## BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Steve F., Chairman Board of Regents.

Present: Bob W., Calvin C., Steve F., Doug E., Valerie D., Woodie H. and Karen H., International Executive Secretary.

Present by Telephone: Arnie B. and Betty S.

Absent: Mike S.

Pat S., first on the replacement list was also present.

Guests: Bernie G. and John C. incoming B.O.R. members who were physically present. Bill B., Peter A. and Leanne W. incoming B.O.R. members who were on the telephone.

Ara H., Trustee for Area 1

The Chairman has stated that he will only vote to break ties.

A. The minutes of the May 16, 2015 Board of Regents meeting were read and approved.

Motion seconded and passed

For -7 Against -0 Abstained -0

B. The operating statement for May 2015 was read and approved.

Motion seconded and passed

For -7 Against -0 Abstained -0

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### A. LIFELINERS

There were 38 new and 6 returning Lifeliners for a total of 44 as follows:

#### **NEW LIFELINERS:**

Mexico - 1

RETURNING LIFELINERS

New Jersey -4 Oregon -1 Virginia - 1

NEW CANS - 0

GROUP INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS RECEIVED.- 1 White Plains (Registration Only)

# GROUP INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS RECEIVED PRIOR TO SENDING STARTER KITS - 8

Eight Starter Kits were sent as follows after receiving the Group Information Request Forms for the month of May:

Monroe, MI Las Vegas, NV Hood River, OR Burlington, WA Woodland, WA Prince George, BC

Ensenada, Mexico Petaling Jaya, Malaysia

PRISON STARTER KITS SENT: 1

Phoenix, AZ

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. RESULTS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS ELECTION. The results for the July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017 term in alphabetical order are as follows: Bernie G., Bill B. (Florida), John C., Leanne W. (Louisiana), Mike S., Pat S., Peter A. (Philadelphia), Steve F. and Woodie H. First on the replacement list is Calvin C. One hundred thirty-seven ballots were sent out and 73 were received back by the deadline, of which 3 of those were invalid (needed signatures). Ballots were received from Trustees in the US, Canada, Australia, Italy, Mexico, Russia, South Korea, Spain and Venezuela.

#### B. REPORT ON BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING.

Steve F. and Karen H. discussed items that took place during the Trustees meeting. Karen reported that the total number of physical Trustees present was 90 with 28 Absentee Ballots for a total of 118 votes. The Trustees door collection for I.S.O. was \$1,306.39 for the 6 sessions. The Cherry Hill I.S.O. Walk-A-Thon brought in \$1,802.00. The sale of literature and pins during the Conference was \$2,273.05. She also stated that Steve F. did a fantastic job representing the Board during the Trustees meeting.

Steve let the B.O.R. know what he talked about during the report from the Board of Regents Chair which included the following:

- Gratitude Month
- Lifeliners and the fact that he had asked Karen prior to Cherry Hill how many current Trustees were Lifeliners (approximately 39%)
- Financial status of I.S.O handing out the spread sheet from the May Board of Regents meeting showing a deficit of nearly \$30,000.00.
- New Hiring Procedure Guidelines and Qualifications for the I.E.S. position
- Current Standing Rules are now on the Board of Regents page on the Trustee Website
- G.A. Trademark and Copyright Infringement violations that have been handled
- Non approved G.A. literature on R.S.O. website, which has been corrected
- Current approved G.A. literature on hand in the amount of \$68,927.04
- Changes/updates to I.S.O. meeting directory on website
- Employee performance evaluations for all employees and salary reviews
- He also addressed the Board of Trustees about submissions on the Trustee Line regarding the Board of Regents.

Included below are several different items that also took place during the Board of Trustees meeting.

The Board of Trustees held elections for their Executive Officers and the results are: Chair, Andy R. from New Jersey; 1<sup>st</sup> Co Chair, Pete K., from New Jersey and 2<sup>nd</sup> Co Chair, Andre G., from Quebec.

Item #48 - By-Laws Change – "to accept donations from family and friends of G.A. members in memory of members that have passed away" passed a 1<sup>st</sup> vote.

Items voted on by the Board of Trustees that will affect procedures for the Board of Regents and International Service Office passing a second vote are:

- Gambling Problem advertisement to be used for flyers and billboards, and whatever other form deemed appropriate by the B.O.R.
- By-Laws, Article V, Nominations, Section 1- Changing "200 words... to 400 words". This By-Law will be on the next B.O.R. agenda for discussion.

Other items discussed and/or voted on that will affect the I.S.O. and B.O.R.:

- Mobile App
- B.O.R. Page on Trustee Website
- B.O.R. Conference Call
- The \$1,960.00 surplus from the Tampa B.O.T. meeting was turned over to I.S.O.
- Making September Gratitude Month
- Have Combo Book available for publication via e-readers with appropriate price per book set by B.O.R. This item will be discussed at the July 2015 B.O.R. meeting.

The last day to submit items for the Cancun Agenda is August 23, 2015, which is 60 days prior to the Conference.

#### C. REVIEW AND APPROVE ANNUAL BUDGET.

The proposed budget was reviewed and approved. The budget for the coming fiscal year will be \$532,448.00.

Motion seconded and passed

For -6 Against - 1 Abstained - 0

The roll call votes are as follows:

For -6 Against - 1 Abstained - 0

Bob W. Doug E.

Valerie D.

Woodie H.

Calvin C.

Betty S.

Arnie B.

#### D. DISCUSS SHIPPING COST FOR LITERATURE ORDERS.

Karen discussed the fact that we are losing money on oversees orders due to the cost of postage and insurance. Motion was made to table this item until next month with pending solutions.

Motion seconded and passed  
For 
$$-7$$
 Against  $-0$  Abstained  $-0$ 

Good and Welfare was given by the outgoing Board.

The collection in the amount of \$26.00 was taken and the meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer. The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held on July 18, 2015 at 9:30 A.M.

The new 2015-2017 Board was seated with Steve F., Woodie H., John C., Pat S. and Bernie G. physically present. Present by telephone were Bill B., Peter A., and Leanne W.

Absent: Mike S.

Calvin C. first on the replacement list was also present.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE 2015-2016 BOARD OF REGENTS.

An election was held by the incoming Board of Regents members with the following candidates elected for July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

CHAIRMAN: Steve F.
CO-CHAIRMAN: John C.
TREASURER: Bernie G.
RECORDING SECRETARY: Pat S.
ASSISTANT RECORDING SECRETARY: Woodie H.

Respectfully submitted: Valerie D., Recording Secretary