

**BOARD OF REGENTS
MEETING OF AUGUST 21, 2009**

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

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

Present by Telephone: Allan S. and Gary S.

Guest: John F. Feldsted

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

Motion seconded and passed
For...9 Against...0 Abstained...0

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

Motion seconded and passed
For...9 Against...0 Abstained...0

2-OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion on Lifeliners. There were 9 new Lifeliners as follows: 4 from California, 3 from Florida and 1 each from Pennsylvania and Puerto Rico.

There were 2 new Cans received as follows: 1 each from Hawaii and Illinois.

22 Starter Kits were sent out in July with two going to prisons and we had 21 new Group Information Forms received back as follows: 1 each from Prichard, Alabama; Scottsdale, Arizona; Pacifica, California; Palm Springs, California; Red Bluff, California; San Diego, California; San Jose, California; Woodland Hills, California; Marietta, Georgia; Downers Grove, Illinois; Hiawatha, Kansas; Mt. Pleasant, Michigan; Muskogee, Oklahoma; Clackamas, Oregon; Hermiston, Oregon; Wexford, Pennsylvania; Wakefield, Rhode Island; Stevens Point, Wisconsin; Delson, Quebec; Niagara Falls, Ontario and Accra, Central Region, Ghana.

B. National Hotline. Report was given as follows by Gary S.:

**BOR REPORT – August 2009
888-GA-HELPS**

I am pleased to announce that we have made two (2) nice additions to our 888-GA-HELPS. The first is that we are in the testing mode for the Spanish addition to the helpline, and the other is the completion of the National Helpline Database (NHD).

The Spanish addition of the Helpline was setup today for the Los Angeles area. Ed K. and his volunteers are spearheading this along with Steven Zimmers from Erlang. It's truly in the beginning stage and I don't anticipate it being rolled out to the other areas till the end of the year. If any area is interested in having this service, please contact me.

The National Helpline Database (NHD) is something that I've dreamt about since the very beginning, over 9 years ago. It's taken a long time to figure out how to make this happen. I've asked many times, over the last 2 years, that any area not on the national system to please contact me to make this database as complete as possible. To date no one has contacted me, so I have decided to move forward and have developed a work around.

How the NHD works is that you must first know the area code and zip code of the area you are interested in. Once you know it, call 1-888-GA-HELPS and when connected hit the # key twice and enter in that area code. You are then transferred to that area helpline.

If that area is part of the National GA HELPS system you will be able to get any meeting information by entering the meeting information by pressing the "2" button. At this point you will be prompted to enter in the zip code. THAT'S IT – IT'S THAT SIMPLE.

Those areas that are NOT part of the National G.A. system you will hear their local hotline number, and than you will have to hang up and call that number.

My Legal Claimer is that the meetings are updated and maintained by that area and not by I.S.O. It is my experience that the majority of the areas do a great job in maintaining the meeting information.

This is a great service for our members and fellowship; for those areas that are on a budget there is no extra charge. Any area that is NOT on a budget plan, and to the best of my knowledge there is only one, well be charged when a caller makes a call from that area.

On a personal note, and speaking for the GA- Helpline committee, I would like to acknowledge, Steven Zimmers and his crew for all of their time and effort they put in to make our Helpline system the very best. Without them – we would not be able to help those that are looking for help. – THANK YOU.

As always, I thank the entire G.A. volunteer community for the souls that they touch everyday and to our fellowship that have touched ours.

Fellowship First, Gary S.

C. Tax I.D. Information for Groups & Intergroups. John Feldsted and Karen H. have already discussed how accounting is conducted in G.A. John Feldsted is a tax attorney and answered questions about tax issues for the organization.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review I.S.O Website Contract. Motion made to approve the new Contract.

Motion seconded and passed

For...9 Against...0 Abstained...0

B. Approve Expenses for Board of Regents Chairman to Attend the Trustees Meeting in Montreal. Motion made to approve \$1,500.00 in expenses with unused portion to be returned after the Conference.

Motion seconded and passed

For...9 Against...0 Abstained...0

C. Update on Annual Audit. Accountants were in the Office and conducted the audit.

The collection in the amount of \$16.00 was taken and the meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer. The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held on Monday September 21, 2009 at 7:30 P.M., because of the religious holiday on Friday, September 18, 2009.

Respectfully submitted by Sassoun N., Recording Secretary