

**BOARD OF REGENTS
MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Bob W., Chairman Board of Regents at 7:35 P.M.

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

Present by Telephone: Daryl R.

Absent: Liz N. and Pat B.

Guests: Bill B., Grant M., Howie C., Phil K., Wendy B. and Ed E.

The Chairman announced that Royce S. was next on the replacement list and declined.
Pat B. was next and accepted but was too ill to attend the June Board of Regents meeting.

1. A. The minutes of the Board of Regents meeting of May 16, 2008 were read and approved.

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

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

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

2-OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion on Lifeliners. There were 6 new Lifeliners as follows: Arizona – 1;
California – 2; and New York – 3.

There was 1 new Can from Ohio.

15 Starter Kits were sent out in May including 1 going to prisons and we had 6 new
Group Information Forms received back as follows: 1 each from Apple Valley,
California; Cortez, Colorado; Thornton, Colorado; Deerfield Beach, Florida; Hinckley,
Minnesota; and Geneseo, New York.

B. National Hotline. There were three proposals received from the four vendors that
were solicited. The proposals were turned over to the Hotline committee. The Hotline
committee will review and suggest a vendor at the August Board of Regents meeting.
The Board of Regents will make a presentation at the Trustees meeting in Houston for
their review. Ed E., Trustee from Area 2 was at the opening of the proposals as Tom M.,
Chairman of the Board of Trustees, representative due to the fact that Tom was
recovering from surgery.

A letter from Gary S. was read as follows:

Dear Retiring BOR Chairman/Members and New members,

Humbly and very respectfully, I just wanted to take a moment and thank last years BOR and Bob. I know this has been a little tougher than what we all had expected. The commitment and dedication that all of you had, not only to the fellowship, but also o me and 888-GA-HELPS is very inspiring and made me feel as part of the BOR itself. As well as strengthen my faith in the process and to our program that saved my life.

I now know how it feels when the world is against you, but we have survived for the better and will enrich our lives.

Now for the New:

The BOR that is retiring has done a great job and you have some pretty big pants to fill. I have absolutely no question or doubt in my mind that all of you will shine. In my time in recovery this incoming BOR is the strongest I have seen. All of you are the core of what this fellowship has been built on – literally.

I say this from my heart and soul and not from any ego. I am a grain of sand on the beach in comparison.

If I can help in any way, I am there, just ask.

Fellowship First, Gary S.

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At the time of this report we are schedule to receive quotes back from four vendors. There will be a sealed bid opening of all bids and reviewed in the next months by the BOR. We will discuss this more as the process moves forward.

Speaking as the chair and a dedicated GA member, I am very proud of what this committee has done along with how the BOR has handle this process. There are the “few” that always have a negative comment or two about “What the BOR does and how they do it”. These few have most likely have not spent the time at a BOR meeting or spent time talking to its members. We elect the BOR for good reasons – **THEY ARE OUR TRUSTED SERVENTS** that do not govern. They put their lives and time on the side to better our program. I can also personally attest they set aside their egos as well. The other “few” do not and that is OK, we are sick compulsive gamblers.

I have been fortunate enough to be involved in the last two BOR and welcome the next; I find each and every one of them so committed to better our program through H.O.W. and our Unity Steps. It is an honor to part of this process and I say to those other few – “It is easier to cast a stone, than to catch it.” This committee has done its job to date without governing and keeping the utmost concern about the Area’s, the core of 888-GA-HELPS.

Now to my favorite part - THE NUMBERS, since our May report. We are over 4,362 more calls over 2007 and 9,090 calls over 2006. Also the calls are continuing shifting over from the local to the national by 73%.

2006	2554	13,474
2007	May	TOTAL
Groups	3275	16,643
National	435	1,559
Total 07'	3710	18,202

2008	May	TOTAL
Groups	2549	14,472
National	1008	5,817
Total 08'	4020	22,564

As always, I thank the entire GA volunteer community for the souls that they touch everyday and to our fellowship that has touched ours. I cannot even start to think how many souls our volunteers have touched and help change their lives and the people around them. It is a wonderfully feeling. – Fellowship First.

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

C. Printing of Spanish Literature. A Day At A Time book in Spanish will be available in December 2008. Beyond 90 Days is ready for the printer and will be available from I.S.O. shortly.

D. I.S.O. Website. Steve K. presented a proposal for updating the I.S.O. website. The Board requested that the developer compose a mock-up to be presented to the Board of Trustees in Houston.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss New Computers for Office. Two computers and 2 printers are needed. Motion was made to spend up to \$2,000.00 for 2 HP Computers, 2 printers and 2 monitors

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

B. Review & Approve Annual Budget. A motion was made to table approval of the annual budget. The motion was ruled out of order according to By-Laws, which state that the budget is to be reviewed and approved in June. The budget was reviewed and a motion was made to approve.

Motion seconded and passed
For...3 Against...0 Abstained...3 (Chris G., Samuel F. and Sassoun N.)

C. Review Literature Order Form. The literature order form was reviewed and discussed. Prices and information were updated and approved. Shipping prices were reviewed and appropriately increased.

The collection in the amount of \$42.00 was taken and the meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer. The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held on July 18, 2008 at 7:30 P.M.

Good and Welfare was given.

The new 2008-2009 Board was seated with Bill B., Chris G., Grant M., Howie C., John C., Phil K., Steve K. and Wendy B. in attendance. David W. was absent.

The new Board Officers were elected as follows:

Chairman- John C.

Vice-Chairman- Steve K.

Treasurer-Phil K.

Recording Secretary- Wendy B.

Asst. Recording Secretary- Grant M.

Respectfully submitted by Steve K., Acting Recording Secretary