

**BOARD OF REGENTS  
MEETING OF MAY 20, 2011**

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

Present: Ara H., Amir K., Benni F., Bernie G., John C., Russ M., Richard C. and Karen H., International Executive Secretary.

Present by telephone: Allan S.

Absent: None

Guests: None

A. The minutes of the Board of Regents meeting of April 15, 2011 were read and approved.

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

B. The Operating Statement for April 2011 was read and approved.

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

C. REVIEW BANK C.D.'S THAT ARE MATURING.

Two C.D.'s are maturing as follows:

12 month C.D. at Bank of the West matured today and a 9 month liquid C.D. tied to our checking account matures next week.

A motion was made to roll over both C.D.'s at the prevailing rate for the same term(s).

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. LIFELINERS**

There were 9 new Lifeliners as follows:

Arizona (1)	North Carolina (1)
California (1)	Virginia (1)
Florida (1)	Winnipeg, MB (1)
Minnesota (1)	Mexico (1)
New York (1)	

**NEW CANS:** No new cans this month.

**GROUP INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS RECEIVED: 2**

Bloomfield, NM (Already had the Starter Kit but never registered the group)

Erie, PA (Already had the Starter Kit but never registered the group)

**GROUP INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS RECEIVED PRIOR TO SENDING STARTER KITS: 8**

Eight Starter Kits were sent to the following after receiving their Group Information Request Forms during April:

San Diego, CA

Gardner, MA

Clitherall, MN

Keene, NY

Coatesville, PA

Laredo, TX (2)

Laguna, Philippines

**PRISON STARTER KITS SENT: 0**

**B. ISO WEBSITE**

Karen H. reported that the site is almost ready and should go live the week of June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Prior to the meeting, Karen H. demonstrated the “Home Page” and reported that the meeting locator is functioning satisfactorily when locating meetings by Zip Code or by City & State. The link to the local “Hot Line” number is also up and available.

Karen H. reported that Lisa from the I.S.O. has done a remarkable job inputting the International Meetings by country so that it will be user friendly when a requirement exists to locate a meeting group outside the United States. Alberta Province in Canada was used as a demonstration with totally acceptable results.

The shopping cart upgrades are moving along smoothly for the online purchasing of G.A. Literature. Automatic input of sales tax and shipping costs is in the process of being inputted and will be accomplished shortly.

**C. OFFICE LEASE**

A background review was presented by Karen H. and Benni F. noting that our current lease expires October 31, 2011.

Karen H. reported that a possible new location was reviewed by herself, along with committee members Bob W., Bernie G. and our Commercial Real Estate Agent. The site, located in Duarte, California meets all the basic requirements established by the committee, but will need some internal additions and upgrades including expansion of the office spaces and expansion of the heating and air conditioning for those spaces and some of the existing spaces. Our agent is presenting those requirements to the owners and awaiting their reply as to how it will affect the overall cost of the new site.

In the interim the committee will continue to research other potential sites so that we have a backup position should the negotiations for the Duarte site not develop as planned. It is desirable to have a finalized plan by the next Board of Regents meeting and in no case later than the July 2011 Board meeting. This deadline has been established so as to have renegotiating time available should it become necessary to extend our current lease.

### **3 – NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. RESULTS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS ELECTION.**

All incumbent Board members and new candidates running from the Southern California area were elected to the new two year term starting in July 2011 as follows: Bernie G., Bob W., John C., Marie R., Marty G., Russ M. and Tom L. There is no one on the replacement list from within the 200 mile radius. Members elected from outside the 200 mile radius are as follows: Arnie B., Chicago and Richard C., Calgary. Bill B. from Boynton Beach is first on the replacement list.

The revision of the B.O.R term of office to a two year term passed its second vote and goes into effect with the new Board to be seated July 1, 2011.

The new procedure for filling absences when no alternate is available was approved at the Cherry Hill Conference. As we currently have no alternates within the 200 mile radius, the new selection method for replacements to the Board of Regents will be implemented in July with the seating of the new Board. There is a strong likelihood that at least one alternate may need to be brought on the Board within the next 4 months.

#### **B. REPORT ON TRUSTEE MEETING**

Karen H. reported on the results from the Cherry Hill Spring Board of Trustee meeting held earlier in May 2011.

The sale of literature was the best ever.

The Trustee door collections for I.S.O. were excellent.

The Cherry Hill I.S.O. Walk-A-Thon brought in \$3,344.00 for a total to date of more than \$6,500.00.

The motion to only allow changes to the Combo Book every two years passed its second vote. This will result in a significant cost savings to G.A.

A motion at the conference to redistribute the 9 board member seats so as to have 5 within 200 miles of the I.S.O. and 4 outside the 200 mile radius passed a first vote.

Gamblers Anonymous new piece of literature, "Writing The Steps" has been approved and was introduced to the Board of Regents for ordering and pricing approval. Of the existing quotations for the new booklet the Board decided to purchase the booklet using the heavier stock paper which should improve its durability and authorized the purchase of 5,000. The Board also set the sale price at \$3.00 each. Motion passed unanimously.

### **C. REVIEW PAID EMPLOYEES SALARIES**

Karen H. made a presentation of the annual performance of each employee and a request for an annual salary review with some increased compensation if possible.

The Board of Regents unanimously authorized pay increases for the following employees: Israel, Jason and Lisa.

### **D. REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT**

Benni F., Chairman of the Board of Regents, requested that the Board consider a reimbursement to David M. for his out of pocket expenses when he reimbursed the Russian interpreter brought to the Eastern Conference to facilitate the visit of Trustees from Russia.

By way of background the Board was presented with the cost information that occurred by the interpreter and paid for by David M. While the Chairman of the Board of Trustees Expense Account will cover the hotel and registration for the interpreter, David M. was still out of pocket covering her lost pay from her regular job (5 days at \$140 per day) and several of her meals which were not part of the Conference registration package.

The Board of Regents voted unanimously to reimburse David M. in the amount of \$1,000.00 to cover these expenses. Along with the payment goes an advisory that future requests for payments of this type or other similar requests for a reimbursement must be made and approved in advance.

A collection in the amount of \$17.00 was taken and the meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer. The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held on June 17, 2011 at 7:30 P.M.

**Respectfully submitted Bernie G., Recording Secretary**