

**BOARD OF REGENTS
MEETING OF MAY 28, 2010**

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

Present: Benni F., Eddie R., Gerry F., Mike M., Sassoun N., and Karen H., International Executive Secretary.

Present by Telephone: Allan S. and Gary S.

Absent: * Sean N.

Benni F. stated that Dwight C. has resigned for personal reasons.

Guests: Steve F., Trustee, Area 1

* Since this meeting had to be delayed one week due to the Kentucky International Conference, Sean N.'s absence is excused.

A. The minutes of the Board of Regents meeting of April 16, 2010 were read and approved.

Motion seconded and passed
For...7 Against...0 Abstained...0

B. The Operating Statement for April 2010 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: 10 from New Jersey, 2 from Illinois and 1 from Louisiana.

There were four new Cans as follows: 1 each from California, Utah, Nevada and Wisconsin.

26 Starter Kits were sent out in April (including one going to a prison in Dublin, California) as follows: 1 each to Hindsville, Arkansas; Russellville, Arkansas; Cerritos, California; Los Angeles, California; Vallejo, California; Lawrence, Massachusetts; St. Paul, Minnesota; Busby, Montana; Butte, Montana; Tonopah, Nevada; Rensselaer, New York; Dresden, Ohio; McClure, Ohio; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Sulphur, Oklahoma; La Grande, Oregon; Vermillion, South Dakota; Tacoma, Washington; Yakima, Washington; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Waukesha, Wisconsin; Gillette, Wyoming; Roushdy, Alexandria, Egypt; Mexico, D.F., Mexico and Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico.

17 new Group Information Forms were received back in April as follows: Anaheim, California; Fresno, California; Los Angeles, California; Thousand Palms, California; Vallejo, California; Aurora, Indiana; Butte, Montana; Reynoldsburg, Ohio; Columbus, Ohio; Sulphur, Oklahoma; Belle Fourche, South Dakota; Selah, Washington; Baraboo, Wisconsin; Cairo, Egypt; Sonora, Mexico; Mexico, D.F., Mexico and Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico.

B. Procedures for B .O.R. Replacements. Benni F. discussed the By-Law change that was proposed by Allan S. last month with Denis M., Chairman of the Board of Trustees, who said he approved of it. The following is the proposed change that will go to the Board of Trustees for their approval.

In the event an individual elected to the BOR is unable to fulfill that obligation for whatever reason, they will be replaced by the next highest vote getter from the election that was conducted by the BOT. If the BOR member is from outside the greater LA area, the replacement will be the next highest vote getter from outside the greater LA area. In either case, if the next vote-getter is not available to fulfill the balance of the term, it will automatically default to the next person in voting sequence. If there are no individuals available to fulfill the balance of the term, the BOR will submit to the BOT a list of names for the BOT to have a SPECIAL ELECTION to fulfill the term with that list going to the BOT within thirty (30) days and the SPECIAL ELECTION to be conducted within thirty (30) days to fill the vacancy. In the interim, the BOR will conduct their business meeting (s) as usual. The newly elected BOR member will serve out the balance of the vacated term.

C. Infringement of G.A.'s Intellectual Property. Response was received from Wheatmark, the publisher of the book "Gambling Recovery Working the Gamblers Anonymous Recovery Program" regarding the letter sent to them. They have pulled all copies of the book and are no longer publishing it. Karen read the response letter from the author of the book who will no longer include the name of Gamblers Anonymous in the book. The intended name of the book will be "Gambling Recovery: Working the 12-Step Recovery Program". The revised edition of the book will include the following disclaimer; "The Steps of the Recovery Program and the Unity Program and brief excerpts from Gamblers Anonymous® literature are reprinted with permission of Gamblers Anonymous International Service Office ("GA ISO"). Permission to reprint the Recovery Program, the Unity Program and excerpts from Gamblers Anonymous literature does not mean that GA ISO has reviewed or approved the contents of this publication, or that GA ISO necessarily agrees with the views expressed herein." The Board of Regents unanimously approved the above changes.

As far as the Facebook item is concerned all issues from previous months are being resolved.

And finally, Karen has sent a letter to a company regarding an infringement issue with selling a T-Shirt that has the Gamblers Anonymous name on it.

D. Revisit Conference Calls During B.O.R. Meetings. Benni moved to table this issue to the July Board of Regents meeting.

3-NEW BUSINESS

A. Results of the Board of Regents Election. The results in alphabetical order are as follows: Allan S. (Chicago), Ara H., Benni F., Bernie G., Eddie R., John C., Richard C. (Calgary) Russ M. and Sean N. First on the replacement list from out of the 200 mile area is Gary S. (New Jersey) and first on the replacement list for within the 200 mile area is Amir K.

B. Report on Trustee Meeting. Benni discussed pertinent information that took place during the Trustees meeting. The changes that took place by the Board of Trustees as to the Board of Regents will be discussed by the new Board of Regents in July of this year.

C. Review Paid Employees Salaries. Review of all employees took place and it was unanimously approved to raise the salaries of all four employees, Israel, Lisa, Jason and Karen H.

D. New Computer for I.E.S. Board of Regents voted to permit Karen H. to purchase a new computer since her computer has a virus and is over 9 years old.

The collection in the amount of \$10.00 was taken and the meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer. The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held June 18, 2010 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Sassoun N., Recording Secretary