

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS TRUSTEES MEETING
OCTOBER 23 & 24, 2008
WESTCHASE MARRIOTT, HOUSTON, TEXAS**

A) Welcome –Tom M. Chairman, Board of Trustees

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. on October 23, 2008 by Tom M., Chairman of the Board of Trustees. All at the head table were introduced and the new Trustees were thanked for attending the Orientation earlier this morning. Everyone was welcomed and all members new to the Board were asked to stand and introduce themselves. Points of order and points of information were explained along with stating that Roberts Rules of Order will be followed to the best of our ability and the meeting will be conducted as orderly as possible. Procedures of the meeting were explained.

Eight proxy's were received and read to be voted as follows: Area 2 – from Guadalupe V. given to Don Y.; Area 18 – from Andy D., given to Steve R.; Area 18A – from Trevor S., given to Lloyd A.; Area 18A, – from Yvonne R., given to Doug L.; Area 19 – from Tomas P., given to Marshall R.; Area 21 – from Manuel I., given to Stanley C.; Area 23 – from Juan Carlos, given to George G. and Area 23A – from Vera T., given to Bill B. Three absentee ballots were received as follows: Area 18B –from David McA., given to Kathy S.; Area 18B – from Robert H., given to Steve F. and Area 21 – from Andres P., given to Ara H. to be voted as per instructions on their respective ballots.

B) Remembrance of our departed members- Marshall R.

Marshall R. read a list of our brothers and sisters who had passed away since the last Trustees meeting held in Portland, Oregon as follows:

Ted F., Sacramento, California, passed 02/23/08, age 74
Ron H., Calgary, Alberta, Canada, 12 years
Chuck D., Auburn, Washington
Dick B., Albany, New York, passed 03/13/08
Robert S., West Hills, Nevada, 2 years 5 months
George K., Ocala, Florida
Marvin H., Phoenix, Arizona, 32 ½ years, passed 05/11/08, age 82
Cathy B., Middletown, Connecticut, passed 05/21/08
Judy G., Honolulu, Hawaii, 26 ½ years, passed 05/23/08
Neil R., Dayton, Nevada, 10 years
Bruce C., Cumberland, Rhode Island, 13 ½ years
Eddie L., Orlando, Florida, 36 years
Lockie G., Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 40 ½ years, passed 07/20/08
Manny E., Albuquerque, New Mexico, 36 years, passed June 2008
Charlie S., Coral Springs, Florida, 31 years, passed June 2008
Vince V., Southern California, 44 years, passed August 2008, age 85
Sam K., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 47 years, passed 07/27/08, age 84
Tony D., Broomhall, Pennsylvania, 45 ½ years, passed 09/30/08, age 82
Mike S., Manhattan, New York, 22 years
Gus S., Fall River, Massachusetts, 17 years

Bill H., Las Vegas, Nevada, 5 years, age 54
Carl A., Gulfport, Mississippi, 13 years, age 78
Al D., Metairie, Louisiana, 16 years, age 78
Pat H., Long Beach, Mississippi, 3 years, age 60
Horace M., New Orleans, Louisiana, 3 years, age 68
Richard D., Penn Hills, Pennsylvania, 1 ½ years, age 74
Marlene B., Bensonhurst, New York, 10 years, age 72
Ray H., St. Charles, Illinois, 10 years, age 79
Kathy G., Louisville, Kentucky, 17 years, passed 09/18/08

C) Reading from “A Day at a Time Book”

Gary B. from Kentucky read the Reflection for the Day for October 23rd to begin the 1st session.

Alan S. from Winnipeg read the Reflection for the Day for October 24th to begin the 4th session.

D) Reading of the”12 Steps of Unity”

Chuck R. from Connecticut read the 12 Steps of Unity.

E) Roll Call-Karen H. International Executive Secretary

Karen H. took roll and there are presently 96 votes to begin the first session.

F) Approval of Minutes from Portland

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held in Portland were unanimously approved as submitted.

G) ISO / Lifeliner - Karen H.

Karen H. gave a report on Lifeliners handing out a chart showing 38 states and 4 countries along with the number of members (431) who contributed over the past year. The total for this year is \$63,641.48, which is an increase over last year’s total of \$61,699.06. An explanation of what a Lifeliner is and how beneficial it can be was given. Marshall R. stressed the importance of becoming a Lifeliner. Everyone was thanked for their continued support.

H) Conference Reports:

Portland Conference Spring ’08 – Richie S.

Richie S. reported on the above Conference stating that everything went well with the exception of trying to collect a NSF check for the past six months that was written to the Conference. G.A.’s portion of this check was given to Karen H. this morning prior to the start of the meeting. The 2008 Spring National Conference Financial Report follows.

2008 Northwest Conference
 Portland, Oregon
 4/10/2008-4/13/2008
 Final Account Summary

Income:

(83)	Plan A - \$575	47,725.00
(67)	Plan B - \$410	27,470.00
(1)	Plan C - \$325	325.00
0	Plan D - \$220	0
(48)	Plan E - \$85	4,080.00
(93)	Plan F - \$40	3,720.00
(23)	Plan F (no bag) - \$20	460.00
(24)	Plan G - \$110	2,640.00
(26)	Extra Hotel Nights pd to conference	3,198.00
	Extra Meal Sales	2,600.00
	Golf Registration Sales	264.00
	Tour Registration Sales	971.00
	T-Shirt Sales	1,353.00
	Literature Sales	1,203.42
	Leftover Inventory Sales	<u>245.00</u>
		96,254.42

Expenses:

Red Lion Hotel Room Charges	37,770.09
Red Lion Hotel Food & Beverage Charges	35,175.91
Red Lion Hotel Trustee/Delegate Coffee Service	1,178.52
Red Lion Hotel Audio Visual Charges	2,821.30
Entertainment Expenses	1,723.00
Hospitality Room Expenses	2,171.41
Goodie Bag Expenses	2,458.58
Conference Book Expenses	1,904.00
Other Printing Expenses	246.99
Registration/Postage Expenses	645.06
Decoration Expenses	459.68

T-Shirt Expenses	648.00
Golf Expenses	264.00
Tour Expenses	975.98
G.A. Literature Sales - paid to I.S.O.	1,204.45
Registration Refunds	1,478.00
Banking Fees	282.00
Misc. Expenses	<u>607.03</u>
	92,014.00

TOTAL PROFIT:	\$4,240.42
G.A. Portion (55%)	\$2,337.86
Gam-Anon Portion (45%)	\$1,902.56

Houston Conference Fall '08 - Richie S.

Richie S. reported on the above Conference stating everything looks good. The communication between the committee and himself has been exceptional. All reports have been received in a timely manner and they have done an excellent job in getting everything done. Dave D. and Kevin M. welcomed everyone and they are looking forward to a great weekend.

Kansas City Spring '09 - Herb B.

Herb B. reported on the above Conference to be held May 1 – 3, 2009 at the Hilton Hotel Kansas City Airport in Kansas City, Missouri stating that the Committee has been working hard. The bank statements have been submitted on a timely basis. Currently there are 31 people signed up.

Quebec Conference Fall '09 – Tom M.

Tom M. reported on the above Conference to be held October 9 – 11, 2009 at the Sheraton Laval in Laval, Quebec stating that both the English and French speaking meetings are putting this Conference on together. They are doing a tremendous job and this will truly be a bilingual Conference. Andre G., Herb B. and the rest of the Committee were thanked for their work.

D)Committee Reports

Committee reports below with two asterisks (**) in front of the report have been taken exactly as they were submitted to the Trustee Website by the Committee Chairs. No editing, grammar or spelling was changed or corrected.

Abuse/Harassment Prevention Committee:

Committee Chair – Joe B. – Area 6C

Co-Chair Liaison – Tom M.

Mission Statement – To establish guidelines and procedures to deal with abuse and/or harassment by any GA member to another, both in or out of the GA rooms.

This is meant to give the GA members, rooms and Intergroups clear language and assistance to deal with this subject in an effort to not alienate any GA members who fall prey to such behaviors.

Joe B. gave the above report. Seven Committee members worked on Item 27 which has been submitted for approval on this Agenda. The Committee was thanked as they have now finished their work.

Blue Book Committee:

Committee Chair - Gary B. – Area 10B

Co-Chair Liaison – Herb B.

Mission Statement - To undertake a comprehensive review of SHARING RECOVERY THROUGH GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS 'BLUE BOOK'. Acting in concert with the wishes and input of the fellowship, we will recommend the adoption of all revisions, updates, and deletions consistent with the findings of our review.

**** Dear Trustees:**

Our Blue Book Review Committee would like to thank all the members of our fellowship who have sent new stories to the committee since our last conference in Portland. The committee has received 22 new stories, including an International submission from a member in Sweden. Due to this excellent response, the Committee has made a decision to extend the deadline for submissions until December 31, 2008. We are still in need of additional International stories and stories from our current and past Trustees.

We are looking to expand our committee and we are in need of authors and editors that would be willing to contribute to the writing of this book. We have selected a title, "Gamblers Anonymous United in Spirit". Anyone who would like to join the committee, please contact the Chairman through the Confidential Trustee Listing. Thank you for your consideration to this report.

Gary B. – Area 10B

Blue Book Review Committee Chair

Gary B. gave the above report. The Committee is looking for people to join. Please contact Gary B. if you are interested.

International Relations Committee:

Committee Chair – Steve R. – Area 2B

Co-Chair Liaison – Herb B.

Mission Statement – To facilitate communication with I.S.O. co-ordinate Conferences, co-ordinate literature distribution and to maintain unity.

**** International Relations Committee Report (April thru September 2008)**

(submitted by Steve R., IRC Committee Chairman)

In the past six months since the Portland Conference the I.R.C. has heard from a total of 56 different countries. These include Argentina, Australia, *Austria*, Bolivia, *Botswana*, Brazil, Bulgaria, *Cambodia*, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Denmark, *Egypt*, *Faroe Islands*, France, Greece, *Guatemala*, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, *Macao*, Malaysia, *Mauritius Islands*, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, *Pakistan*, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russia, *St. Maarten Island*, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Trinidad, Turkey, *Ukraine*, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay and the *Virgin Islands*. Twelve of these (in italics)

are fairly new if not completely new. There have been a total of 214 emails received in this time through September 24th. That total does not include any follow-ups by either party.

At the last conference it was suggested to chart subject matter of the emails and how many occurrences there were during the six month period. The chart with this data is attached at the end of this report. As you can see the I.R.C. remains very busy in our efforts to assist our International friends in spreading the word of Gamblers Anonymous and setting up new meetings. We are in the initial stages of asking the more developed international areas to set up their own I.R.C. within their countries. We will be drafting up a letter to send out soon. It is our hope this will lay the groundwork for a future combined meeting of these areas to share each others "Experience, Strength and Hope". As time moves on adding more countries to this process as we go. We see this as small steps aimed at making a brighter future internationally for Gamblers Anonymous.

We are also exploring ways of having the monthly bulletin or a different bulletin in other languages using membership translations. Another item involves finding the easiest way for our International members to donate to the ISO.

Finally we will be presenting for submission to the BOT three new areas; Mexico, Latvia and Lithuania and Moscow and its surrounding areas.

Mexico has nineteen meetings now spread across 1800 miles. Their membership is approximately 290 members. They have established an Intergroup and are requesting a new area for "Mexico" and asking for two trustees to cover these meetings. They will be present in Houston and address the BOT during the IRC Committee report slot.

David M. of New Jersey attended the GA Baltic Celebration last June and attended meetings in Riga, Latvia as well as Kaunas and Vilnius, Lithuania. He reports that they are well established with Intergroups in place. Latvia has four meetings and 45-50 members while Lithuania has five meetings with close to a hundred members. They are requesting a new area in the BOT for the two countries combined "Latvia and Lithuania" and asking for two Trustees, one for each country.

David also met with members from the Moscow fellowship at the Baltic Celebration. He had previously visited Russia and reported to the BOT on that visit. They have an established Intergroup, six meetings and over a hundred members while the rest of the country has approximately 13 other meetings. They are requesting the BOT to grant a new area for "Moscow and surrounding areas". They are asking for one Trustee.

We have just added a new Spanish speaking member to our committee, Julian F. a new Trustee from Arizona. As always we encourage others who wish to give service to Gamblers Anonymous Internationally to join our committee.

In closing I continue to applaud the efforts of this committee for their dedication, service and hard work. Together we can make a difference, one new member at a time.

Request Subject #/emails

1 Request for meeting information & help 44

2 Providing meeting information & changes 43

3 General information 21

- 4 Literature Request & help 14
- 5 Requests from the UK, forwarded on to UK Ntl' Secretary 14
- 6 Trustee information 13
- 7 Request for a Starter Kit 10
- 8 Contact information request 10
- 9 Requesting support by email 7
- 10 General advice on a subject 5
- 11 Request to join the BOT 4
- 12 Help setting up an Intergroup 4
- 13 Gam Anon help/ Referral 4
- 14 Information request 4
- 15 Unclear request with no further response 3
- 16 Provide International Conference information 2
- 17 Request to split GA existing BOT areas 1
- 18 Regarding literature translation 1
- 19 Request for online sponsorship 1
- 20 Providing a contact in a "no" meeting area 1
- 21 Requesting website meeting updates 1
- 22 Requesting help making donations easier 1
- 23 Request to use the recovery program in a thesis 1
- 24 Request for Italian Literature and speaker 1
- 25 Italy replying with help 1
- 26 Abstinence information 1
- 27 Spanish help in Panama 1
- 28 Intern seeking resources for a paper 1
- TOTAL EMAILS (not counting follow-ups thru 9/25/08)) 214**

After submitting the above report, Steve R. stepped down as Chairman of this Committee. Andre G. and Herb B. will be the new International Relations Committee Co-Chairs. Steve will remain on the Committee and will continue to answer and be involved with all the emails.

Literature Committee:

Committee Chair – Allan S. – Area 2E

Co-Chair Liaison – Herb B.

Mission Statement - To encourage the creation of new Gamblers Anonymous literature as needed and to revise, edit and or update existing Gamblers Anonymous literature.

**** The new Literature Committee had a difficult summer term this being my first and probably one of the most challenging committee positions to chair.**

May:

During the period of May (and June) we spent a little over four weeks discussing and establishing our procedures for groundwork on the committee's procedures. I have them in Word doc format as to our decided process upon request. I became incredibly confused during the months of June and July as to how literature is processed by the committee. Fortunately Larry B and Denis M brought some clarity and guidance to my confusion.

I attempted to establish a forum website to allow better discussions & communications through the committee (rather than reply to all with history) by

creating literaturecommittee.com. If you observe by the registered numbers, there was little to no interest in adapting this method due to the complexity of the tool by committee members (feel free to take a look). E-mail will remain our principle form of communications.

June:

I received the transcript for item 39 on the agenda from Gary B. I apologize to Ralph D that the transcript (draft) did not go through a proofing by the committee. None of the committee has actually seen the transcript as my intentions were to clear up any outstanding items from Portland before taking on this massive undertaking. This piece will be completed – just not at Houston.

The Step Workbook will be observed by the Literature Committee and discussed, but the conscience majority of the committee did not recommend this piece, as more suitable and original material can be developed by our members. Through receiving the transcript for the Twelve Steps on CD (agenda item 39), I'm hoping the Literature Committee can evaluate it from Houston to Kansas City, and if the conscience is positive, apply the verbal transcript content as solid groundwork for a member to put forth a motion for *another* Gamblers Anonymous Twelve Step Workbook.

July –September:

I submitted updated pieces for processing to the committee on Sept 21.

Unfortunately this

is too late for the agenda – so all pieces that are posted on the Houston agenda in the Download Center (as of Sept 25) have not gone through the Literature Committee to clean up grammar and or spelling. My only suggestion at this point would be to resolve said pieces as they appear on the agenda with the intentions that the grammar/spelling will be automatically cleaned up on agenda attachments 1, 17, 18 and 19.

I won't beat around the bush. Not much was really completed or accomplished by the committee chair. The committee really did exactly what I asked them to, unfortunately for most of the effort on the outstanding pieces, the work was unnecessary and in vain. My apologies extend to all the participating committee members. Much effort was put into latecomers and non-committee members/Trustees to the content as well.

On a personal note, I'm not one who believes in excuses. The work is done, just very late or unnecessary. Obviously my deadlines for this literature were mistakenly taken out of context as I believed the agenda items pending from Portland to Houston would be carried to download as they were updated.

If you wish me to continue my efforts on this committee I certainly believe I can continue knowing what walls I have hit and speed bumps I can prepare for I have made several errors during this period. I cannot change the past all I can do is make this apology in hopes I can make things right today in preparation for the next deadline.

The current committee active members:

Chair: Alan S Karen L **Supporting members:** Larry B Denis M (NJ) John D (NJ) Laura B Ritchie S Chuck R David F Matt H

Allan S. gave the above report summing up that a lot of work was done on several pieces of literature, none of which are currently on this Agenda.

The procedures for new literature are as follows:

1. Any member wishing to submit a new piece of literature must have the literature placed as an item on the B.O.T. agenda.
2. Every Trustee serving on the B.O.T. is to receive a copy of the said literature at least 30 days before the B.O.T. convenes.
3. At the B.O.T. meeting the Trustees will vote to approve or disapprove the merit of proceeding with literature.
4. Upon approval at B.O.T. meeting each Trustee has 30 days to advise literature committee of his or her recommendations to improve the literature.
5. The literature committee will edit and produce a final version and submit the literature to the subsequent B.O.T. meeting for a final 2 vote passage.
6. New literature coming from B.O.T. approved committees will only have to submit their item to the literature committee for editing changes involving spelling and grammar, providing the item passes the 1st of 2 votes.

At the end of this report Tom M. thanked David M. for all of his work in putting the Board of Trustees agenda together.

Literature on CD Committee:

Committee Chair - Jimmy D.– Area 1

Co-Chair Liaison – Herb B.

Mission Statement – To create compact disc recordings of pertinent Gamblers

Anonymous approved literature so all members have access.

**** Herb will give report for me at the houston conference. The committee is awaiting on two items.the first is the new member packet which Is in the hands of ise karen h.for review to see if we need to go back and make any corrections to the disc.then it will go onto production phase.then the bor will set an appropriate price to sale the cd. The committee suggests members purchase the "towards90 days" and combo book along with the new members packet.**

The second item,the braille institue can record our 2 books for a one time donaton from g.a.

Tabled agenda item (braille institue recording) from los angeles conference is no longer a Bot issue,it is a BOR item.

However the committee has requested a discussion by the trustee and a starw vote. The committee wants to work on "the twelve steps of recovery" on cd. We hope to have this project completed by summer 2009.

At this time I would like to thank all members of the committee for there hard work and spirit and committment to seeing this project through to the end.the committee also thanks all who has bought the cd's,we hope they help and we ask your continued support.

Thank you

Your brother

Jimmy d

Herb B. read the above report submitted by Jimmy D.

Pressure Relief Committee:

Committee Chair – Alan J.– Area 15

Co-Chair Liaison – Richie S.

Mission Statement – This committee is charged with the task of formulating ways and means to assist any GA meetings that need help implementing PRGMs.

****1. One of the ideas the committee had was to develop a CD explaining the entire PRGM process. This CD would be sold as literature and might be a wonderful tool for groups around the country to learn of PRGM. It is our intention to write a script to be presented to the BOT for approval and subsequently to the Literature Committee.**

2. PRGM workshops should be presented at all national conferences and all mini conferences. (format to be discussed .)

3. Build a network of members to volunteer as part of the Pressure Relief Group Process Assistance Team, We as a Committee would want to educate, train and support anyone who volunteers to provide this assistance. The focus of educating, training and supporting the volunteers by the Committee is the Principles underlying the Pressure Relief Group Process. The Committee will present a special Workshop at each conference to educate, train and support the volunteers.

4. Advertise Pressure relief help available in the bulletin each month, with ISO E-mail and phone number. This information will be passed on the committee ".HELP IS AVAILABLE! If any member, group, or Intergroup needs assistance with the Pressure Relief Group Process, please call or e-mail ISO."

5. Each month the committee will write a "Pressure Relief How to Tip" to be put in Bulletin.

6. Suggest that the Pressure Relief Flyer be among the literature that each room gives a new member at his/her first meeting,

Alan J. – Area 15

Chairman, Pressure Relief Committee

Alan J. gave the above report stressing the importance of making everyone aware of the Pressure Relief Group process. The Committee has asked that the blurb that is in the Life-Line Bulletin regarding assistance with Pressure Relief be put on the Trustee Website. The blurb will be emailed to the Trustee Website administrator.

Prison Committee, US:

Committee Chair – Mike M. – Area 3D

Co-Chair Liaison – Herb B.

Mission Statement - To provide telephone, email, "snail mail", and an in person resource (as feasible) to the trustees or their designees for the purpose of assisting when a prisoner or institutional staff member is requesting to start an "inside" meeting, or an Intergroup and its committee are outreaching to prisons, jails, etc. Also, to compile in the ISO office an unpublished JIP meeting directory as a much-needed resource for federal, state, and local judges, defense attorneys, prosecutors, probation and parole officers, and clinicians.

****Prisons Committee (US) Report**

April, 2008 - October, 2008

To my GA Brothers and Sisters:

During the above period, the data collection activity continued. It is still a slow process, exacerbated by the fact that Trustees have been slow to respond to requests for information. Additionally, the proposed contact with the proper judicial personnel was hampered by the untimely illness of our primary intermediary, due to severe illness.

The following statistics represent the current status of GA meetings in Jails, institutions, and prisons in the US:

There are now 21 active meetings, including 8 which were added to the list during this period (3 from New York, 2 from Wisconsin, and 1 each from Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Washington state). Of these 8, the 2 from Wisconsin and 1 from Indiana are brand new meetings. The list of known meetings is attached and will be sent to ISO.

ISO sent out 4 Prison Starter Kits.

There are 12 potential meetings to be added, pending verification. Connecticut, Indiana, Nevada and New York each have 2, and Delaware, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and South Dakota have 1.

ISO sent out 9 Prison Information Packages.

Plans for the next period include the continuation of information gathering and to hopefully make contact with the judicial, prosecutorial, and probation personnel so that they will become aware of our efforts and provide a method to disseminate this data through ISO.

Respectfully submitted

Mike M (Area 3D)

Chairperson

Mike M. gave the above report stating that there are an additional 11 meetings to be added to the current report. A list of meetings will be added to the Trustee Website.

Prison Committee, CANADA:

Committee Chair – Jean-Marc L. – Area 5B

Co-Chair Liaison – Herb B.

Mission Statement - To provide telephone, email, "snail mail", and an in person resource (as feasible) to the trustees or their designees for the purpose of assisting when a prisoner or institutional staff member is requesting to start an "inside" meeting, or an Intergroup and its committee are outreaching to prisons, jails, etc. Also, to compile in the ISO office an unpublished JIP meeting directory as a much-needed resource for federal, state, and local judges, defense attorneys, prosecutors, probation and parole officers, and clinicians.

****J.I.P. MEETINGS IN CANADA**

Committee Report

Since our last report in April 2008, there was little or no activity among the Canadian J.I.P. meetings. The fairly new meeting in a prison for women is coming along fine and a nice volunteer list is being built up. We have included the full meeting listing at the end of this report.

There are only 3 members presently on this Committee and newcomers would be more than welcome. Any member can be part of our Committee, be it a current or past trustee or a member in any Canadian area. If you feel you could help, please do not hesitate to contact either the Chair, Jean-Marc L. or myself, André G., co-chair.

There are probably more Jail, Institution and Prison meetings in Canada than what we have on our list. If such a meeting is known in a Canadian area and is not on the list, please advise me of this fact and we will gladly add it to the list.

We also have sent to all Therapy facilities in Quebec our current meeting listing so they can refer their patients to Gamblers Anonymous once the therapy is over.

We look forward to keep those meetings running smoothly and to bring a little hope to a compulsive gambler that still suffers either inside the walls or in a shelter or in a therapy house.

André G.

Co-Chair

Area 5B

Andre G. gave the above report which included a list of the thirteen J.I.P. meetings in Canada.

Public Relations Committee:

Committee Chair – Matt H. – Area 16 Co-Chair Liaison – Richie S.

Mission Statement - To write a booklet on the "proper way" for Gamblers Anonymous members who are working on Public Relations to handle things. Some dos and don'ts, and explanations on anonymity.

****The public relations committee is enthused that the pamphlet we created is up for a second vote and hope to see it passed. After I became chairperson in Portland we had one physical meeting and since we have had six conference call meetings. At first our attendance at the meetings was weak and we lost a few members, but now we are very excited at the direction The public relations committee is enthused that the pamphlet we created is up for a second vote and hope to see it passed. After I became chairperson in Portland we had one physical meeting and since we have had six conference call meetings. At first our attendance at the meetings was weak and we lost a few members, but now we are very excited at the direction in which we are headed. We have called out to all members to help us to better understand what questions about Public Relations need to be answered. We have done this both on the trustee website as well as through the ISO Bulletin. We are hoping with these questions we will be able to create an in depth brochure detailing the do's, don'ts and how to's of every PR situation. We also have talked about the possibility of creating a GA PR video to replace the one that went "missing". We are always looking for more members who want to be involved and do some work.**

Respectfully,

Matt H

Area 16 trustee

PR Committee Chairperson

Matt H. gave the above report. If anyone is interested in helping with this Committee please contact Matt H.

Translator Assistance Committee:

Committee Chair – David F. – Area 3A Co-Chair Liaison – Tom M.

Mission Statement - To assist all conference committees in finding translators for the non-English speaking attendees of the International Conferences as required.

No translation help was requested other than sign language, which we could not be of assistance with.

Trustee Allowance and Realignment Committee:

Committee Chair – Marc L. – Area 1A

Co-Chair Liaison – Herb B.

Mission Statement - To gather information related to the number of meetings and membership size to determine the best allowance formula for the number of Trustees within a given area.

****The Trustee Allowance & Realignment Committee has prepared a Questionnaire/Survey which you will find in front of you at the October 22nd BOT Meeting in Houston. We ask that you fill this Questionnaire/Survey and provide copies to any past Trustee and return to any of the Committee Members prior to departing the Conference on Sunday, October 26th, 2008.**

This survey will help our committee in formulating a proposed Realignment Report to the BOT in Kansas City in 2009.

Ed K. gave the above report. A Trustee Allowance & Realignment questionnaire was handed out and Trustees were asked to fill it out and turn it in prior to the end of the Conference.

Trustee Meeting Rules and Procedures Committee:

Committee Chair - Herb B. – Area 5

Co-Chair Liaison – Tom M.

Mission Statement – To compile, maintain and amend a manual that will outline the rules and procedures for the Trustee meetings of Gamblers Anonymous.

Herb B. reported on the above stating we are now abiding by these Procedures. The Committee is on standby in case they are needed. Tom M. stated that when changes are made we will take that into consideration regarding what takes place on or with the Agenda.

Trustee Website Committee:

Committee Chair – David M. – Area 12

Co-Chair Liaison – Tom M.

Mission Statement - To set guidelines and oversee the Trustee website.

****History of Trustee Website New Features Trials and Changes**

As per the Trustee website guidelines that were approved by the Board of Trustee as of the Boston '06 Trustee meeting, this page will identify all modifications, changes and new functions that are made to this website in between Trustee meetings in order to maintain compliance with the guidelines listed above. Items that involve content maintenance and other related changes already disclosed to the Board of Trustees are not included in this listing.

7/9/08 - Removal of the Guidance Code from the reference material page as per the Chair of the BOT

7/9/08 - Removal of the By-Laws from the reference material page as per the Chair of the BOT

5/7/08 - Addition of Local Area Help Flyer page

5/3/08 - Addition of Trustee Orientation page

4/13/08 - Addition of By-Laws

4/13/08 - Addition of Rules and Procedures manual

4/13/08 - Creation of this page

Local Area Help Flyer

As of the Portland '08 Trustee meeting, the Area Help Flyer has been approved for use by GA members, rooms, Intergroups and areas. In order for this flyer to be used for your area, someone must send the phone number and area name that they wish to be inserted in the flyer. Once received, that information will be processed and the flyer for each individual area will be available under the appropriate link listed below. No other information can be used for put into this flyer. The only links that work are the ones in which the areas made the information available. The completed flyers are available to anyone at no charge.

If you have any questions please contact the Trustee Administrator at

trustee.site.admin@trusteewebsite.com

David M. gave the above report as of 4/13/08. The Trustee Website will be moved to the host of the I.S.O. website. Everything will remain the same other than the website will not be on a G.A. member's server

Website Revision Committee:

Committee Chair – David M. – Area 12 Co-Chair Liaison – Tom M.

Mission Statement - To review new designs, features, enhancements and any other changes that would be demonstrated to the Board of Trustees for approval and deployment to any website approved by the Board of Trustees.

David M. gave the above report stating that 3 proposals will be presented during Item 28 on this Agenda.

Rules & Procedures

1 Bob W. (NJ) - Area 12

Any motion to make changes, additions or deletions to the Combo Book (1st vote) will only be accepted at the Fall Conference of each year.

Motion made that any motion to make changes, additions or deletions to the Combo Book (1st vote) will only be accepted at the Fall Conference of each year.

This will take effect as of the Spring Conference of 2009.

Approved 48 Against 45

Passed

A roll call vote was requested because of the closeness of the vote. Abstentions will be counted in order to properly record the vote. Trustees who are not in the room will have a blank space after their name.

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	Ed K.	No			Lloyd A.	Yes	12	Marshall R.
	Kathie S.	No		Ray H.	Yes		Bob W.	Yes
	Steve F.	No	6A	Sal F.	AB		David M.	Yes
1A	Doug L.	Yes	6B	Dina P.	No		Matty C.	Yes
2	Don Y.	Yes		Juan A.	No	13	John B.	No
	Erv G.	Yes		Carlos M.	No		Ron C.	No

	Don Y.	Yes	6C	Joe B.	Yes		Greg M.	No
	Paul N.	Yes		Dennis A.	No	13A	Kevin O.	
2B	C.J. D.	Yes	6D	Richard G.	Yes	13B	Andy R.	No
	Steve R.	No	7	Kathy S.	No		Pete K.	No
2C	Debbie W.	Yes		Leanne W.	No	14	Al O.	
2E	Alan S.	No	7A	Bill E.	Yes		Brad B.	Yes
2G	Debb W.	Yes		John G.	Yes	15	Alan J.	No
	Kathleen J.	No	8	Allen H.	No		Chuck R.	No
2H	Christine G.	No		Arnie B.	No		Marty D.	No
	Lynelle E.	No		Jeff F.	No		Mike R.	No
3	Gladys C.	No		Kathy H.	No		Stanley C.	Yes
	Jan A.	No	8A	Mark P.	Yes		Bill B.	Yes
	JoJo B.	No		Jeanne B.	Yes	16	John V.	Yes
	Liz N.	No	8B	Dan W.	No		Matt H.	Yes
3A	David F.	No	8C	Deni M.	Yes	17	Ron W.	
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4	Richard F.	Yes		Jim P.	Yes	21	Andres P. *	No
5	Herb B.	No	10B	Chuck B.	No		Stanley C.	Yes
5A	J.R. E.	Yes		Gary B.	No	23	George G.	
5B	Andre G.	No				23A	Bill B.	Yes
	Emile T.	No				24	Mika L.	Yes
	Approved	41	Against	53	Abstained	4		
	Failed							

* Absentee Ballot

2 **Bob W. (NJ) - Area 12**

Any motion to make changes, additions or deletions to the Guidance Code (1st vote) will only be accepted at the Spring Conference of each year.

Motion that any motion to make changes, additions or deletions to the Guidance Code (1st vote) will only be accepted at the Spring Conference of each year. This will take effect as of the Spring Conference of 2009.

Approved 11 Against 71

Failed

3 **Joe B. - Area 6C**

Carried Forward & Unheard Agenda Items, will automatically be placed on the next BOT meeting agenda as Old Business items and are to be heard before unfinished business and new agenda items.

Motion that unheard items (tabled items) and carried forward Agenda items (2nd vote items) will automatically be placed on the next B.O.T. meeting agenda and are to be heard after Rules and Procedures items and before new Agenda items.

Approved 20 Against 69
Failed

4 Joe B. - Area 6C

Withdrawing an Item

after the words agenda item can only be withdrawn by the author...add: or their appointed representative, etc

New Version:

Withdrawing an item: Items submitted to the agenda before the 60 day deadline can be modified or withdrawn at any time through the Chairperson of the BOT. Once the agenda is finalized an agenda item can only be withdrawn by the author or their appointed representative, when it has been called to the floor by the presiding Chair. This may be done without objection only up until discussion begins on the item.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 78 Against 9
Passed

5 Joe B. - Area 6C

Grouping

Old Version: The agenda will be compiled in category order determined by the Chairman of the BOT.

New Version: The new agenda items will be compiled in category order determined by the Chairman of the BOT, and come after the Old Business and Unfinished Business items.

Motion that the new agenda items will be compiled in category order determined by the Chairman of the B.O.T. and come after Rules and Procedures, Old Business and Unfinished Business.

Approved 10 Against 93
Failed

6 Joe B. - Area 6C

Motions - Motion form

remove..making the motion, his area number and the name of the seconder, and also to add (or as written).

New Version: A standard motion form is provided by the recording secretary and must be completed word for word (or as written) with the motion and must include the name and Area number of the Trustee making the motion.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 42 Against 43
Failed

A roll call vote was requested because of the closeness of the vote. Abstentions will be counted in order to properly record the vote. Trustees who are not in the room will have a blank space after their name.

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Approved	44	Against	47	Abstained	12			
Failed								

* Absentee Ballot

7 **Joe B. - Area 6C**

Agenda, Changing an item, remove

Tabled agenda items are treated as new agenda items when they are heard.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 11 Against 68

Failed

8 **Richie S. - Area 6**

The Trustee Website will store and display the minutes from ALL Trustee Meetings.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 95 Against 2

Passed

9 **Joe B. - Area 6C**

Meetings - Meeting time for Trustee meetings

Old Version: The Trustee meeting will begin at 10 AM local time on the 1st day of the Trustee meeting. The Chairman of the BOT will designate when that session ends and the starting and ending times for all other sessions of the Trustee meeting.

New Version: The Chairman of the BOT will set the day and starting time of the 1st session of the Trustee meeting, and also the ending time of that session and the starting and ending times of all other sessions of the Trustee meeting.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 7 Against 83

Failed

10 **Doug L. for John C. - Area 1A**

item 2, page 2, second paragraph: Submitting an item

Allow current Board of Regents Chairman to submit agenda items to the Board of Trustees.

Current version reads: Only current or past Trustees may submit agenda items for the Trustee meeting. The Chairman of the BOT must approve the addition of any item to the agenda. Agenda items should be submitted via the Trustee website. If a qualified person wishes to submit an item and is unable to access the Trustee website then the Chairman will take agenda items sent via email, regular mail or fax.

Proposed version: Only current Trustees and Chairman of the Board of Regents, or past Trustees may submit agenda items for the Trustee meeting. The Chairman of the BOT must approve the addition of any item to the agenda. Agenda items should be submitted via the Trustee website. If a qualified person wishes to submit an item and is unable to access the Trustee website then the Chairman will take agenda items sent via email, regular mail or fax.

Item ruled out of order.

11 Richie S. - Area 6

The Board of Trustees will decide if it wants the Chairman to appoint a Parliamentarian at the start of every Trustee meeting.

Item ruled out of order.

Unfinished Business

Tabled From Portland

12 Ara H. for Jimmy D. - Area 1

Discuss the feasibility of having an outside entity create compact disc of our two books The outside entity would be the Braille Library from Los Angeles. Discussion only.

13 Marc L. - Area 1A

Reapportion the Trustees allocations based on the number of meetings in any particular Area. Each Area will have at least one Trustee. Areas with 21-40 meetings will be allocated one additional Trustee, Areas with 41-60 meetings will be allocated two additional Trustees, Areas with 61-80 meetings will be allocated with three additional Trustees, and Areas with 81-100 meetings will be allocated four additional Trustees. No Area will have more than 5 Trustees. Reapportionment to take effect at the Spring 2010 International Conference.

Motion is pending

Motion to table.

Approved 29 Against 58

Failed

On the motion.

Approved 20 Against 81

Failed

14 Richie S. - Area 6

Approve the translation of the G.A. Blue Book into Spanish as submitted.

Motion is pending

Item was withdrawn.

2nd Vote

15 Richard C. for Frank K. - Area 2A

Add to Combo book, Page 17, as new item 6. Present item 6 and 7 be renumbered to 7 & 8 respectively.

‘GET A SPONSOR, IT IS DIFFICULT TO RECOVER ON YOUR OWN!

Sponsorship gives an opportunity for members to work on a one-on-one basis to achieve recovery by sharing, practicing, and working the 12 steps of recovery.’

Passed 56 - 19

Approved 58 Against 34

Passed

2nd Vote

16 Gary B. - Area 10B

Suggestions for a successful 90 day room.

See Houston attachment #16 Passed 83 – 3

Approved 29 Against 57

Failed

17 Matt H. - Area 16

Public relations How To pamphlet.

See Houston attachment #17 Passed 86 – 1

Approved 89 Against 2

Passed

2nd Vote

18 Gary B. - Area 10B

Approve as new literature. GA phone card.

See Houston attachment #18 Passed 73 – 11

Approved 17 Against 72

Failed

19 Gary B. - Area 10B

Approve as new literature. Pressure Relief Meeting.

See Houston attachment #19 Passed 63 – 7

Approved 7 Against 85

Failed

20 Dan C. - Area 3A

Approve as new literature. 12 Step Study Workbook

See Houston attachment #20 Passed 79 – 4

Approved 76 Against 12

Passed

2nd Vote

Will be printed when format changes are received from the Literature Committee.

21 Matt H. - Area 16

Gamblers Anonymous Information Packet, inside of the front cover. Last sentence. Add words ‘or appropriate’.

Current Version: Optional: Any other Gamblers Anonymous Approved Literature the group deems fit.

Proposed version: Optional: Any other Gamblers Anonymous Approved or Appropriate Literature the group deems fit. Passed 68 – 12

Approved 75 Against 6

Passed

2nd Vote

22 Alan J. - Area 15

Add attachment to GA Pressure Relief Group Meeting Pamphlet And Financial forms and also to GA Pressure Relief Meeting Forms.

See Houston attachment #22 Passed 78 – 1

Approved 79 Against 4

Passed

2nd Vote

23 Tom D. for Arnie B. - Area 8

Hosting an International Conference Pamphlet, Page 2, Helpful Hints, Number 5. Remove all of sentence 3 and remove the word ‘also’ from sentence 4.

Current Version: ‘Free rooms are given at the ratio of 1 free room per 25 to 50 guest nights. This is determined through negotiations with the hotel. Free rooms and travel expenses are provided to the GA International Executive Secretary at all conferences and the Gam-anon Executive Secretary at all Gam-anon delegate conferences. Sometimes free rooms are also provided to special guest speakers. (This is at the discretion of the conference committee). Extra complimentary guest rooms can be used to lower the hotel bill.’

Proposed Version: ‘Free rooms are given at the ratio of 1 free room per 25 to 50 guest nights. This is determined through negotiations with the hotel. Sometimes free rooms are provided to special guest speakers. (This is at the discretion of the conference committee). Extra complimentary guest rooms can be used to lower the hotel bill.’ Passed 72 – 4

Approved 84 Against 1

Passed

2nd Vote

24 Larry B. - Area 15

The Pressure Relief Group Meeting Handbook, Page 8 – Additional Points to Follow. Change Item #1.

Current Version: Should have a Pressure Relief Group Meeting within the first 90 days.

Proposed Version: Should have a Pressure Relief Group Meeting within the first 45 days as long as there is regular attendance at meetings and abstinence from gambling. Passed 56 – 20

Approved 70 Against 22

Passed

2nd Vote

New Business

Conference Bids

25 The Spring '10 Eastern Conference was not bid for during the Portland Conference and is now open for bids from any area.

There was no Area ready to present a bid for the above Conference. A discussion was held as to possibly finding a central location for the Trustees to meet without having a Conference. In the meantime Gary B. from Kentucky, who had presented a bid to host the 2008 Fall Conference against Houston, contacted his

Intergroup and the Hotel they used in the previous bid. A motion was then made (contingent to having all the appropriate documents in the hands of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees) for Kentucky to host the Spring 2010 Conference to be held at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky May 14 – 16, 2010.

Approved 95 Against 0
Passed

All appropriate documents were received and this Conference will be held as stated as above. Richie S. is the liaison for this Conference.

26 The Fall '10 Southern Conference is open for bids.

Tampa Bay was the only area presenting a bid for the above Conference. Motion to accept the above bid for the Southern Conference to be held October 29 – 31, 2010 at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay in Tampa, Florida.

Approved 96 Against 0
Passed

Herb B. is the liaison for this Conference.

Committee Related

27 Joe B. - Area 6C

Approve as new literature, the pamphlet from the Abuse/Harassment Prevention Committee

See Houston attachment #27

Motion to accept above.

Approved 78 Against 12
Passed

1st Vote

28 David M. - Area 12

Review and select a visual design for a revised ISO website from the presentation made by the Website Revision Committee.

Material will be available by the 2 week committee report deadline

David M. presented three different designs to the Board.

Motion was made to accept the design for the I.S.O. website revision submitted by Printbridge.

Approved 67 Against 20
Passed

The cost of this will be \$6,596.00. The Board of Trustees originally allotted \$9,500.00 for this project.

Guidance Code

29 Howie C. - Area 3

Item 40 from Portland

Change to the Guidance Code throughout ARTICLE XI, Regional Service Office (R.S.O.)

In Section 1, 3rd sentence, put (R.S.O.) after the spelling out of Regional

Service Office, thereby only needing to put the letters R.S.O. throughout the remainder of Article XI. Replace Area Office, Area Service Office, Regional Service Office, and Service Office with the letters R.S.O. wherever they appear in the remainder of Section 1.

In Sections 2 through 7 replace Area Office, Regional Office, Regional Service Office, and Regional Information Office with the letters R.S.O. wherever they appear.

In Sections 6 and 7 replace International Service Office (I.S.O.) with the letters I.S.O. wherever they appear.

In Section 7, Item 6) add before the word Trustees: the Chairman of the Board of.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 75 Against 15

Passed

1st Vote

30 David M. (NY) - Area 15

ADD TO GUIDANCE CODE, ARTICLE XVIII, PAGE 23, A SECTION 2A. AREAS SHOULD FILL ALL TRUSTEE ALLOTMENTS AS PROVIDED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, UNLESS THEY APPLY TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES , AND ARE GRANTED A REDUCTION OR INCREASE.

No discussion.

31 Bill B. (FL) - Area 6

Page 1, Article III Objects - Change 'Objects' to 'Objectives'

Current Version: 'Objects'

Proposed Version: 'Objectives'

Page 1, Article III, Number 1 - Add 'receive' and 'from'

Current version: 1) To contact compulsive gamblers no matter where they may be and help them overcome a gambling problem.

Proposed version: 1) To RECEIVE contact FROM compulsive gamblers no matter where they may be and help them overcome a gambling problem

Page 1, Article III, Number 3 - Change 'some' to 'same'

Current version: 3) To distribute Gamblers Anonymous literature to compulsive gamblers and to any person, organization or institution which desires some.

Proposed version: 3) To distribute Gamblers Anonymous literature to compulsive gamblers and to any person, organization or institution which desires SAME.

Page 14, Article X, Number 5 - Add 'of said intergroup area'

Current version: 5) Intergroup meetings should be held at least once per month and copies of the minutes should be forwarded to all member groups and the International Service Office (I.S.O.).

Proposed version: 5) Intergroup meetings should be held at least once per month and copies of the minutes should be forwarded to all member groups

OF SAID INTERGROUP AREA and the International Service Office (I.S.O.)

Motion to accept above.

Approved 26 Against 54
Failed

32 Howie C. - Area 3

In the Guidance Code on page 5 under Section 4, it states: Abstinence from gambling and regular attendance of at least thirty-nine (39) Gamblers Anonymous meetings in the prior 12 months is required for pinnings and for all successive anniversaries. Date of abstinence starts from your first meeting after your last bet.

I was questioned about giving a 3 year Medallion to someone who was in question about the 39 meeting rule. I told him that the rule says 'Pinnings', and is not subject to other plateaus. What does the Board have to say about this?

Discussion only.

33 Tom M. - Area 2

Article VIII add Section 18A. to read.

Each member of the Board of Trustees must be a current Life Liner and contribute on a regular monthly basis.

Motion that each member of the Board of Trustees should be a current Lifeliner and contribute on a regular basis.

Approved 72 Against 17
Passed

1st Vote

34 Dina P. - Area 6B

Article XVIII, new Section 6 or first available section

Trustees can only be elected to serve for areas in which they principally reside, as outlined by the BOT. Members who live in one area and regularly attend meetings in a directly adjacent area are exempt from the residential requirement of being elected as a Trustee.

Motion that Trustees can only be elected to serve for areas in which they principally reside, as outlined by the B.O.T. Members who live in one area and regularly attend meetings in a directly adjacent area are exempt from the residency requirement.

The Chair was challenged that he allowed a 3rd speaker to speak against the item and did not follow procedures of “after two consecutive speakers either in favor or not in favor of the item speak the Chair will then look for another speaker with an opposing view. If there are no speakers with an opposing view then they will proceed with the vote”. The vote on the challenge passes (37 – 23) therefore the Chair is out of order.

On the motion.

Approved 12 Against 75
Failed

35 Bob W. - Area 1

Article XIII, Section 10

PRESENT VERSION: The International Executive Secretary of the Corporation, on or before March 1st. of each year, shall submit in writing the names of up to eighteen (18) nominees for Regents (as selected by the Nominating Committee) to each member of the current Board of Trustees. Previous service as Regent of the Corporation or as a Trustee of Gamblers Anonymous, total abstinence from gambling and home group or nominee shall be listed along side the name of each nominee. A biography -not to exceed 200 words and phone number (both optional) would be included as an attachment to the ballot. Each recognized Gamblers Anonymous meeting should be contacted by their area Trustee(s) so that the groups at their option, have involvement in the voting process. Each trustee based on Guidance from their groups and their personal knowledge, will be able to select no more than nine (9) proposed Regents from the list of nominations and/or from a write-in list of their own selection.

PROPOSED VERSION: On or before February 1st. of each year any member of Gamblers Anonymous with at least 2 years of abstinence from gambling can submit their name to the ISO office to be included on the Board of Regents ballot. Previous service as Regent of the Corporation or as a Trustee of Gamblers Anonymous, total abstinence from gambling and home group or nominee shall be listed along side the name of each nominee. A biography -not to exceed 200 words and phone number (both optional) would be included as an attachment to the ballot. Each recognized Gamblers Anonymous meeting should be contacted by their area Trustee(s) so that the groups at their option, have involvement in the voting process. Each Trustee based on guidance from their groups and their personal knowledge, will be able to select no more than nine (9) Regents from the ballot.

Motion to change Article XIII, Section 10 to read: On or before February 1st of each year any member of Gamblers Anonymous with at least 2 years of abstinence from gambling can submit their name to the I.S.O. to be included on the Board of Regents ballot. Previous service as Regent of the Corporation or as a Trustee of Gamblers Anonymous, total abstinence from gambling and home group of nominee shall be listed along side the name of each nominee. A biography not to exceed 200 words and phone number (both optional) would be included as an attachment to the ballot. Each recognized Gamblers Anonymous meeting should be contacted by their area Trustee(s) so that the groups at their option, have involvement in the voting process. Each Trustee based on guidance from their groups and their personal knowledge, will be able to select no more than nine (9) Regents from the ballot.

Approved 84 Against 2

Passed

1st Vote

36 Bob W. - Area 1

Article XIII, Section 11, first paragraph only:

Present Version: The annual election of the Regents shall be by written ballot. The International Executive Secretary shall prepare the ballot, listing thereon the names of up to eighteen (18) nominees submitted by the Nominating Committee, and said ballot shall provide adequate space for the writing in of the candidates of the group's choices.

Proposed Version: The annual election of the Regents shall be by written ballot. The International Executive Secretary shall prepare the ballot, listing thereon the names of all eligible members submitted. The International Executive Secretary shall mail the ballots to the Trustees on or before March 1st. of each year.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 89 Against 4

Passed

1st Vote

Steps

37 Bob W. - Area 1

Unity Step 6 - Add the words (except GamAnon)

Current version: Gamblers Anonymous ought never endorse, finance or lend the Gamblers Anonymous name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

Proposed version: Gamblers Anonymous ought never endorse (except GamAnon), finance or lend the Gamblers Anonymous name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 22 Against 66

Failed

38 Tom K. - Area 14

The Recovery Program Step 11 - Change 'understood' to 'understand'.

Current version: Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

Proposed version: Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understand Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 3 Against 74

Failed

New Literature

39 Ralph D. - Area 6A

Approve CD entitled 'Introduction to the Twelve Steps'

Being sent out separately from ISO

Motion to accept above. Motion was ruled out of order as it is being sent to the Literature committee.

40 David F. for Jon L. - Area 3A

90 Day Plateau Flyer

See Houston attachment #40

Motion to accept 90 Day Plateau Flyer Houston attachment #40 as submitted.

Approved 5 Against 74

Failed

41 Hank H. for Eddie W. - Area 12

Approve as new literature, 3 double-sided plastic cards similar in size to a credit card.

Sample cards will be passed out to all Trustees at the Houston Trustee meeting.

See Houston attachment #41

No discussion.

Other Literature

42 Howie C. - Area 3

Item 54 from Portland

Sponsorship Manual, Page 4, Can a sponsor be too firm with a new member?

Remove the following: If a still-gambling individual does not reach an immediate decision to join Gamblers Anonymous, this type of sponsor does not usually proceed.

No discussion.

43 Matt H. for Robin S. - Area 16

Print the 'Towards 90 Days' book in large print form.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 87 Against 5

Passed

(Only one vote needed)

44 Matt H. for Robin S. - Area 16

Print the 'Beyond 90 Days' book in large print.

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to only print in large form.

Chair ruled the amendment out of order as it would change the motion. The Chair was then challenged. The vote on the challenge fails (63 – 12) therefore the Chair is in order and the amendment out of order.

On the motion.

Approved 89 Against 5
Passed

(Only one vote needed)

45 Howie C. - Area 3

Red Book, page 29, 1st paragraph.

Remove the following: If a still-gambling individual does not reach an immediate decision to join Gamblers Anonymous, this type of sponsor does not usually proceed.

Also delete this sentence in any other literature where it appears.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 20 Against 71
Failed

46 Howie C. - Area 3

Sponsorship Pamphlet, Page 2, Second paragraph, 1st sentence:

Make the words 'linked to their gambling' bold.

Discussion only.

47 David M. - Area 12

Approve guidelines for local area GA websites.

See Houston attachment #47

Motion to accept above.

Approved 54 Against 20
Passed

(Only one vote needed)

This piece will be available on the Trustee Website.

48 Howie C. - Area 3

Beyond 90 Days booklet, first paragraph on page 3.

Remove: 'You may or may not be free of gambling at this time, but lets assume that you are.'

Motion to accept above.

Approved 15 Against 75
Failed

49 Alan J. - Area 15

Group Handbook, page 8.

Add the following:

OPEN MEETINGS AND CLOSED MEETINGS

GUIDELINES FOR ROOM TREASURY

1) Checks should require two signatures.

2) Treasurer should not be one of the people authorized to sign checks

3) Treasurers report including collection, checks written and balance should be given at each meeting.

4) Account balance should not be more than one month expenses, (rent, Intergroup donation, books, pins, etc).

- 5) Once a month, any extra money should be sent as room donation to ISO as directed by the group.
- 6) Room deposit should be made weekly prior to the next meeting.
- 7) Secretary of the room should verify the deposit amount each week.
- 8) Checkbook & bank statement should be available for any member of the room to see.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 16 Against 79
Failed

50 Richie S. - Area 6

Add the following to 2 pieces of approved literature:

Collections should be made by either passing a basket or some container around the room without anyone carrying it from member to member.

Group Handbook, page 3, Treasurer section, add to item 1

Current version: Take up a collection at each meeting, usually at the close of the meeting.

Proposed version: Take up a collection at each meeting, usually at the close of the meeting. Collections should be made by either passing a basket or some container around the room without anyone carrying it from member to member.

Information Packet, page 3, Suggested Meeting Format, add to item 13

Current version: Chairperson announces that G.A. is self-supporting and requests treasurer to make a collection.

Proposed version: Chairperson announces that G.A. is self-supporting and requests treasurer to make a collection. Collections should be made by either passing a basket or some container around the room without anyone carrying it from member to member.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 50 Against 35
Passed

1st Vote

51 David F. - Area 3A

Pressure Relief Group Meeting Handbook, Pg. 2; Paragraph 3,

After the current sentence: It is strongly suggested that a Gam-Anon member participate in this meeting.

Propose to Add the following sentence: 'It is strongly suggested that a Pressure Relief meeting is not to be given by just one GA member but, at least (2) or more GA members should be present.'

Motion to change Pressure Relief Group Meeting Handbook, Pg. 2; Paragraph 3,

After the current sentence: It is strongly suggested that a Gam-Anon member participate in this meeting. Add "Pressure Relief Group meetings should include 2 or more Gamblers Anonymous members".

Approved 36 Against 54
Failed

52 Doug L. for John C. - Area 1A

Allow approved Board of Regents minutes to be posted on the Gamblers Anonymous website.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 12 Against 76

Failed

53 Julian F. - Area 3F

Request for 8 approved GA literature pamphlets or booklets to be translated to Spanish.

1 - Working the steps pamphlet.

2 - Sponsorship booklet.

3 - Step meeting handbook, booklet.

4 - Beyond 90 days booklet.

5 - Fourth Step Inventory Moral booklet.

6 - 12 Step Unity booklet.

7 - Let's Host a Mini-Conference pamphlet.

8 - GA Have I quit the fellowship? (leaflet)

Motion to request that the following 7 approved G.A. Literature pamphlets or booklets be translated into Spanish:

1) Working The Steps Pamphlet

2) Sponsorship Booklet

3) Step Meeting Handbook

4) 4th Step Inventory Moral Booklet

5) 12 Step Unity Booklet

6) Lets Host A International Conference Booklet

7) G.A. Have I Quit the Fellowship (Leaflet)

Approved 76 Against 0 (Only one vote needed)

BOR Procedures

54 Gary S. - Area 12

Review the new contract chosen by the Board of Regents for the National Helpline, 888-GA-HELPS.

Discussion was held. The Board of Regents and the Hotline Committee were thanked.

BOT Procedures

55 Steve R. - Area 2

Request for the Board of Trustees to grant a new geographical area to Mexico with two Trustees.

There are currently 19 meetings in Mexico with 290 members and they now have an established Intergroup.

Motion to grant the Country of Mexico a new geographical Area within the G.A. Board of Trustees and allot them two (2) Trustees.

Approved 97 Against 0
Passed
This will now be Area 28.

56 Steve R. - Area 2

Request for the Board of Trustees to grant a new geographical area to Moscow and surrounding areas and allot one Trustee.

There are currently 14 meetings in Moscow and surrounding areas with 100 members and they do have an existing Intergroup.

Motion to grant a new geographical Area within the G.A. Board of Trustees to Moscow, Russia and surrounding areas and allot them one Trustee.

Approved 101 Against 0
Passed
This will now be Area 29.

57 Steve R. - Area 2

Request that the Board of Trustees grant a new geographical area for Lithuania and Latvia and allot two Trustees.

There are currently 4 meetings in Latvia with 50 members and an existing Intergroup and 5 meetings in Lithuania with 100 members and an existing Intergroup.

Motion to grant two new geographical Areas within the G.A. Board of Trustees. One Area to be for the Country of Latvia and the other Area for the Country of Lithuania. In addition each Country shall be allotted one Trustee.

Approved 100 Against 0
Passed
Latvia will be Area 30 and Lithuania will be Area 31.

58 David F. for Malcolm - Area 3A

The number of Trustee Conferences be reduced from two meetings a year to one meeting per year. The meeting should start on a Wednesday instead of a Thursday. The starting date of this change should be approximately in 2010.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 13 Against 83
Failed

Combo Book

**59 Richie S. – Area 6
page 17, Number 5**

add the words 'and work on' after the word 'Read'.

Current version: Read the RECOVERY and UNITY steps often

Proposed version: Read and work on the RECOVERY and UNITY steps often...

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to add the words “and work” after the word “Read”. Proposed version would be “Read and work the RECOVERY and UNITY steps often...”

Approved 40 Against 31

Passed

On the motion.

Approved 38 Against 56

Failed

60 Carol K. - Area 9

page 3 first paragraph, third sentence.

Current version: With reference to gambling, the delusion that we are like other people, or presently may be, has to be smashed.

Proposed version: With reference to gambling, the delusion that we were like other people, or presently may be, has to be smashed.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 11 Against 77

Failed

61 Norman B. - Area 10A

page 9, second paragraph, last 2 lines.

Current version: HONESTY, OPENMINDEDNESS, AND WILLINGNESS are the key words in our recovery.

Proposed: HONESTY, OPENMINDEDNESS AND WILLINGNESS are the keys to our recovery.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 45 Against 48

Failed

A roll call vote was requested because of the closeness of the vote. Abstentions will be counted in order to properly record the vote. Trustees who are not in the room will have a blank space after their name.

Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote
1	Ara H.	No	5C	Pat K.	Yes	11	Bob B.	Yes
	Artie F.	Yes	6	Harvey C.	No		Mary Lou L.	Yes
	Ed K.	No		Lloyd A.	No	12	Marshall R.	No
	Kathie S.	Yes		Ray H.	No		Bob W.	No
	Steve F.	No	6A	Sal F.	No		David M.	No
1A	Doug L.	No	6B	Dina P.			Matty C.	No
2	Don Y.	Yes		Juan A.	Yes	13	John B.	No
	Erv G.	Yes		Carlos M.	Yes		Ron C.	No
	Don Y.	Yes	6C	Joe B.	No		Greg M.	No
	Paul N.	AB		Dennis A.	No	13A	Kevin O.	No
2B	C.J. D.	No	6D	Richard G.	Yes	13B	Andy R.	AB
	Steve R.	Yes	7	Kathy S.	No		Pete K.	No
2C	Debbie W.	Yes		Leanne W.	No	14	Al O.	No
2E	Alan S.	No	7A	Bill E.	No		Brad B.	No

2G	Debb W.	Yes		John G.	No	15	Alan J.	Yes
	Kathleen J.	Yes	8	Allen H.	Yes		Chuck R.	Yes
2H	Christine G.	Yes		Arnie B.	Yes		Marty D.	AB
	Lynelle E.	Yes		Jeff F.	No		Mike R.	Yes
3	Gladys C.	No		Kathy H.	No		Stanley C.	No
	Jan A.	No	8A	Mark P.	No		Bill B.	No
	JoJo B.	No		Jeanne B.	No	16	John V.	No
	Liz N.	No	8B	Dan W.	Yes		Matt H.	No
3A	David F.	Yes	8C	Deni M.	No	17	Ron W.	Yes
	Linda S.	Yes	8D	Cathy K.	No		Walt H.	Yes
	Willie F.	AB	8E	Bill G.	Yes	18	Steve R.	Yes
3B	Bill S.	No	9	Carol K.	Yes	18A	Lloyd A.	No
	Ed L.	Yes		Jim M.	No		Doug L.	AB
3C	Paula C.	Yes	9A	Pat D.	Yes	18B	David McA.*	No
3D	Mike M.	No	10	Paulette M.	Yes		Robert H.*	No
	Tom P.	Yes	10A	Norm B.	Yes	19	Marshall R.	No
3F	Julian F.	Yes		Sammy S.	Yes	20	George G.	AB
4	Richard F.			Jim P.	Yes	21	Andres P.*	No
5	Herb B.	No	10B	Chuck B.	No		Stanley C.	No
5A	J.R. E.	No		Gary B.	No	23	George G.	AB
5B	Andre G.	No				23A	Bill B.	No
	Emile T.	No					Mika L.	AB
Approved	39	Against	57	Abstained	8			
Failed								

* Absentee Ballot

62 Linda S. - Area 3A

page 8, second paragraph, change the heading.

Current version: What is the first thing a compulsive gambler ought to do in order to stop gambling?

Proposed: I'm new to Gamblers Anonymous; what do I need to do in order to stop gambling?

Motion to accept above.

Approved 0 Against 83

Failed

63 Linda S. for Christy C. - Area 3A

Page 17, Item 5, Middle of paragraph

Current Version: Get involved and be of service.

Proposed Version: GET INVOLVED AND BE OF SERVICE

No change to existing wording. Capitalize only for audience (member) participation.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 6 Against 81

Failed

64 Erv G. for Al G. - Area 2

Page 15, #4

Current Version: Have you ever felt remorse after gambling?

Proposed Version: Have you ever felt remorse or depression after gambling?

Motion to accept above.

Amend motion as written from depression to depressed.

Approved 17 Against 51

Failed

On the motion.

Approved 19 Against 69

Failed

65 Valerie D. - Area 1

pg 17. item #2

Change would be to change the first word to 'Contact' and to add 'and email before' list!

Current Version: Telephone other members as often as possible between meetings. Use the Telephone list!

Proposed Version: Contact other members as often as possible between meetings. Use the Telephone and E-mail list!

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to capitalize and bold "and email" list.

Approved 11 Against 57

Failed

On the motion.

Approved 5 Against 72

Failed

66 David F. - Area 3A

Change the word 'illness' to disease on Pages, 3,8, and 12 as follows:

Page 3. 2nd Paragraph, 4th sentence: 'We are convinced that gamblers of our type are in the grip of a progressive illness.'

Page 8. What is Compulsive Gambling? 1st Paragraph, 1st. line; 'Compulsive gambling is an illness, progressive in its nature which can never be cured, but can be arrested.'

Page 8. 3rd Paragraph: 'The compulsive gambler needs to be willing to accept the fact that he or she is in the grip of a progressive disease and has a desire to get well.'

Page 8. 3rd Paragraph of the last sentence: 'However, it will never work for the person who will not face squarely the facts about this illness.'

Page 12. 1st Paragraph, 2nd Sentence: 'A person in the grip of this illness creates mountains of apparently insolvable problems.'

Motion to accept above.

Approved 5 Against 76

Failed

67 David F. - Area 3A

Page 8, 3rd Paragraph, the last sentence, Change to correct English Grammar.

Current Version: 'However, it will never work for the person who will not face squarely the facts about this illness.'

Proposed Version: 'However it will never work for the person who will not squarely face the facts about this illness.' (or 'disease' depending on the vote on Pg.8; same sentence as previously submitted above Re: the change of 'illness' to 'disease')

Motion to accept above.

Approved 3 Against 88

Failed

68 Ron W. - Area 17

change on Page 13

Current version: Our Gamblers Anonymous experience seems to point to these alternatives: To gamble, risking progressive deterioration or not to gamble, and develop a better way of life.

Proposed version: Our Gamblers Anonymous experience seems to point to these alternatives: To gamble, eventually leading to complete financial and spiritual bankruptcy or not to gamble, and develop a better way of life.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 3 Against 85

Failed

69 Ron W. - Area 17

Page 17

Remove 'particularly the new gamblers anonymous members'

New version would read: TO ALL GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS MEMBERS. to correspond with the table of contents.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 18 Against 66

Failed

Group Procedures

70 Kevin O. - Area 13A

Discussion to investigate the feasibility of obtaining liability insurance for groups at the national and level, as well as what groups are experiencing with insurance requirements in their areas.

Several ideas were discussed. The I.S.O. will check into the feasibility of obtaining a blanket policy.

71 Alan J. - Area 15

Discussion, Does and area have the right not to elect all of its allotted trustees for financial or any other reason.

Straw Vote requested.

Item withdrawn.

ISO Procedures

72 Richie S. - Area 6

The International Service Office will make each Trustee aware of the site www.trusteewebsite.com as soon as they become recognized Trustees or in their first correspondence with the I.S O.

This will be done when new Trustees are elected.

73 Richie S. - Area 6

Only current members of the Board of Trustees are entitled to a copy of the Confidential Trustee Listing.

Item out of order as guidelines for who gets the Confidential Listing of Trustees has already been established and is being complied with.

Miscellaneous

74 Items omitted from the agenda

Nothing was omitted from this agenda.

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at 5:05 P.M. The collection for the five (5) sessions was \$825.00.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held April 30, 2009 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen H.

Karen H., International Executive Secretary

ROLL CALL

AREA	SESSIONS	AREA	SESSIONS	AREA	SESSIONS
1	Ara H. 5	6A	Sal F. 5	13A	Kevin O. 4
	Artie F. 5	6B	Dina P. 5		John E. Absent
	Ed K. 5		Juan A. 5	13B	Andy R. 5
	Kathie S. 5		Carlos M. 5		Pete K. 5
	Steve F. 5	6C	Joe B. 5	4	Al O. 4
1A	Doug L. 5		Dennis A. 5		Brad B. 5

2	Don Y.	5	6D	Ian S.	Absent	Maury C.	Absent	
	Erv G.	5		Richard G.	5	Thomas K.	Absent	
	Guadalupe V.*	Absent	7	Kathy S.	5	15	Alan J.	5
	Paul N.	5		Leanne W.	5		Chuck R.	5
2B	C.J. D.	5	7A	Bill E.	5		Marty D.	5
	Steve R.	5		John G.	5		Mike R.	5
2C	Debbie W.	5	8	Allen H.	5		Stanley C.	5
2E	Alan S.	5		Arnie B.	5		Bill B.	5
2F	Joan H.	Absent		Jeff F.	5	16	John V.	5
2G	Debb W.	5		Kathy H.	5		Matt H.	5
	Kathleen J.	5	8A	Mark P.	5	17	Ron W.	4
2H	Christine G.	5		Jeanne B.	5		Walt H.	2
	Lynelle E.	5	8B	Dan W.	5	18	Paul A.	Absent
2J	Dennis C.	Absent	8C	Deni M.	5		Steve B.	Absent
2K	Ken K.	Absent	8D	Cathy K.	5		Andy D.	5 *
3	Gladys C.	5	8E	Bill G.	5		Ron M.	Absent
	Jan A.	5	9	Carol K.	5	18A	Trevor S.	5 *
	JoJo B.	5		Jim M.	5		Yvonne R.	5 *
	Liz N.	5	9A	Pat D.	5	18B	David McA.	5 **
3A	David F.	5	10	Paulette M.	5		Robert H.	5 **
	Linda S.	5	10A	Norm B.	5	19	Tomas P.	5 *
	Willie F.	5		Sammy S.	5	20	George G.	4
3B	Bill S.	5		Jim P.	5	21	Andres P.	5 **
	Ed L.	5	10B	Chuck B.	5		Manuel I.	5 *
3C	Paula C.	5		Gary B.	5	23	Juan Carlos	4 *
3D	Mike M.	5	11	Bob B.	5	23A	Vera T.	5 *
	Tom P.	5		Mary Lou L.	5	24	Mika L.	5
3F	Julian F.	5		Paul D.	Absent		Fredrik A.	Absent
4	Richard F.	5	12	Marshall R.	5	25	Lucio D.	Absent
5	Herb B.	5		Bob W.	5	26	Chris K.	Absent
5A	J.R. E.	5		Carol L.	Absent		Byung K.	Absent
5B	Andre G.	5		David M.	5	27	Istvan S.	Absent
	Emile T.	5		Matty C.	5			
5C	Pat K.	4	13	John B.	5		* Proxy Received	
6	Harvey C.	5		Ron C.	5		** Absentee Ballot Received	
	Lloyd A.	5		Greg M.	5			
	Ray H.	5						
6A	Nick S.	Absent					Chairman BOT – Tom M.	5
							1 st Co-Chair BOT–Richie S.	5
							2 nd Co-Chair BOT- Herb B.	5
							Chairman BOR –John C.	5
							I.E.S. - Karen H.	5

