

**BOARD OF REGENTS
MEETING OF APRIL 16, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 A.M. by Steve F., Chairman Board of Regents.

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

Present by Telephone: Bill B. and Leanne W. and Peter A.

Absent: Mike S.

A. The minutes of the March 19, 2016 Board of Regents meeting were read and approved.

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

B. The operating statement for March 2016 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 Nevada - 1

NEW CANS

There was 1 new Can as follows:

Oklahoma - 1

GROUP INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS RECEIVED – 4

Anaheim, CA (Registration only)

Billings, MT - 2 (Registration only)

San Antonio, TX (Registration only)

GROUP INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS RECEIVED PRIOR TO SENDING STARTER KITS – 11

Eleven Starter Kits were sent out as follows after receiving the Group Information Request Form for the month of March:

Keaau, HI	St. Louis, MO	Las Vegas, NV	Bonanza, OR
Lancaster, PA	Farmers Branch, TX	New Holstein, WI	Vegreville, AB
Ottawa, ON	Owens Sound, ON	s-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands	

Prison Starter Kits Sent out as follows: 2

FORT DODGE, IA PRINCE ALBERT, SK

B. LIFE-LINE BULLETIN.

Karen H. has been in contact with the committee. The on-line date for the Life-Line Bulletin will be May 20, 2016. On future issues of the Bulletins (online and paper copies via subscriptions) there will be no personal email addresses or personal phone numbers

associated with the contact information, other than generic email addresses, websites or the I.S.O. phone number or email address. A letter will be sent out stating that fact. Additionally, the committee will remain in effect for the next 6 months and help coordinate mailings to the Groups notifying them of the change in procedures.

C. OFFICE LEASE.

Bill B. stated that the committee has retained a real estate agent to negotiate for the I.S.O. The committee feels that we have a fair market rate. The landlords have made a counter offer. The Committee has been given authority to negotiate and execute a lease for the I.S.O. This will be a standing agenda item until a new lease is executed.

D. DISCUSS CONFLICT BETWEEN BY-LAWS AND GUIDANCE CODE REGARDING BUDGET & EXPENDITURES.

Bill B. read G.A. By-Laws, page 10, Section 1, Article XIII & G.A. Guidance Code, Section 8, Article XVI. He pointed out the conflict between the two sections. A discussion ensued. This item will be discussed at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

A. REVIEW TRUSTEE AGENDA.

Here are the items discussed, reviewed and voted on:

AGENDA ITEM #1:

Rules and Procedures, 9. Confidential Trustee Listing
Remove "Chair of the Board of Regents"

Current Version: The Confidential Trustee Listing, published by the International Service Office, is only available to current members of the Board of Trustees, officers of the Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Board of Regents, International Executive Secretary, and all Board of Trustees committee chairs and co-chairs. The International Service Office will maintain a listing of Trustees' personal addresses, which may be used in the event of a Mail Meeting. These street addresses are not to be included on the published version.

Proposed Version: The Confidential Trustee Listing, published by the International Service Office, is only available to current members of the Board of Trustees, officers of the Board of Trustees, International Executive Secretary, and all Board of Trustees committee chairs and co-chairs. The International Service Office will maintain a listing of Trustees' personal addresses, which may be used in the event of a Mail Meeting. These street addresses are not to be included on the published version.

For – 0 Against – 7 Abstained – 1

There was a roll call vote as follows:

<u>For - 0</u>	<u>Against - 7</u>	<u>Abstained -1</u>
	Bernie G.	Bill B.
	John C.	
	Leanne W.	
	Pat S.	
	Peter A.	
	Steve F.	
	Woodie H.	

AGENDA ITEM #3:

Rules and Procedures, Change #20, Second Point, Who may attend a Trustee Meeting

Current Version: All sessions of a Trustee Meeting shall be open to all G.A. members.

Proposed Version: All sessions of a Trustee Meeting shall be open to all G.A. members, with the exception of items affecting the Corporation of G.A. as a whole, as determined by the executive board of the Board of Trustees. These sessions will only be opened to members of the executive board, to current members of the Board of Trustees, to current members of the Board of Regents and to the International Executive Secretary.

For – 8 Against – 0 Abstained – 0

AGENDA ITEM #29:

I.S.O. Procedures

Proposal: To organize delivery of monthly bulletin via Trustees by email.

For – 0 Against – 8 Abstained – 0

AGENDA ITEM #30:

I.S.O. Procedures

The Life-Line Bulletin is G.A. appropriate literature. Any changes in form or content is under the supervision/direction of the International Executive Secretary, as editor of the publication.

For – 8 Against – 0 Abstained – 0

AGENDA ITEM #31:

I.S.O. Procedures

Information or singular event documents issued by the I.S.O., BOT Committees and/or Intergroups are deemed as G.A. appropriate material, providing they are in compliance with the Guidance Code and any previous decisions of the Board of Trustees, and they are clearly marked as to the source.

For – 8 Against – 0 Abstained – 0

AGENDA ITEM #33:

By-Laws, Article XVI – Budget

Add new section 2

Until such time as the Corporation’s income exceeds its expenses by the amount required to pay for employees’ health care insurance and matching retirement plan contributions, no such payments shall be made.

For – 0 Against – 8 Abstained – 0

AGENDA ITEM #34:

By-Laws, Article XVII – Order of Business, Section 2

Add... “telephonically or electronically” to the first sentence

Passed 1st vote in Cancun

Current Version: At all meetings of the Regents of the Corporation, the order of business, except when otherwise determined by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Regents present in person, shall be:

- (A) Election of officers (if required)
- (B) A reading of the minutes of the previous meeting
- (C) Report of officers
- (D) Consideration of budget (if required)
- (E) Old Business
- (F) New Business

Proposed Version: At all meetings of the Regents of the Corporation, the order of business, except when otherwise determined by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Regents present in person, or telephonically or electronically shall be:

- (A) Election of officers (if required)
- (B) A reading of the minutes of the previous meeting
- (C) Report of Officers
- (D) Consideration of budget (if required)
- (E) Old Business
- (F) New Business

For – 8 Against – 0 Abstained – 0

AGENDA ITEM #35

By-Laws, Article XVIII – Amendments, Section 1.

Change Wording

Current Version: Any proposed amendment to the By-Laws must first be approved by the Board of Regents. Such proposed amendments shall require a favorable vote of not less than six (6) members of the Board of Regents to adopt any amendment of these By-Laws. The Recording Secretary will include any proposed amendments in the Board of Regents which are published each month. Subsequent to this, the item must be approved by the Board of Trustees in accordance with literature change procedures as outlined in the Guidance Code.

Proposed Version: Any agenda item to be proposed at an upcoming Board of Trustees meeting that directly affects either the By-Laws, I.S.O. or the functions of the I.S.O. must be discussed by the Board of Regents prior to the Board of Trustees meeting. The Board of Regents Chair or an assigned representative of the Board of Regents will speak on such items at the Board of Trustees meeting to convey the thoughts of the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents Chair or assigned representative will then convey the discussion and the resulting votes to the Board of Regents at their next scheduled meeting. If the item passed at the Board of Trustees meeting, the Board of Regents will take a vote on that item and that vote shall be recorded in the minutes. If the proposed change is to the By-Laws, then that vote shall require a favorable vote of not less than six (6) members of the Board of Regents.

For – 4 Against – 4 Abstained – 0

There was a roll call vote as follows:

<u>For - 4</u>	<u>Against - 4</u>	<u>Abstained – 0</u>
John C.	Bernie G.	
Leanne W.	Bill B.	
Pat S.	Peter A.	
Steve F.	Woodie H.	

AGENDA ITEM #38:

Committee Related

Approval of “Towards 90 Days” and “Beyond 90 Days” CDs currently being sold on the I.S.O. website to be converted to MP3 format and sold on the I.S.O. website as a downloadable file.

*No Vote taken on this agenda item as approximate costs to implement this type of format has not been received.

AGENDA ITEM #39:

Committee Related

Approval of the pamphlet Questions and Answers about Gambling literature recorded as MP3 audio file format and sold on the I.S.O. website as a downloadable file.

*No Vote taken on this agenda item as approximate costs to implement this type of format has not been received.

AGENDA ITEM #40

Committee Related

Approval of the pamphlet Suggestions for Coping with Urges to Gambling literature recorded as MP3 audio file format and sold on the I.S.O. website as a downloadable file.

*No Vote taken on this agenda item as approximate costs to implement this type of format has not been received.

AGENDA ITEM #68:

Guidance Code, Article XIII – Board of Regents, Section 8
Rewrite Section.

Current Version: Expenditures by the Board of Regents should be limited to \$2,500.00, except for approved Gamblers Anonymous literature. All expenditures other than these, if the Board of Trustees objects by a majority vote, no money should be spent for that particular item. Board of Trustees time to notify the Board of Regents is sixty (60) days.

Proposed Version: Any expenditure by the Board of Regents will be limited to \$2,500.00, except for approved Gamblers Anonymous literature and normal operating expenses as outlined in the budget. Any other item must first be approved by a majority vote by the Board of Trustees.

For – 1 Against – 7 Abstained – 0

There was a roll call vote as follows:

<u>For - 1</u>	<u>Against - 7</u>	<u>Abstained -0</u>
Steve F.	Bernie G.	
	Bill B.	
	John C.	
	Leanne W.	
	Pat S.	
	Peter A.	
	Woodie H.	

AGENDA ITEM #69:

Guidance Code, Article XVI – International Executive Secretary of I.S.O., Section 5

Current: The International Executive Secretary shall be responsible to publish a monthly Gamblers Anonymous Bulletin and distribute (via US Mail, email, or other secured means) copies of same to each group in our fellowship. Number of copies sent to each group shall be set by the Board of Regents.

Proposed Version: The International Executive Secretary shall be responsible to publish a monthly Gamblers Anonymous Bulletin and to distribute the Bulletin using economical and efficient methods approved by the Board of Regents and in compliance with the Guidance Code.

For – 8 Against – 0 Abstained – 0

AGENDA ITEM #70:

Guidance Code, Article XVI, International Executive Secretary of I.S.O., Section 5

Current Version: The International Executive Secretary shall be responsible to publish a monthly Gamblers Anonymous Bulletin and distribute (via US Mail, email, or other secured means) copies of same to each group in our fellowship. Number of copies sent to each group shall be set by the Board of Regents.

Proposed Version:

1. The International Executive Secretary shall be responsible for publishing a monthly Gamblers Anonymous Bulletin.
2. The monthly Gamblers Anonymous Bulletin shall be distributed in one, or more, of the following methods: US Mail, email, posting on the Trusteewebsite, or such other method as may be approved by the Board of Regents
3. All Lifeliners shall be given the option to (1) receive the monthly Gamblers Anonymous Bulletin by US Mail, (2) by email, or (3) not to receive it directly.

For – 0 Against – 8 Abstained – 0

B. DISCUSS FINANCIAL SOFTWARE.

Peter A. reviewed preliminary pricing, software options and timing to bring an accounting system/software to the I.S.O. The goal would be to have a new account program in place and have the employees at the I.S.O. trained to use it by June of 2017, and fully implement the new software for fiscal year 2018. Peter A. indicated this would require significant work from the Board of Regents and I.S.O. management and suggested a committee, which would include Karen H., to do further planning and research. A committee was formed that included: Peter A., John C., Leanne W. and Karen H. The committee will provide an update next month.

C. REVIEW YEAR TO DATE SPREAD SHEET & INVENTORY.

Peter A. reviewed the year to date spread and inventory with the rest of the Board. He has been gathering this monthly data and inventory information to help develop a more accurate method for tracking results and creating a budget. He pointed out that we are spending more than we are taking in. Karen H. pointed out that, with the new prices for literature, we will be showing an increase in income.

After closing the meeting, it was re-opened in a closed session to discuss item # 53 on the Board of Trustees agenda.

AGENDA ITEM #53:

Other Literature

Discussion regarding prominent issues regarding “Guidance and Procedures for Handling Situations of Abuse and Harassment in the Gamblers Anonymous Fellowship” and determine the appropriateness of the pamphlet.

There was no vote taken on this item since it was only a discussion item. The Board of Regents talked about our position on the pamphlet and what we wanted to discuss in Phoenix on this agenda item.

The collection in the amount of \$21.00 was taken and the meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer at 12: 02 P.M. The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held May 21, 2016 at 9:30 A.M.

Today’s Board of Regents meeting had five people call in and listen.

Respectfully submitted by Pat S., Recording Secretary