

**BOARD OF REGENTS  
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 19, 2010**

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

Present: Benni F., Dwight C., Eddie R., Gerry G., Mike M., Sassoun N; Sean N. and Karen H., International Executive Secretary.

Present by Telephone: Allan S. and Gary S.

A. The minutes of the Board of Regents meeting of January 15, 2010 were read and approved.

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

B. The Operating Statement for January 2010 was read and approved.  
The Office Expenses were higher than usual because of annual envelope orders totaling over \$2,000.00 and other annual expenses that were incurred in January.

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

**2-OLD BUSINESS**

A. Discussion on Lifeliners. There were 15 new Lifeliners as follows: 6 each from New Jersey and New York and 1 each from California, Florida and Puerto Rico.

There were two new Cans from Oregon and Minnesota.

18 Starter Kits were sent out in January (including one going to a prison in Graven Hurst, Ontario) as follows: two to Phoenix, New York and one each to Chino Hills, California; Desert Hot Springs, California; Oroville, California; Preston, Connecticut; Jacksonville, Florida; Chicago, Illinois; Lafayette, Indiana; Epps, Louisiana; New Ibera, Louisiana; West Ford, Massachusetts; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Williamsport, Pennsylvania; Martin, South Dakota; Superior, Wisconsin and Cold Lake, Alberta.

12 new Group Information Forms were received back in January as follows: Prescott, Arizona; Sierra Vista, Arizona; Desert Hot Springs, California; Gridley, California; Bridgeport, Connecticut; Buffalo Grove, Illinois; Bloomington, Indiana; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Medford, Oregon; Brookings, South Dakota; Rhinelander, Wisconsin and Toronto, Ontario.

B. I.S.O. Website. Karen H. read the following email from the I.S.O. Website Revision committee.

“The delivery of the Beta website was promised by the website developer in a correspondence with the I.E.S. last month for some time in mid-February. This schedule was far too ambitious to meet. The ability to show a progress visual is being hampered by the program coding requirements that must be in place first. At this time, it is impractical to present a schedule of when the B.O.R. will be able to view the new site. The website revision committee has not yet been able to view the site for visuals, content and functionality that will be part of the site. The website developer is keenly aware that the Louisville conference is quickly coming and is using that date as an unofficial deadline to complete the project. There will only be further updates to the B.O.R. as the situation changes.”

C. Procedures for B.O.R. Replacements. Dwight C. had prepared some suggestions via e-mail but Benni F. stated that the Guidance Code and By-Laws would need to eventually be amended and approved by the Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents. Specific references are needed to which provisions of the Guidance Code and By-Laws need to be amended. Benni will make some suggestions to the Board of Trustees and will come to the next B.O.R. meeting with those suggestions.

D. Board of Regents I.E.S. Committee. In the event Karen H. cannot continue in her position as I.E.S. due to some unforeseen circumstances, there are presently no procedures in place to elect or appoint a new I.E.S. Some time in the future, the committee will come up with some proposals on this issue.

### 3–NEW BUSINESS

A. Review Board of Regents Ballot. The Board of Regents reviewed the Ballot and it will go out to the members of the Board of Trustees by March 1, 2010.

B. Infringement of G.A.’s Intellectual Property. Karen H. discussed how a G.A. member has written a book using “Gamblers Anonymous” in the books title. The member has used a pseudonym for her book. She wrote a letter to the I.S.O. and included several copies of her book. After speaking to Benni, Karen called and discussed with her how she would need to put an endorsement release for G.A. as was done with A.A. and Gam-Anon. The release language from A.A. in the front inside cover of the book can be mirrored for G.A., as well, and placed into the book. A letter will be written to the author and the publisher.

Another issue that involves infringement of G.A.’s Intellectual Property is as follows; Karen H. was getting emails stating that on Facebook under “Gamblers Anonymous” there were accounts for how to gamble, etc., that were not approved by G.A. Don Y., Trustee from Northern California corresponded with a person from the Facebook team. There are 108 pages using “Gamblers Anonymous” name and GA Logo. The one page that was removed is now back up and running. The person with the Facebook team asked G.A. for an explanation of what copyright or trademarks are being infringed upon. Karen H. read a letter she had written to the CEO of Facebook (that had originally been suggested by our Intellectual Property attorney). The letter will be mailed by registered/return receipt requested mail on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, giving Facebook until March 22, 2010 to comply.

C. Ordering of Towards 90 Days and Beyond 90 Days. A very small amount of the large version of the “Towards 90 Days” and “Beyond 90 Days” have been purchased throughout the past year and because there is an adequate supply of these books left over, the Board of Regents has decided that we will not be reordering the large print versions of the above referenced books.

D. International Walk-A-Thon Total for 2009. Karen H. gave the figures for various Walk-A-Thons. The past three years totals for September’s International Walk-A-Thons are as follows: 2007 - \$11,957.00; 2008 - \$4,755.00; 2009 - \$5,935.00. The total amount of donations received by the I.S.O. from all Walk-A-Thons in 2009 was \$17,653.76.

E. Approve Expenses for Chairman of the Board of Regents to Attend Trustees Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. Benni F. gave an estimate of \$1,200.00 for what the expenses will be to attend the Louisville Board of Trustees meeting. A motion was made to allot \$1,200.00 for this proposal.

Motion seconded and passed  
For...8 Against...0 Abstained...1 (Benni F.)

F. Renewal of Xerox Copier Lease. Karen H. was informed that lease on our Xerox Copier is expiring and it would cost \$337.70 to buy the Xerox machine we have been leasing for the past 4 years. For the new upgraded machine, the price to lease it including all maintenance and supplies is \$170.24 a month, verses \$153.30 (the price it would cost if we were to purchase the machine, for maintenance and supplies). The per copy charge is actually less on the new machine. The Board voted to lease the new copy machine for 4 years with an opportunity to purchase at the end of the lease.

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

The collection in the amount of \$21.00 was taken and the meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer. The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held March 19, 2010 at 7:30 P.M.

**Respectfully submitted by Sassoun N., Recording Secretary**