

**BOARD OF REGENTS
MEETING OF MAY 15, 2009**

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

Present: David W., John C., Mike M., Phil K., Steve K., Wendy B. and Karen H.,
International Executive Secretary.

Present by Telephone: Bill B. and Howie C.

Absent: Gary G.

Guests: Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair, Board of Trustees

1. A. The minutes of the Board of Regents meeting of April 17, 2009 were read and approved.

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

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- B. The Operating Statement for April 2009 was read and approved.

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

2-OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion on Lifeliners. There were 14 new Lifeliners as follows: 3 from California, 2 from Florida, 1 from Illinois, 1 from Maryland, 1 from Minnesota, 2 from New Jersey, 2 from New York, 1 from Texas and 1 from Nova Scotia.

There was 1 new Can received from Florida.

19 Starter Kits were sent out in April with none going to prisons and we had 14 new Group Information Forms received back as follows: 1 each from Menlo Park, California; Paradise, California; Wichita, Kansas; Palisade, Minnesota; Ithaca, New York; Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Bixby, Oklahoma; Spearfish, South Dakota; Dallas, Texas; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Dulwich Hill, New South Wales; Guilford, New South Wales; St. Mary's, New South Wales and Wollongong, New South Wales.

A graph was handed to Board members comparing 2008 & 2009 donations. 2009 donations are a little lower.

B. National Hotline. Hotline Committee has reviewed new contract and they are still discussing many of the items.

C. Review Year to Date Budget & Operations Receipts Report. Year to Date Budget & Operations Receipts Report was reviewed.

D. Bank and Tax I.D. Information for Groups & Intergroups. Karen contacted I.R.S. for guidance on bank and Tax I.D. issues. She is reviewing Publication 557 furnished by I.R.S. Further discussion tabled to next month.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Results of the Board of Regents Election. The results in alphabetical order are as follows: Allan S. (Chicago), Benni F., Dwight C., Eddie R., Gary S. (New Jersey) Gerry F., Howie C., Mike M., and Sassoun N. First on the replacement list from out of the 200 mile area is Jim A. from Chicago and first on the replacement list for within the 200 mile area is Jeff A.

B. Report on Trustees Meeting. Reviewed items that pertained to Board of Regents. A new Trustee Accommodation Fund has been established which will be administered by the International Service Office.

C. Discuss By-Law Changes.

- C1. Article VII, Section 3: Change to read: The Board of Regents, any officer or appointed officer of this Corporation, unequivocally will have no authority or power under any circumstance to add to, delete or change any work in ANY Gamblers Anonymous literature.

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

- C2. Article II, Section 1: Take out the 2nd sentence. Discussed and withdrawn.

- C3. Article Article XVI, Section 1: Change fifty dollars (\$50.00) to one hundred (\$100.00) Discussed and withdrawn.

- C4. Article III – Directors, Section 3: The term of office of Regents shall be one (1) year. Change to: The term of office of Regents shall be two (2) years. Five (5) Regents to be elected in odd years and four (4) Regents to be elected in even years.

The following By-Law change is for the first year when the length of term is changed) - At the first year of the new term election, the Regents elected in that year that have the most votes will serve for two (2) years and the next group will serve for one (1) year. For example, in an odd year the top five (5) to receive votes will be elected for 2 years and the next 4 would be elected for 1 year. If it is an even year, the top four (4) would serve for 2 years and the next five (5) for one (1) year. After the new term election takes place the first two (2) sentences in this section (above the line) will remain and the balance of this section, "3" will be removed. Thus, every other year we would replace either four (4) or five (5) Regents.

Motion seconded and failed*
For...4 Against...3 Abstained...1 (Bill B.)

*This was not passed due to required 6 votes (2/3 majority for By-Law changes)

D. Discuss Engaging A California Attorney for Non-Profits. Discussion was held to review tax and legal matters.

E. Discuss # of Bulletins Groups Outside U.S. Receive. Motion to mail maximum of 2 Bulletins to all registered G.A. groups.

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

F. Review Paid Employees Salaries. Letter from Karen was read as follows:

May 15, 2009

Dear Board of Regents Members:

I am writing this letter with the knowledge and support of the employees of the International Service Office; Israel, Lisa and Jason.

It is that time of year again, when the Board reviews the salaries of the Office employees. I am requesting that at the present time no salary increases be given. This does not mean that the employees haven't been working harder than ever, nor that they don't deserve a raise, it means that with the economy as it is these days and with our income not being quite as cooperative as our expenses, this just isn't the appropriate time to add additional costs to the operating expenses of the International Service Office. For the past ten months the bottom line of our Operating Statement has been decreasing and as of May 1, 2009 the "**Disbursements In Excess of Income Year To Date**" is - \$ 49,830.93 compared to last year as of May 1, 2008, which was "**Income in Excess of Disbursements Year To Date**" of + \$6,456.79. I believe the math speaks for itself.

The CPI for the past several years has been between 2 – 4 %, and this year it is at zero percent. Maybe in six months the economy will turn around and we will once again be in a better position to Review Salaries, or possibly even give yearly bonuses as we have in the past. With that being said, I would ask that the current Board defer this item to the incoming Board whose term begins July 1, 2009 for review when the timing is right.

Thank you for letting me read this letter and for your consideration of the same.

Sincerely,

Karen H.

International Executive Secretary

Motion to keep all employees salaries at same levels as Fiscal Year ending 6-30-2008.

Motion seconded and passed
For...5 Against...3 Abstained...0

G. Any Other New Business. Motion to roll over C.D. from Bank of the West that matures on 5/20/09 for \$76,969.60 at best rate available at an FDIC bank for either 6, 9 or 12 months.

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

The collection in the amount of \$19.00 was taken and the meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer. The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held on June 19, 2009 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Wendy B., Recording Secretary