

**BOARD OF REGENTS  
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Bob W., Chairman, Board of Regents.

Present: Bernie G., Bob W., Calvin C., John C., Tom M., Wendy B., and Karen H.  
International Executive Secretary.

Present by Telephone: Betty B., Herb B. and Richard C.

Bob W. reminded everyone that recordings of this meeting are not permitted.

A. The minutes of the January 20, 2018 Board of Regents meeting were approved as submitted.

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

B. The operating statement for January 2018 was approved as submitted.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. LIFELINERS.**

There was 2 new Lifeliners as follows: 2 from Las Vegas.

**NEW CANS.**

There were no new Cans.

**REGISTRATION ONLY GROUP INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS RECEIVED: 1**  
1 from Auburn, WA

**GROUP INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS RECEIVED PRIOR TO SENDING  
STARTER KITS: 7**

7 Starter Kits were sent as follows after receiving the Group Information Request Forms for the month of January: Prescott Valley, AZ; Tempe, AZ; Chula Vista, CA; Costa Mesa, CA; Bellevue, WA; Vancouver, BC and Merida, Mexico.

**PRISON STARTER KITS SENT:** There were no Prison Starter Kits.

**B. MP3 RECORDINGS/AUDIO LITERATURE.**

Recommendation from Andrew, our Web designer was to use I-Tunes as a platform for Audio literature instead of MP3s. This can be automated and linked to the Gamblers Anonymous website. Paperwork will have to be submitted. John C. will be liaison with I-Tunes.

**C. COMPLIANCE AUDIT.**

All requested items have been completed and will be sent to our attorney for review by Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to have a report at the Cancun Trustee meeting.

#### D. 6 MONTH FINANCIAL REPORT.

This was prepared by John C. and reviewed by entire Board.

#### E. UPDATE ON I.S.O. EMPLOYEE.

The part time employee who was hired August 1, 2017 has been terminated for cause. A Worker's Compensation claim that had been filed in January 2018 was denied and an appeal is pending. Insurance is handling this. All Board members have been updated. We have hired a Certified Pro Advisor in QuickBooks, who will be working at the Office Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 15 to 20 hours per week.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### A. DISCUSS BY-LAW CHANGES

John C. presented two by-law changes. He requested a straw vote from the Board before having these put on the Cancun Trustee Agenda. The majority of the Board was in favor.

They are as follows:

By-laws Article III- Directors

Add "...under special circumstances..."

Current version Section 6: Five (5) members of the Board of Regents shall constitute a quorum. The Board of Regents does not acknowledge proxies in any form. If a Board member resides within 200 miles from the International Service Office, physical attendance constitutes presence. For those residing outside of 200 miles a physical, telephonic or video conferencing attendance constitutes presence. A maximum of four (4) Regents residing outside of 200 miles of the International Service Office who do not physically attend meetings can be seated at one time.

Proposed version Section 6: Five (5) members of the Board of Regents shall constitute a quorum. The Board of Regents does not acknowledge proxies in any form. If a Board member resides within 200 miles from the International Service Office, physical attendance constitutes presence. For Board members residing within 200 miles, telephonic or video conferencing will constitute presence, Under special circumstances (Bold) if approved by a majority of the Board members in physical attendance. For those residing outside of 200 miles a physical, telephonic or video conferencing attendance constitutes presence. A maximum of four (4) Regents residing outside of 200 miles of the International Service Office who do not physically attend meetings can be seated at one time.

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Current Version: Section 7: A Regent is automatically removed from office on missing two (2) consecutive regular board meetings or when any Regent has missed four (4) regular meetings during their two (2) year term inclusive of the mandatory June meeting immediately following the election of the Board of Regents, or for not maintaining regular attendance at G.A. meetings as prescribed by the Guidance Code.

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#### B. LINKS TO PHONE MEETING.

There is some concern that a non-sanctioned phone meeting called World Wide 12 Step Phone Meeting was using the Gamblers Anonymous name improperly. Bob W. will contact the person who is in charge of this meeting and ask him to make the necessary changes.

The collection in the amount of \$50.00 was taken and the meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer at 10:36 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held on March 17, 2017 at 9:30 A.M.

Today's Board of Regents meeting had 5 people call in and listen.

Right after the close of today's meeting, it was determined that a very important item had been omitted. Since all members in attendance were still present, the three people who were on the phone were contacted and the following item was presented.

#### FALL 2018 TRUSTEE MEETING.

Bob W. has received a contract for the Fall 2018 Trustee meeting which is to be held in Orlando, Florida October 14 and 15, 2018 at the Caribe Royale Orlando. The Board reviewed the contract. A motion was made to approve contract for signature as presented.

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

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