELLOWSHIP
SEX AND LOVE ADDICTS ANONYMOUS
MONTEREY BAY INTERGROUP BYLAWS
January 2022

I. Name:

- A. The name of this fellowship shall be Augustine Fellowship Sex and LoveAddicts Anonymous (S.L.A.A), Monterey Bay Intergroup (a non-profit association).
- B. Membership in Monterey Bay Intergroup is open to all S.L.A.A. groups in the Monterey/Santa Cruz Area.
 - 1. group structure:
 - a) they meet to learn and practice the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions of Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous.
 - b) All with the desire to stop living out a pattern of sex and love addiction are welcome to the group
Members are not required to practice any actions in order to remain as members or to share at the meeting.
 - c) As a group they have no affiliation other than S.L.A.A
 - d) In keeping with the 2nd Tradition, it is suggested that each group(by group conscience) consists of the following:
 - e) Elected Officers for a period of six months:
 - (i)Secretary
 - (ii)Treasurer
 - (iii) Literature Person
 - (iv) Intergroup Representative (and an alternate)
 - (v) Greeter
- Intergroup Representatives (and a alternate) from the various individual groups shall be a part of Intergroup, although non-voting.
- C. Each group is entitled to one Representative at the Intergroup level.
- D. It is suggested that all group Officers meet the following qualifications:
 - 1. Have a minimum of six (6) months in the S.L.A.A Program.
 - 2. Have three (3) months of self-defined continuous recovery.

II. Purpose:

- A. The purpose of the Monterey Bay Intergroup is:
 - 1. To carry the S.L.A.A. message of recovery in the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions to the sex and love addict who still suffers.
 - 2. To encourage unity between affiliated groups.
 - 3. To foster a spirit of fellowship among sex and love addicts as a vehicle for recovery including but not limited to sponsoring workshops, retreats and speaker meetings on the topics of the S.L.A.A.'s 12 steps and 12 Traditions and topics related to recovery.
 - 4. To maintain a supply of S.L.A.A. literature for group purposes.
 - 5. To maintain a phone line for people seeking help in finding meetings.
 - 6. To maintain a current schedule of all S.L.A.A. meetings in Monterey County.
 - 7. To perform such other services as the member groups' may desire, provided such services conform with the 12 Traditions of S.L.A.A.

B. Responsibilities of Intergroup Officers is as follows:

1. President –chairs the monthly Intergroup meeting following an agenda. facilitates the flow of information and communication concerning Intergroup business
2. Vice-President- chairs in the absence of the President. Shares in tasks delegated by the President. Acts as a liason between Intergroup and the Fellowship-Wide Services Office in the absence of a Delegate. Prepares to succeed the President at the end of term, if elected.
3. Treasurer – monitors and maintains records and activities of Monterey Bay S.L.A.A. Intergroup. This includes, but is not limited to, bookkeeping; prepares a monthly financial report; pays bills; collects donations and contributions; maintains records; handles reimbursements; and makes deposits to bank. The Treasurer will submit to an annual audit at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31. Records will be examined and reviewed by one other officer appointed by the President.. A report will be given no later than 60 days after the audit at the Intergroup meeting explaining the findings.
4. Secretary -responds to correspondence as necessary in coordination with Intergroup President; distributes email to appropriate parties. Keeps minutes of Intergroup meetings and distributes these to Intergroup attendees including any decisions; keeps a copy of current by-laws; maintains the file of Intergroup minutes from preceding years. Maintains updates regarding meetings with Fellowship Wide Service.
5. Literature Person – maintains and distributes a supply of literature for the groups; keeps account of purchases and sales; reports to Intergroup on account activity.
6. Delegate- (When the Group has one.) Represent Intergroup at the Augustine Fellowship Annual Business Conference (ABC). Makes a written and oral ABC report to Intergroup. Participate in ABC committees as assigned on a year-round basis. Is a liaison between Intergroup the Augustine Fellowship Board of Trustees and the Fellowship-Wide Services Office.
7. Webmaster – updates and maintains www.slaasmontereybay.org as Intergroup dictates. Updates procedures and posts the Fellowship meeting schedule.

C. Qualifications and expectations:

1. Each officer must have at least:
 - a) Six (6) months of active participation in S.L.A.A.
 - b) Three (3) months of self-defined continuous recovery.
 - c) It is suggested that they also have done some group-level service.
 - d) It is expected that each member of Intergroup attend meetings regularly.

III. Intergroup Meetings:

- a. Attendance at Intergroup meetings is open to all S.L.A.A. members.
- b. Voting members will be all elected officers
- c. Meetings shall be held monthly on a specified date.
- d. Special meetings may be called on one-week notice by the President or Secretary providing all members are notified.

- e. A minimum of three voting members will constitute a quorum for Intergroup business. Decisions will be decided by group conscience.
Each elected officer will have one vote.

IV. Election of Officers

- a. Intergroup officers will be elected according to the following procedures:
 - i. A nomination form will be distributed to meetings by the Secretary
 - ii. Nominees will be contacted by President and or Vice-President to see if they are willing and eligible to serve.
 - iii. Nominations will be announced and accepted at the Intergroup meeting held in July with the election to follow in August.
- b. Terms of office:
 - i. Elected officers shall serve a term of one year, except for the ABC delegate, which is two years. Officers shall not hold more consecutive terms without unanimous vote of all voting members.
 - ii. All elected Officers of Intergroup will serve from September 1 to August 31 of the succeeding year.

V. Removal Vacancies

- a. Removal: If an officer does not participate in Intergroup meetings for six months or does not fulfill responsibilities of office, the members may replace that officer upon a vote of a majority of those present.
- b. Vacancy:
 - i. Any vacancy of office may be filled by appointment by the Intergroup President until voted upon at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
 - ii. In the event the office of President is vacated, the Vice-President will perform the duties of the President until the next regularly scheduled Intergroup meeting.

VI. Bylaw Amendments:

- a. Bylaws of Monterey Bay S.L.A.A. Intergroup may be reviewed annually by voting Intergroup members. Recommended changes must be announced and discussed at individual group meetings by a member of Intergroup one month prior to voting.
- b. These bylaws may be amended by a majority of voting members.
- c. Recommended bylaw changes may be submitted to Intergroup at any time by any S.L.A.A. group in the Monterey Bay.

VII. The Treasury: In keeping with Tradition 6, when the treasury balance exceeds \$4,000, the excess funds will be donated to Fellowship Wide Services as a Gratitude contribution.

VIII. Relations with Fellowship Wide Services (F.W.S)

- a. It is the responsibility and purpose of Monterey Bay S.L.A.A. Intergroup to maintain communication and relations with F.W.S.
- b. As per suggestion from F.W.S., Monterey Bay S.L.A.A. Intergroup will be responsible for selecting and supporting a delegate if feasible to attend the Annual Business Conference.
Selection procedure will be in accordance with F.W.S. guidelines.