

**BOARD OF REGENTS  
MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2011**

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

Present: Benni F., John C., Ara H., Amir K., Russ N., Bernie G., Richard C., and Karen H., International Executive Secretary.

Present by telephone: Allan S.

Guests: Steve F. (Trustee Area 1)

A. The minutes of the Board of Regents meeting of February 18, 2011 were read and approved.

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

B. The Operating Statement for February 2011 was read and approved.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

A. LIFELINERS.

There were 5 new Lifeliners as follows:

California (2)	Nevada
Arizona	Ft. McMurray, Alberta, Canada

NEW CANS: No new Cans this month.

GROUP INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS : 4          STARTER KITS: 4

Raceland, LA	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Stacy, MN	Harrisonburg, VA
Cleveland, OH	Santiago De Queretaro, Mexico
Salem, OR	Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico

**GROUP INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS RECEIVED PRIOR TO SENDING STARTER KITS.**

Seven Starter Kits were sent as follows after receiving the Group Information Request Forms:

Marana, AZ	Las Vegas, NV
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Orange Park, FL  
Atlanta, GA  
Chicago, IL

Chiloquin, OR  
Knoxville, TN

B. I.S.O. WEBSITE.

Karen H., I.E.S., presented a letter from Printbridge, the company contracted to build the site. This was in response to our letter sent following the last Board of Regents meeting. Printbridge agrees to fulfill all the requirements specified in the contract with no further charge. However, there are additional requirements which we now desire and will take some significant programming man hours to accomplish. Printbridge gave a proposal for these items with an additional charge of \$1,975.00.

Printbridge stated in their correspondence, that they could be finished with all the programming by our next Board of Regents meeting. Karen H. committed to having all the input work for the 3,000 plus meetings no later than the end of our fiscal year.

Both Printbridge and the Board of Regents were in agreement that the primary concern is that Printbridge be done with their part of the project no later than April 15, 2011.

Following an in depth discussion a vote was taken to authorize the increased cost. By majority vote, it was agreed that the increase was appropriate and would be approved. The results of the vote were as follows:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>ABSTAINED</u>
Benni F.	Amir K.	
Bernie G.	Russ M.	
Richard C.		
Ara H.		
John C.		
Allan S.		

C. VIDEO CONFERENCING.

A discussion of Video Conferencing was conducted with Russ M. leading the presentation of information. Russ related that during the week on March 11<sup>th</sup> he had set up a test of a video conferencing system at the International Service Office. This system utilized a computer mounted camera and SKYPE software. The system appeared to be adequate for the Board of Regents needs. The Board unanimously voted to purchase a suitable camera for approximately \$77.00 and to proceed with developing the capability to video conference with all appropriate parties. It was agreed to attempt to video conference the next Board meeting with the out of State Board members having the ability to visually participate in the meeting. This is an ongoing project and no deadline for final implementation has been established.

D. OFFICE LEASE.

Karen H. presented a history of the current International Service Office location along with information on several shortcomings it now has as a result of the very large growth of Gamblers Anonymous over the past decade.

Karen H. also presented information on cost at the current location should we choose to renew the lease when it expires October 31, 2011. The increase in growth of Gamblers Anonymous has necessitated ordering much larger quantities of literature. This in turn has created a situation revealing the inadequacy of the current site.

1. In the next few years there could be a significant storage problem for all the literature necessary to keep on hand. Adequate supplies must be maintained on site to handle all orders received from around the world and to send out Starter Kits for new meetings as Gamblers Anonymous becomes larger every year.
2. Delivery has become a problem, since there is no loading dock, and the building management does not permit pallets of material to be taken into the building using the service elevator. Pallet jacks may not be used and each pallet of boxes must be unpacked by the delivery company and brought up the service elevator with a hand cart. This can take numerous trips since there is only one service elevator with limited capacity and I.S.O is located on the 18th floor of the building. This results in additional charges required by the companies that are delivering our literature and supplies.
3. Parking is an expensive proposition for the I.S.O. as we must provide safe available parking for our employees and the building charges a significant fee for each parking space we require.
4. All of the I.S.O. employees live a significant distance east of downtown Los Angeles. One long time employee must endure an extremely long drive to and from work. A move to a better geographical location would greatly aid in all the employees well being.
5. Finally, our current rent is set at \$1.35 per square foot per month. This includes a portion of the "Common Area" (hallways, restrooms, etc.). Karen advised the Board of Regents that the new lease for our current space will be at the current rate for one year, and then be increased at \$.03 per square foot per month each additional year for either a 3 or 5 year lease commitment, whichever we choose. It is believed that more adequate facilities can be found at a lower cost (including parking) if we relocate further east from the city. Consideration should be given to areas such as Azusa or Glendora.

The Board of Regents unanimously voted to authorize Karen H. to proceed with conducting a search for a new location and developing a recommendation for a suitable new site that would remedy the above stated problems. Board of Regents members will assist Karen with this project.

E. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INFRINGEMENT.

Karen H. reported on the response received from TANGA, the company we notified last month concerning infringement of our logo rights on t-shirts. The Company agreed to discontinue production and advertising of the subject shirts, but advised us that there are many more companies out there on the market doing the same thing.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

The collection in the amount of \$18.00 was taken and the meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer. The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held on April 15, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

**Respectfully submitted, Bernie G., Recording Secretary**