

**BOARD OF REGENTS
MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2017**

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

Present: Bernie G., John C., Mike S., Pat S., Steve F., Woodie H. and Karen H.,
International Executive Secretary.

Present by Telephone: Bill B., and Leanne W.

Absent: Peter A.

A. The minutes of the February 18, 2017 Board of Regents meeting were read and approved.

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

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

A. LIFELINERS

There were 3 new Lifeliners as follows:

California – 1 Florida – 1 New Mexico – 1

NEW CANS - 1

There was one new Can.

Colorado - 1

GROUP INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS RECEIVED – 2

Omaha, NE (REGISTRATION ONLY)

Henderson, NV (REGISTRATION ONLY)

**GROUP INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS RECEIVED PRIOR TO SENDING
STARTER KITS - 2**

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

Anaheim, CA Montreal, QC

PRISON STARTER KITS SENT: None

B. FINANCIAL SOFTWARE UPDATE.

Karen H. reported that Luz is still inputting data (Groups and Cans) and completed January's financial. Karen spoke with our accountants and they will be coming in May to train the I.S.O. staff on all levels, to prepare them for the July 1st, 2017 target of

implementing QuickBooks. Bill B. expressed his thoughts about the process and what needs to be done. He suggested bringing in a specialist to help with the transition. There was a discussion about how to expedite the process to make sure we will remain on pace for the target date of July 1st, 2017. Karen will ask Luz to continue inputting all the Groups and Cans. Steve F. offered to come in to the I.S.O and help with any part of the process.

C. E-READERS FOR COMBO BOOKS.

John C. made the report and stated that he is currently working with only Nook at the moment, as we are still awaiting our limited use credit card, to open up the account with Amazon/Kindle. He was able to convert the Yellow Combo Book to a PDF and it will be uploaded and available next month.

D. LIMITED USE CREDIT CARD.

Karen H. reported that all the information and forms were sent to Bank of America and we received an Approval Letter with a credit line of \$1,000.00. However, we did not receive the actual cards yet. We are still waiting on them to arrive, and once we receive, we can move forward with setting up the E-Reader on the Amazon/Kindle platform.

E. LIFE-LINE BULLETIN PAGE & MONTHLY/YEARLY COUNTER.

Bill B. made the report and told the Board of Regents that he spoke with David M. and discussed the feasibility of using a Google Counter. That could be a viable option. A discussion ensued about the reasons for having a counter, and what we would do with the information once we had it. Some of the reasons were for curiosity, others were to find out how many of our members are actually reading it, now that it is electronic. Steve F. asked if the B.O.R. had the authority to make that change or add that feature, without the approval of the B.O.T., and John C. stated that he would discuss that with Andy R., who is the Chairman of the B.O.T. It was also mentioned about the feasibility of sending out the Bulletin electronically to all Intergroups, so that it could be sent out with local information.

F. REPORT FROM THE FUTURE PLANNING COMMITTEE.

Bill B. made the report and stated that the committee met twice in March and reviewed all four paid employee's positions and focused primarily on their specific duties as it relates to QuickBooks. They also talked about how checks were going to be prepared, going from the old "peg-board" system to the new system, making sure they would be ready for the July 1st target date. Bill B. asked Karen approximately how many calls she receives per week from both G.A. members and those just seeking help, and others, and it was mentioned that approximately 100 calls are received each week, approximately 50% for help, 25% from G.A. members and 25% that are non-member inquiries.

Starting July 1, 2017, all of the various donations will be reported in the Bulletin for the previous month. As an example, all donations for the month of June will be reported in the next month's Bulletin.

Inventory control, elimination of handwritten and typewritten information will be replaced with QuickBooks.

The last note is that Steve F. will no longer be on the committee due to work obligations, but will remain in an advisory capacity to the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

A. GUIDANCE CODE ITEMS FOR CHERRY HILL AGENDA.

John C., Chairman, told the Board of Regents that in conjunction with By-Laws items that were voted on in February, there were also Guidance Code items that needed to be added to the Cherry Hill Agenda as well. Those items were put onto the agenda by Peter A. and will be discussed at the April B.O.R. meeting, when we review the entire Agenda for the Cherry Hill Trustee Meeting.

B. LETTER TO LIFE-LINE BULLETIN.

John C., Chairman, told the B.O.R. that he sent a letter regarding the financial status of Gamblers Anonymous to Karen H. for inclusion into the Life-Line Bulletin. The information was taken from the monthly financial reports that have been reviewed by the B.O.R. each month.

C. BRINGING IN AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT.

There was a brief discussion about bringing in an outside consultant to help with the transition to QuickBooks, before the accountants come in May. There were no motions, but it was noted that the I.S.O. will do everything it can to insure we are on pace for the July 1st target date.

The collection in the amount of \$21.00 was taken and the meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer at 10:57 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held April 15, 2017 at 9:30 A.M.

Today's Board of Regents meeting had 4 people call in and listen.

Respectfully submitted by Steve F., Assistant Recording Secretary