

**BOARD OF REGENTS
MEETING OF MARCH 21, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Bob W., Chairman Board of Regents at 7:30 P.M. Lanny R. has resigned and Sassoun N., first person on the replacement list was introduced and welcomed to the Board. Nominations for Vice-Chairman were opened. Steve K. was nominated. John C. was also nominated but declined. Nominations were then closed. Motion made that Steve K. be elected.

Motion seconded and passed
For...7 Against...0 Abstained...0

Present: Bob W., Chris G., Gary G., John C., Samuel F., Sassoun N., Steve K. and Karen H., International Executive Secretary.

Present by Telephone: Daryl R. and Liz N.

1. A. The minutes of the Board of Regents meeting of February 15, 2008 were read and approved.

Motion seconded and passed
For...8 Against...0 Abstained...0

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- B. The Operating Statement for February 2008 was read and approved.

Motion seconded and passed
For...8 Against...0 Abstained...0

2-OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion on Lifeliners. There were 8 new Lifeliners as follows: California – 1; Florida – 1; New Jersey – 1, New York – 4 and Texas – 1. There was one new Can. 29 Starter Kits were sent out in February including 4 going to prisons and we had 13 new Group Information Forms received back as follows: 1 each from Sun City, Arizona; Bella Vista, Arkansas; Seaside, California; Mandeville, Louisiana; Mashpee, Massachusetts; Springfield, Maryland; Paramus, New Jersey; Kingston, New York; Bowmansville, New York; Cleveland, Ohio; McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania; Alcoa, Tennessee and King City, Ontario.

B. National Hotline. We are currently talking to two additional vendors for the Hotline. Recommendation was made to present to the Trustees meeting in Houston for them to determine which to use.

We need to establish parameters for minimal performance requirements. John C., Gary S. and Samuel F. to draft. John C. and Gary S. were in contact with one potential vendor who stated the system in use today is much more complex than they were aware of and needs about two weeks to prepare a quote. John C. drafted a letter to the Trustees who had been given incomplete information on the Trustee Line regarding the Hotline. This letter was sent out by the Hotline Committee at the request of Bob W.

The Hotline report submitted by Gary S. was read as follows:

BOR REPORT – March 2008
888-GA-HELPS

There are moments in ones life that happens that forces one to reflect. I had one of those moments this past weekend in helping out on a Helpline call. I have been reporting all about numbers since this committee moved over to the BOR. But the lives that are touched on both sides of the phone are enormous. Whether you guide some one into a room or save the suffering soul that is thinking about suicide. We all can sit back in our comfortable desk chair, like I am doing now and look at numbers all day long. However, the truth of the matter 888-GA-HELPS was created with the vision to help that suffering soul that needs a live GA volunteer **NOW**. I had one of those life saving events this past weekend. Remember our primary purpose is to help those that are still suffering. Everything else is truly secondary and can be dealt with over time. I encourage all to be involved in 888-GA-HELPS, the life that you save maybe you own.

Now to the business side, I had stated that we are in the review process with Erlang Communications last month. Part of the process is seeing what other companies are out there and doing a comparison. I know that we have a 100% retention factor of any area that has joined the Erlang system and do not want to disturb the balance that everyone currently is getting and benefiting. Erlang has been part of our GA family over the last 8+ years and has built the system to meet each individual area needs. However, as the Helpline Chair and the fiduciary duty of the BOR, that we entrusted, we have to not only checked out the current pricing but to see what other new technology that can be offered. We are in discussion with companies regarding operation features and the cost for the next contract and we will keep everyone posted on our progress and decisions as it becomes available. Once again, we welcome your thoughts on the matter for consideration. Please feel free to email or call anyone on 888-GA-HELPS committee.

Now to the numbers since our February report. There was a reason for asking the BOR for 2 years contract, so we could get a true baseline of the calls and how they applied. It is encouraging to see the true effect. We are over 1200 more calls over 2007 and 3200 calls over 2006. Also the calls are continuing shifting over from the local to the national.

2006	2546	5110
2007	FEB	TOTAL
Groups	2951	6658
National	214	400
Total 07'	3565	7058

2008	FEB	TOTAL
Groups	2755	5997
National	1106	2316
Total 07'	3861	8313

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

Gary S / 888-GA-HELPS/BOR/Area 12 Trustee

C. Printing of Spanish Literature. Karen received a call from an individual who runs a Spanish speaking meeting in Las Vegas who volunteered to look at the literature and make sure it is compatible with the literature from Spain. We will have a total of 5 or 6 bids shortly for printing.

D. Board of Regents Website. Steve K. spoke to many people who did not have a problem with information from the Board of Regents. John C. suggested that we put the Board of Regents minutes on the I.S.O. website. This would need to be an agenda item for Houston. Decision to not pursue a Board of Regents Website was made.

E. Discuss Board of Regents Nominating Procedures. Discussion was to not cut nominations off at 18 and that we should open nominations to all with no limit. A motion was made to open the nominations for the Board of Regents to any eligible members wanting to run.

Motion second and passed
For...8 Against...0 Abstained...0

Motion was made to list the nominees on the ballot alphabetically therefore eliminating the nomination process.

Motion seconded and passed
For...8 Against...0 Abstained...0

Since the above changes would have to be made to the By-Laws and the Guidance Code this will appear on the Houston Agenda.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review Trustees Agenda. Discussed Item 60, use of sound recording to be transcribed of all Board of Regents meetings. The Board of Regents was unanimously against this. Discussed Item 59, forming Board of Trustee committee to review contracts signed by the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents opposes this. Discussed the Day at a Time translation into Spanish. This item was discussed and prices were given. The book would cost the I.S.O. \$7.00 after the I.S.O. agrees to return the extra 10% discount received on the error for the English edition. This would amount to about \$4,000.00 and Hazelton would pay for the professional translation. Discussed Item 12, remove all Board of Regents data from Trustee Website. It was decided to let the Board of Trustees decide.

B. Discuss Recently Approved Literature. Online forms for Pressure Relief Group can be made in small quantities. These can be made at the I.S.O. Karen presented an example that we could sell for \$1.00 with a cost of about \$.50 to G.A. Steve K. and Samuel F. will check into making copies of the disk.

C. Discuss I.S.O. Cans. Karen presented a sample of a collapsible I.S.O. Can. These would cost us \$4.56 to send out including the Can cost, label and shipping. Presently Cans cost us \$3.43 including label and shipping. We would need to buy 1,500 units minimum. This would cost us \$4,200.00 and it was decided that the expenditure was not presently worth pursuing.

Motion seconded and failed
For...0 Against...8 Abstained...0

The collection in the amount of \$20.00 was taken and the meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer. The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held April 18, 2008 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Gary G., Recording Secretary