

**BOARD OF REGENTS
MEETING OF MARCH 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 F., 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 February 19, 2010 were read and approved with the following correction: Should read Gerry F. as present at Board of Regents meeting, not Gerry G.

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

B. The Operating Statement for February 2010 was read and approved.

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

Details on the literature expenses for February. Red Books \$5,100.00, balance on Spanish Day at a Time \$3,400.00 (under contract and we are required to purchase 1,000 every December for three years), Medallions \$2,500.00, Key Chains, \$3,800.00, G.A. Pins, \$3,000.00, small and large Combos \$6,900.00.

2-OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion on Lifeliners. There were 2 new Lifeliners as follows: 1 from Florida and 1 from New Jersey.

There were three new Cans; two from California and 1 from Florida.

27 Starter Kits were sent out in February (including four going to prisons in Togo, Minnesota; Indian Springs, Nevada; Cranston, Rhode Island and Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin) as follows: Fayetteville, Arkansas; Orinda, California; Bayfield, Colorado; Marengo, Illinois; Eldora, Iowa; La Place, Louisiana; New Roads, Louisiana; Lake Orion, Michigan; Farmington, Minnesota; Lakewood, Ohio; Miami, Oklahoma; Eugene, Oregon; Burlington, Vermont; Lorton, Virginia; Mabton, Washington; Roy, Washington; Princeton, West Virginia; Warrens, Wisconsin; Brantford, Ontario; Orleans, Ontario; Santiago, Chile and two to Hamburg, Germany.

13 new Group Information Forms were received back in February as follows: Fayetteville, Arkansas; Chino, California; Palm Desert, California; Durango, Colorado; Casselberry, Florida; Milford, Iowa; Marengo, Illinois; Lafayette, Indiana; Pendleton,

Oregon; Williamsport, Pennsylvania; Brno, The Czech Republic; Waterford, Ireland and Waterford City, Ireland.

B. Board of Regents I.E.S. Committee. A sheet of paper was provided to the Board of Regents with suggestions for I.E.S. replacement as follows:

Form a Committee to Explore Procedures in the Event the I.E.S. Cannot Continue in Their Position. Benni F. formed a committee to be chaired by Bob W. Between Bob W. and the current Committee for the Board of Regents, the Board will hopefully get a presentation on their ideas as to the procedures G.A. can follow in the event the I.E.S. cannot continue in their position.

Article VIII

By-Laws-Section 6 (F)- In the event of the termination of the International Executive Secretary for any reason, the Chairman of the Board of Regents will become the interim-acting International Executive Secretary until the International Board of Trustees elects a permanent International Executive Secretary.

By-Laws- Section 6 (G)-While the Chairman of the BOR is acting IES ,the Vice-Chairman of the BOR shall assume the duties of the Chairman. While acting as IES, the Chairman of the BOR shall lose his/her vote on the BOR. The BOR will operate with eight (8) members for this period.

By-Laws- Section 6 (H)-When the BOT elects a permanent IES ,if it is not the Chairman of the BOR, who is acting as IES, the Chairman of the BOR shall return to his/her original position and his/her voting power restored. If the acting IES (Chairman of the BOR) is elected permanent IES, the BOR shall fill the vacancy per Article III, Section 5 of these By-Laws.

Article IV

By-Laws-Section 4-The IES shall be elected by the BOT of the Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous for a two year term, as provided by the Guidance Code. The IES may be terminated by the BOR and/or the BOT of the Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous.

Guidance Code –Article XVI –Section 1 & 2

Summation

In the event the IES cannot continue for any reason. After the Chairman of the BOR has assumed that position of IES, the Chairman of the BOT should immediately call for nominations to fill the IES position on a permanent basis. If the next BOT meeting is more than 60 days away the Chairman of the BOT should arrange a mail election. If the next BOT meeting is to be held within 60 days, this election shall wait until the BOT meeting. The new IES will have 30 days to assume that position.

The Board of Trustees also has a committee coming up with suggestions as well. The

Board of Regents is asked to review these suggestions for the next meeting. Also the Board of Trustees committee meeting is on March 23, 2010 on this issue via conference call.

C. Procedures for B .O.R. Replacements. Benni F. reviewed the By-Laws and Guidance Code. Article III, Section 5 of the By-Laws has the procedure in place, but Benni F. stated that the By-Laws do not cover what happens if there is no one left on the replacement list. Benni F. spoke with Denis M. and suggested that the Board of Regents offer 3 names to the Board of Trustees to then vote on the replacements. Benni F. and others on the Board of Regents will come up with suggested language.

D. Infringement of G.A.'s Intellectual Property. Karen sent the letter to Facebook and received an email from Facebook dated March 3, 2010 asking for specific references to active URL's and email addresses. Don Y. and Gary S. will provide URL's for Karen to respond to Facebooks email.

Regarding the book that was discussed last meeting, Karen H. wrote a letter. There have been calls about this, including a Trustee asking whether it is now approved literature. The following letter was read by Karen to the Board of Regents:

March 22, 2010

Wheatmark
610 East Delano Street, Suite 104
Tucson, AZ 85705

RE: Infringement of GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS Trademark

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am the International Executive Secretary of Gamblers Anonymous® International Service Office and I am writing this letter at the request of the Board of Directors Gamblers Anonymous.

As you probably know, Gamblers Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other so that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from a gambling problem. Gamblers Anonymous began in September 1957, and for over 50 years has helped individuals deal with compulsive gambling issues.

Gamblers Anonymous has a procedure in place where all of our literature, which includes but is not limited to any books and pamphlets, go through our International Board of Trustees in order to have each item approved as official Gamblers Anonymous literature with our G.A. Logo stamp of approval.

We are writing because it has recently come to our attention that Wheatmark has published a book with the name Gamblers Anonymous in the title. Such use, we believe is likely to cause our members or anyone else reading "Gambling Recovery Working the

Gamblers Anonymous Recovery Program” to believe that this book is approved by, Gamblers Anonymous. As I am sure you will understand, it is very important to our fellowship that using the Gamblers Anonymous name in the title of this book violates the Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code and the precepts of the Gamblers Anonymous fellowship. To that end, Gamblers Anonymous does not allow commercial use of its name. Accordingly, we ask that you immediately cease and desist using the Gamblers Anonymous name in the title of this book.

We are also asking that you put a disclaimer on the copyright page of the book as Alcoholics Anonymous has done. The correct language can be determined at a later time.

Our attorney has informed us that your use of the Gamblers Anonymous name constitutes trademark infringement, and is in violation of Federal and State laws.

However, we hope it is unnecessary to pursue those damages and remedies, and we also hope we can work out this matter amicably to save unnecessary expense to everyone concerned. Accordingly, if we do not receive written confirmation by April 30, 2010 of your intentions to comply with our request to cease and desist using the Gamblers Anonymous name in the title of the book as well as adding a disclaimer as Alcoholics Anonymous has done, we will ask our counsel to take the appropriate action.

Sincerely yours,

Karen Humphrey
International Executive Secretary

Cc: Stephen F. Roth, Esq.
Elizabeth Sanders

Motion to have Karen send out the letter attached to these minutes.

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

3-NEW BUSINESS

A. Change Date of May 2010 B.O.R. Meeting. Board of Regents meeting will be scheduled May 28, 2010 because of the International Conference being held on May 21, 2010.

B. Septembers International Walk-A-Thon. Gary suggested sending flyers each month to the Intergroups to be distributed to the fellowship to create added interest in the September International Walk-A-Thon. A letter explaining to Intergroups what the International Walk-A-Thon is would go with flyers and would be posted in the monthly Bulletin. Final copies will be presented to the Board at next months meeting.

C. Office Lease Update. The I.S.O. has leased some new space which has expanded our current Office. Karen explained that we lost the storage space we were temporarily using

for our literature, which at the time housed 284 boxes. The office lease was amended to include the current prevailing square foot rate of \$1.30 through October 2010 and then the prevailing rate through the end of the lease on October 31, 2011. The operation of the office will be more efficient and cost effective having everything in one place now.

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 April 16, 2010 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Sassoun N., Recording Secretary