

**BOARD OF REGENTS
MEETING OF MAY 16, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Bob W., Chairman Board of Regents at 7:30 P.M.

Present: Bob W., John C., Samuel F., Sassoun N., Steve K. and Karen H., International Executive Secretary.

Present by Telephone: Liz N. and Daryl R.

Absent: Chris G. and Gary G.

The Chairman announced that Gary G. had missed his 3rd meeting and would no longer be on the Board of Regents. Royce S. is next on the replacement list and will be notified.

1. A. The minutes of the Board of Regents meeting of April 18, 2008 were read and approved.

Motion seconded and passed
For...6 Against...0 Abstained...0

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- B. The Operating Statement for April 2008 was read and approved.

Motion seconded and passed
For...6 Against...0 Abstained...0

2-OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion on Lifeliners. There were 7 new Lifeliners as follows: California – 1; Kansas – 1; New Jersey – 1 and New York – 4.

There were 4 new Cans as follows: California – 1; Florida – 1; Ohio – 1 and South Dakota – 1.

18 Starter Kits were sent out in April including 1 going to prisons and we had 13 new Group Information Forms received back as follows: 1 each from Prescott, Arizona; Payson, Arizona; Redding, California; Amesbury, Massachusetts; Petoskey, Michigan; Libby, Montana; Hinton, Oklahoma; Salem, Oregon; Yankton, South Dakota; Chihuahua, Mexico; Asuncion, Paraguay and 2 from Indianapolis, Indiana.

B. National Hotline. The Hotline Committee reported that they expect to have four sealed bids to be reviewed by the Board of Regents for the June meeting. Any Trustees are welcome to attend this meeting where the bids will be opened and discussed. The bids will be taken to the Houston Trustee meeting with the suggestions of the Board of Regents and the Hotline Committee. It was also reported that last year at the time there were 22 of 40 Areas on the Hotline and now there are 26 with a 27th soon to join. The Hotline Committee also submitted the following report.

BOR REPORT – May 2008
888-GA-HELPS

We are on schedule for the quoting of the helpline contract. At the time of this report we are receiving the quotes back from two vendors, as well in the final negotiations with Erlang and Steven Zimmers. Back a while ago we had asked for input of possible vendors and Arnie W. from New Jersey had stepped up to the plate with a possible vendor in the consideration process.

We know this is a very important time in the history of 888-GA-HELPS and how it affects the areas that are on the current system. I am very proud of this committee and the BOR on how transparent this process has been and we'll keep doing our best. Like I have been stating since we started doing our monthly reporting in the ISO bulletin your input and suggestions are always welcome.

In the beginning the system was created for the areas and the person that is still suffering, to date we still believe in this. The areas are the true owners of the helpline and we are trying to write that into the new contract.

Now to my favorite part, THE NUMBERS, since our April report. We are over 2,255 more calls over 2007 and 5,827 calls over 2006, a 53% increase. Also the calls are continuing shifting over from the local to the national.

2006	2760	10,920
2007	April	TOTAL
Groups	3355	13,368
National	354	1,124
Total 07'	3709	14,492
2008	April	TOTAL

Groups	2842	11,938
National	1178	4,809
Total 08'	4020	16,747

On a personnel thought, I would like to thank all of you that I had met at the Portland conference and gave me words of encouragement. Also my thanks to the Portland conference committee and its area that made it one of the very best conferences I have been too. A truly enlightening experience!

As always, I thank the entire GA volunteer trustee community for the souls that they touch everyday and to our fellowship that has touched ours.

Gary S./888-GA-HELPS/BOR/Area 12

C. Printing of Spanish Literature. Beyond 90 Days has been translated and will be sent to the printer and ready for sale to the membership in approximately 8 weeks. The Day At A Time book is being translated by the publisher Hazelden and will be ready for sale in December of this year Hazelden has agreed to waive the \$4,200.00 as discussed at the Portland Trustee meeting if the International Service Office is willing to guarantee purchase of 1,000 copies a year for three years. This was agreed on and additional information will be available at the June Board of Regents meeting.

D. By-Laws and Rules & Procedures Changes Regarding Nominating Procedures for BOR.

Bylaw changes as follows:

Change Article V, Section 1 of the By-Laws from eighteen (18) to unlimited. This can be accomplished by replacing Article V, Section 1 with the following:

Any member of Gamblers Anonymous that has abstained completely from gambling for at least two (2) years and has attended Gamblers Anonymous meetings regularly - 39 meetings per year is eligible to submit their name along with a biography not to exceed 200 words and phone number (both optional). These biographies will be an attachment to the ballot. Any member that is presently a member of any other International Board of Gamblers Anonymous, but whose term ends on June 30, of the same year, is eligible to be included in the Board of Regents ballot; if their term has one more year to run, they must resign before submitting their name for the Board of Regents ballot.

Change Article VI, Section 1 of the By-Laws from eighteen (18) to unlimited. This can be accomplished by replacing Article VI, Section 1 with the following:

The International Executive Secretary of the Corporation, on or before March 1st of each year, shall submit in writing a ballot of all eligible members wishing to run for the Board of Regents. Previous service as Regent of the Corporation or as a Trustee of Gamblers Anonymous, total abstinence as of March 1st of that year, and home group of nominee shall be listed along side the name of each nominee.

Change Article VI, Section 3 shall be changed to:

The annual election of the Board of Regents shall be by written ballot. Each recognized Gamblers Anonymous meeting should be contacted by their area Trustee(s) so that the groups, at their option, have involvement in the voting process. Each Trustee, based on guidance from their groups and their personal knowledge, will be able to select no more than nine (9) proposed Regents from the list on the ballot.

These changes would also require a Guidance Code change to conform to the By-Laws. These changes will have to be made by the Board of Trustees.

Article XIII, Section 10 should be changed

Article XIII, Section 11 should be changed

Motion seconded and passed

For...4 Against...1 Abstained...1 (Steve K.)

Item 25 of the Standing Rules of the Corporation to be changed as follows. All Gamblers Anonymous members listed on the Board of Regents ballot will be listed alphabetically by first name and last initial.

Motion seconded and passed

For...5 Against...1 Abstained...0

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss Staffing of Office. Additional office help is needed and it was decided to move the part time employee Jason, who presently works 24 hours per week to full time with all benefits.

B. Review Paid Employees Salaries. All four paid employees were reviewed and all were unanimously given increases.

C. Discuss Washington Mutual CD That Just Matured. Rates from local banks were reviewed and a motion was made to keep the CD at Washington Mutual for an additional nine months.

Motion seconded and passed

For...6 Against...0 Abstained...0

The collection in the amount of \$19.00 was taken and the meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer. The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held June 20, 2008 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Steve K., Acting Recording Secretary