

**BOARD OF REGENTS
MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2018**

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

Present: Bernie G., Bob W., John C., Tom M., Wendy B. and Karen H.
International Executive Secretary.

Present by Telephone: Betty B., Herb B. and Richard C.

Absent: Calvin C.

Bob W. reminded everyone that recordings of these meetings are not permitted.

A. The minutes of the March 17, 2018 Board of Regents meeting were approved as submitted.

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

B. The operating statement for March 2018 was approved as submitted.

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

OLD BUSINESS

A. LIFELINERS

There were 4 new Lifeliners as follows:

California – 1 Florida – 1 New York – 1 Oregon - 1

NEW CANS

There were no new Cans.

REGISTRATION ONLY GROUP INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS RECEIVED: 1
1 from Ocean, NJ

**GROUP INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS RECEIVED PRIOR TO SENDING
STARTER KITS: 3**

3 Starter Kits were sent as follows after receiving the Group Information Request Forms:
Newburyport, MA, Lincoln City, OR and Pflugerville, TX

PRISON STARTER KITS SENT: There was 1 Prison Starter Kit sent to Pekin, IL.

B. MP3 RECORDINGS.

Three pieces of literature will be available as MP3 audio files through the Gamblers Anonymous online store as well as the Order Form. They are Beyond 90 Days, Towards 90 days and Suggestions for Coping With Urges to Gamble.

Motion was made that the audio prices for these three pieces of literature will be the same as the written versions and be available by June 1, 2018.

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

C. COMPLIANCE AUDIT.

A copy of the compliance audit letter was distributed to all Board members from our attorney as follows:

Based upon the review of relevant documents provided by G.A.I.S.O. or obtained from government agency websites and, as of the date of this letter, Gamblers Anonymous is in compliance with its filing obligations with the Internal Revenue Service and the California Franchise Tax Board, Secretary of State and Registry of Charitable Trusts.

D. PRESSURE RELIEF PAMPHLETS.

All Board members have reviewed the attorneys recommendations for the Pressure Relief Pamphlet and Flyer. A motion was made that the Board of Regents would follow all recommendations that the attorney has submitted.

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. REVIEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA.

The following items from the Board of Trustee Agenda were discussed:

40. Discussion Item

Would it be both beneficial and cost-effective for Gamblers Anonymous to add GPS functionality to its website so that new members and members in crisis could click the “US Meetings” link without adding additional information and a map of meetings would come up on the caller’s mobile phone based on its location? This is a technology most businesses are already using.

This item was discussed by Board members but not voted on.

44. By-Laws – Article III – Section 6 – Directors

Add “...under special circumstances...”

Current version: Five (5) members of the Board of Regents shall constitute a quorum. The Board of Regents does not acknowledge proxies in any form. If a Board member resides within 200 miles from the International Service Office, physical attendance constitutes presence. For those residing outside of 200 miles a physical, telephonic or video conferencing attendance constitutes presence. A maximum of four (4) Regents residing outside of 200 miles of the International Service Office who do not physically attend meetings can be seated at one time.

Proposed version: Five (5) members of the Board of Regents shall constitute a quorum. The Board of Regents does not acknowledge proxies in any form. If a Board member resides within 200 miles from the International Service Office, physical attendance constitutes presence. For Board members residing within 200 miles, telephonic or video conferencing will constitute presence, Under special circumstances (**Bold**) if approved by a majority of the Board members in physical attendance. For those residing outside of

200 miles a physical, telephonic or video conferencing attendance constitutes presence. A maximum of four (4) Regents residing outside of 200 miles of the International Service Office who do not physically attend meetings can be seated at one time.

45. By-Laws – Article III – Section 7 – Directors

Add “...under special circumstances...”

Current Version: A Regent is automatically removed from office on missing two (2) consecutive regular board meetings or when any Regent has missed four (4) regular meetings during their two (2) year term inclusive of the mandatory June meeting immediately following the election of the Board of Regents, or for not maintaining regular attendance at G.A. meetings as prescribed by the Guidance Code.

Proposed Version: A Regent is automatically removed from office on missing two (2) consecutive regular board meetings or when any Regent has missed four (4) regular meetings during their two (2) year term inclusive of the mandatory June meeting immediately following the election of the Board of Regents, or for not maintaining regular attendance at G.A. meetings as prescribed by the Guidance Code. Under special circumstances (BOLD) absence from a Board meeting may be excused by a majority vote of the Board members in attendance.

46. Article VI – Voting – Section 2 – 1st Sentence

Replace the word conference with Board of Trustees Meeting

Current version: The Board of Regents of this Corporation shall be elected every two (2) years by the Board of Trustees at the Spring Conference. The term of office shall be for a period of two (2) years commencing July 1 of the odd years and ending June 30 of the next odd year.

Proposed version: The Board of Regents of this Corporation shall be elected every two (2) years by the Board of Trustees at the Spring Board of Trustees Meeting. The term of office shall be for a period of two (2) years commencing July 1 of the odd years and ending June 30 of the next odd year.

47. By-Laws – Article VI – Voting – Section 6 – 1st Section

Replace the word Conference with Board of Trustees Meeting

Current version: Sealed ballots will remain unopened in the “BALLOT” envelope, and will be handed to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees during the first session of the Trustee meeting of the Spring Conference.

Proposed version: Sealed ballots will remain unopened in the “BALLOT” envelope, and will be handed to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees during the first session of the Trustee meeting of the Spring Board of Trustees Meeting.

60. Guidance Code – Article XX – Amendments – Section V

Replace entire paragraph

Current Version: The Guidance Code shall be reprinted, at least every other year, if any change has been made. Copies shall be sent to all Gamblers Anonymous groups, each member of the Board of Trustees and each member of the Board of Regents.

Proposed Version: The Guidance Code shall never be printed. Copies of the Guidance Code shall be sent to all Gamblers Anonymous groups, each member of the Board of Trustees and each member of the Board of Regents every 2 years unless no changes have been made.

The Board is in agreement with items 44, 45, 46, 47 and 60.

B. APPROVE EXPENSE FOR CHAIR TO ATTEND THE CANCUN BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING.

Motion was made to approve \$1,200.00 for Chairman expenses for the Cancun Board of Trustee Meeting.

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

C. APPROVE INSURANCE POLICY FOR THE B.O.T. MEETING TO HELD IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA IN OCTOBER 2018.

Motion was made to approve Special Event Insurance in the amount of \$259.55

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

The collection in the amount of \$48.00 was taken and the meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer at 10:45A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held on May 19, 2018 at 9:30 A.M.

Today's Board of Regents meeting had 1 person call in and listen.

Respectfully submitted by Wendy B., Recording Secretary