

**BOARD OF REGENTS  
MEETING OF MARCH 21, 2015**

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

Present: Bob W., Mike S., Calvin C., Steve F., Doug E., Woodie H. and Karen H.,  
International Executive Secretary.

Present by Telephone: Betty S., Arnie B.

Absent: Valerie D.

Pat S., first on the replacement list was also present.

The Chairman has stated that he will only vote to break ties.

- A. The minutes of the February 21, 2015 Board of Regents meeting were read and approved with one exception which was to expand the description of New Business item B (Section A first page) to be “New Business item B - Discuss By-Laws Article XVI-Budget (expanding annual revenue budget from one line item to multiple line items)”.

The Roll call vote stays the same from Feb 21, 2015:

<u>For - 1</u>	<u>Against - 4</u>	<u>Abstained - 2</u>
Doug E.	Calvin C. Betty S. Woodie H. Mike S.	Bob W. Valerie D.

Motion (to clarify ‘Item B’) seconded and passed  
For – 7                      Against – 0                      Abstained - 0

- B. The operating statement for February 2015 was read and approved.

Motion seconded and passed  
For – 7                      Against – 0                      Abstained - 0

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. LIFELINERS**

There were 5 new Lifeliners as follows:

California - 1    New Jersey - 1    New York - 2    Ohio - 1

**NEW CANS – Florida -1**

**GROUP INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS RECEIVED.**

Sioux City, IA (Registration Only)

Campobasso, Italy (Registration Only)

Modugno, Italy (Registration Only)

Santa Maria Capua Vetere, Italy (Registration Only)

Terracina, Italy (Registration Only)

GROUP INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS RECEIVED PRIOR TO SENDING STARTER KITS.

Eight Starter Kits were sent as follows after receiving the Group Information Request Forms for the month of February:

Irvine, CA	Louisville, CO	Mount Pleasant, MI	Kalispell, MT
Shiprock, NM	Fredericton, NB	West Orange, NJ	Vacoas, Mauritius

PRISON STARTER KITS SENT: 0

B. RESPONSIBILITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR I.E.S. HIRING PROCEDURES.

Karen H. received legal input from Benni F., updated the prior month draft accordingly and sent the Board of Regents the revised draft on March 19<sup>th</sup>. The document was discussed and it was decided that a revision date would be put on the document. There was a motion made to approve the document as is, with the revision date added.

Motion seconded and passed

For – 6          Against – 0          Abstained - 1

The roll call votes are as follows:

<u>For - 6</u>	<u>Against - 0</u>	<u>Abstained - 1</u>
Calvin C.		Doug E.
Betty S.		
Woodie H.		
Mike S.		
Bob W.		
Arnie B.		

C. DISCUSS ADDITION TO G.A. BY-LAWS FOR DONATIONS.

Bob W. and Betty S. prepared and presented a By-Laws amendment that would enable the International Service Office (I.S.O.) to accept donations from family and friends of Gamblers Anonymous members in memory of members that have passed away.

The By-Law addition reads as follows:

Article XVIII to become Article XIX and new Article XVIII labeled Donations

**Article XVIII Donations**

Although the Guidance Code states Groups are self supporting and do not take outside donations the International Service Office (I.S.O.) can accept donations from family and friends of Gamblers Anonymous Members in memory of members that have passed away.

Steve F., Chairman of the B.O.R. read an email from the Trustees from Area 18, regarding their concerns of the I.S.O. allowing outside donations. The B.O.R. discussed this in length, and whether or not it is a violation of the Unity Program. It was determined that it was not a violation because the I.S.O. is not considered a Group. There was a motion made to approve the new By-Law change as read.

Motion seconded and passed  
For – 6                      Against – 1                      Abstained - 0

The roll call votes are as follows:

<u>For - 6</u>	<u>Against - 1</u>	<u>Abstained - 0</u>
Calvin C.	Doug E.	
Betty S.		
Woodie H.		
Mike S.		
Bob W.		
Arnie B.		

The above item will now go before the Board of Trustees for approval.

**D. CEASE AND DESIST LETTER REGARDING “WORLDWIDE GA PHONE STEP MEETING”.**

The B.O.R. discussed and confirmed that the use of the “G.A.” logo and name was no longer being used to reference the “Worldwide Phone Step Meeting”.

The B.O.R. asked Karen H. to send a letter to Gary S., via U.S. Mail, rescinding the Cease and Desist order issued on Feb 24, 2014. There was a motion made to move forward with this.

Motion seconded and passed  
For – 7                      Against – 0                      Abstained - 0

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. REVIEW G.A. LITERATURE INVENTORY.**

Karen H., with the help of the I.S.O. employees provided a comprehensive inventory report by product that indicated the inventory on hand, as of March 10, 2015 was valued at \$68,927.04.

**B. DISCUSS POSSIBLE UPDATED PHONE SYSTEM.**

The existing phone system that the I.S.O. has in place is working fine. No further action is necessary at this time.

The collection in the amount of \$31.00 was taken and the meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer. The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held on April 18, 2015 at 9:30 A.M.

**Respectfully submitted by Doug E., acting for Valerie D., Recording Secretary as corrected by Steve F., Chairman**