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BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING OF MAY 25, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Benni F., Chairman Board of Regents at 7:30 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{P.M.}}$

Present: Benni F., Bob W., Lanny R., Phil K., Tom L., Steve K. and Karen H., International Executive Secretary.

Present by Telephone: Allan S. and Arnie B.

Absent: Tom P.

1- A. The minutes of the Board of Regents meeting of April 20, 2007 were read and approved. Motion seconded and passed For-7 Against-0 Abstained-0

B. The Operating Statement for April 2007 was read and approved. Motion seconded and passed For-7 Against-0 Abstained-0

2-OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion on Lifeliners. There were 13 new Lifeliners as follows: California - 6, Massachusetts - 1, New Jersey - 1, New York - 1, Oregon - 1, Pennsylvania - 1, Wisconsin - 1 and Canada - 1.
There were 2 new Cans, one each from California and Pennsylvania.
10 Starter Kits were sent out in April including none going to prisons and we had 10 new Group Information Forms received back as follows: 1 each from Morris, Illinois; Springfield, Illinois; St. Peters, Massachusetts; Florissant, Missouri; Portland, Oregon; Pierre, South Dakota; Snohomish, Washington; Halifax, Nova Scotia; Cold Lake, Alberta and Paris, France.

B. G.A. Name and Logo. The I.S.O. has signed the paperwork to acquire gamblersanonymous.com. The Board of Regents would like to remind all Trustees to notify their groups that the G.A. Logo is not to be used on any websites or any other items.

C. Hotline. A report from Gary S., Hotline Chairman was read and is enclosed as follows:

BOR REPORT - MAY 2007 -888-GA-HELPS

Please note 3 new areas joining 888-GA-HELPS this month and 8 total new area's since the BOR approval to move forward. I thank you all for your belief and support.

I called the National Compulsive Gambling Counsel in Washington DC and the next bulletin is schedule for an August release. Keith White, the National Director, said he will do a full story and will release the number to all of their offices. I believe the timing will work for all of the Areas that have a discussed coming on the system in the next couple of months.

I have been in touch with two 411-information broker houses to inform them as well. I have to write them a letter to confirm our number. I will have that done in June.

Just this week, I was able to track down the media company that handles most of the telephone directories throughout the country. At the time of this report I am trying to find the correct department to discuss 888-GA-HELPS and for them to list our number.

Being that the BOT has approved the PR MEDIA AWARENESS campaign I will find another media company besides the one I had originally discussed. Hopefully, I will have the proper proposals for the BOR June meeting. My goal would be to have a campaign ready to roll out for the start of the Football season.

This is a process that was part of my AWARENESS campaign. Doing the Chicago

BOT meeting several trustees had indicated that they have some suggestion as well. I welcome all to contact me.

I had a discussion with one trustee that had indicated some concern that I had too much control and if something were to happen to me the whole helpline would go down. CLEARLY, this is a misunderstanding of my position. I had built the system with Erlang to give the true power to each area. They are in total control, where it should be. Each area does not affect one another or the National number. However, 888-GA-HELPS grows stronger with each that joins. Let alone the caller that needs our help.

Now for some numbers:

Jan 2611 calls Feb 3490 calls March 2658 April 3032 calls

YTD 11791 calls

I am working with Steve Zimmers for a better detail report.

In closing, I would like to thank Bennie F and the entire BOR for their support. All of you should feel very proud making in 888-GA-HELPS a reality.

Yours truly,

Gary S., 888-GA-HELPS

D. Website Revision. A meeting was held in Chicago with Denis M., David M., Benni F., Bob W. and Karen H. in attendance. It was decided that David M. would get a second quote on the website revision.

3-NEW BUSINESS

A. Results of the Board of Regents election. Those elected for the 2007 - 2008 term in alphabetical order are as follows: Bob W., Chris G., Daryl R. (Michigan), Gary G., John C., Lanny R., Liz N. (Las Vegas), Steve K. and Tom P. Allan S. is first on the replacement list for the out of town electees and Samuel F. is first on the replacement list for the others.

B. Report on the Trustees Meeting. Several of the literature changes passed the second vote. The item to change the Board of Regents term to 2 years failed. The Board of Trustees approved a fund of up to \$1,000.00 to promote the National Hotline number. September was approved as National Walk-A-Thon month. Houston, Texas was awarded the Fall 2008 Conference and Kansas City, Missouri was awarded Spring 2009.

C. Review Paid Employees Salaries. It was decided that all employees were doing a superb job and merit increases were given to all. All employees were given this increase by votes of 7 - 0 with the exception of Israel where the vote was 6 - 0 with Arnie B. abstaining.

D. Discuss Mailing a Flyer for the 50th Anniversary Conference. John C. requested a special flyer be added to all I.S.O. bulletin packets mailed from the Office. Since this flyer had nothing to do with the International Service Office it was decided not to do this since it would require extra work for the office staff and we did not want to set precedence.

E. Postage. New postage rates were discussed. We were informed that the minumum price to send a package overseas was \$37.00 from 1 - 20 pounds. Bob W. will investigate cheaper options if there are any.

F. Office Computers. One of the Office computers has gone out and the repairs were very excessive since the motherboard was defective. Bob W. volunteered to assist Karen H. in purchasing a new computer. A motion was made to purchase a new computer with the cost not to exceed \$500.00 Motion seconded and passed For-7 Against-0 Abstained-0

The collection in the amount of \$86.00 was taken and the meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer. The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held on June 15, 2007 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Bob W., Recording Secretary