

**BOARD OF REGENTS  
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by John C., Chairman Board of Regents at 7:30 P.M.

Present: David W., Gary G., John C., Mike M., Phil K., Steve K., Wendy B., and Karen H., International Executive Secretary.

Present by Telephone: Bill B. and Howie C.

1. A. The minutes of the Board of Regents meeting of January 16, 2009 were read and approved.

Motion seconded and passed  
For...9 Against...0 Abstained...0

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- B. The Operating Statement for January 2009 was read and approved.

Motion seconded and passed  
For...9 Against...0 Abstained...0

**2-OLD BUSINESS**

A. Discussion on Lifeliners. There were 15 new Lifeliners as follows: 8 from New Jersey, 5 from Florida and one each from California and Washington..

There were 2 new Cans received. 1 from South Dakota and 1 from Texas.

22 Starter Kits were sent out in January including 1 going to a prison and we had 14 new Group Information Forms received back as follows: 2 from Auburn, California; 2 from Las Vegas, Nevada; 2 from Davenport, Iowa and 1 each from La Verne, California; Rancho Mirage, California; Danbury, Connecticut; Stanton, Delaware; La Place, Louisiana; Waterville, Maine; Albert Lea, Minnesota and Burien, Washington.

B. National Hotline. Gary S. submitted the following report:

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888-GA-HELPS**

With an Arctic blast of cold outside I'm sitting here with warm thoughts that 888-GA-HELPS is truly become an International number. There are two additional areas in Canada that are being setup as we speak, as well as Rochester, NY., Portland, Oregon. Rochester has been a personnel goal of mine for many of years and I am glad to see them move on and cover all of NY. Portland has decided to blend three helpline into one. All five states of New England are finally all up and running smoothly. Since the BOR/BOT has decided to accept the new contract with Erlang, there has been a flow of phone calls to move on and/or the areas that have been waiting.

Speaking of the Erlang contract, the BOR has sent it to an attorney for review and suggestions, made some minor recommendations and we are in the process of finalizing the wording.

The Spanish version is going on the “DEMO” starting next week and we should see it live in LA by the next report. If any areas are interested in having a Spanish helpline option, please contact me.

As always, I thank the entire GA volunteer community for the souls that they touch everyday, and to our fellowship that has touched ours.

Fellowship First. Gary S / 888-GA-HELPS

C. Review Year to Date Budget & Operating Receipts Report. Year to Date Budget and Operating Receipts Report was reviewed.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review Board of Regents Ballot. Board of Regents Ballot has been reviewed. There are 14 candidates on the Ballot. Names are listed in alphabetical order.

B. Discuss Putting Life-Line Bulletin On Website. Straw vote was taken to pursue putting Life-Line Bulletin on website.

For...3 Against...5 Abstained...1

C. Update on Newly Opened C.D. and Review Another Bank C.D. that is Maturing this Month. C.D. was opened at Ing Direct at 2.50% interest for \$84,595.93 for one year. Motion made as follows: C.D. from Bank of the West with \$33,164.42 is maturing on Tuesday 2/24/09. We will be transferring funds to a liquid C.D. at Bank of America at 2.25% or best rate available. We will also transfer current Bank of America C.D. in the amount of \$13,173.00 to new Bank of America C.D.

Motion seconded and passed

For...9 Against...0 Abstained...0

D. Review By-Law Changes. Motion to have I.E.S. put an item on the Trustee Agenda for the Kansas City Conference to remove By-Laws as G.A. approved literature as this is a legal document filed with the State of California.

Motion seconded and passed

For...7 Against...1 Abstained...1 (Gary G.)

E. Approve Expenses for Chairman of the Board of Regents to attend the Kansas City Trustees Meeting. Motion to allocate up to \$1,000.00 or actual expenses for Board of Regents Chairman to attend Kansas City Conference.

Motion seconded and passed

For...9 Against...0 Abstained...0

F. Update on Bulletin Printing and Mailing. By cutting down the amount of Bulletins we are ordering and sending out to our groups, this month we saved \$337.09 on mailing outside of the U.S.; \$237.00 on Group Bulk mailing and \$634.00 in printing costs. Total savings is \$1,208.09.

The collection in the amount of \$20.00 was taken and the meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer. The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held on March 20, 2009 at 7:30 P.M.

**Respectfully submitted by Wendy B., Recording Secretary**

February 28, 2009

At the February 20, 2009 Board of Regents meeting there was a motion made by Chairman John C. to have Karen H., I.E.S. place an item on the agenda for the upcoming Board of Trustees Spring Conference. The agenda item was to remove the By-Laws as Gamblers Anonymous approved literature. Motion was approved 7 for, 1 against and 1 abstention. Starting on February 25, 2009 and concluding on February 28, 2009 a telephone roll call vote was made by Chairman John C. to all Board members requesting permission not to place the agenda item that is noted above. Permission not to place the agenda item was approved as follows:

For...8 Against...1 Abstained...0