

**BOARD OF REGENTS  
MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Ara H., Co-Chairman, Board of Regents at 7:28 PM at the International Service Office of Gamblers Anonymous.

Present: John C., Ara H., Sean N., Bernie G., Richard C., Russ M. and Karen H., International Executive Secretary.

Present by telephone: Allan S.

Absent: Benni F. and Eddie R.

Guests: None

A. The minutes of the Board of Regents meeting of July 16, 2010 were read and approved with the following approved changes:

1.a. "E. Discuss By-Law Changes Applicable to the Board of Trustees" changed to read "E. Discuss **Trustee** By-Law Changes applicable to the **Board of Regents**".

1.b. The final sentence of the proposed By-Law Change is requested to be changed to read, "The Recording Secretary will be responsible for detailing the roll call vote results in the monthly minutes **except for personnel matters**".

All Motions seconded and passed

For.... 6      Against... 0      Abstained... 1\*

\*(Co-Chair declined to vote except when the vote is tied.)

B. The Operating Statement for July 2010 was read and approved.

Motion seconded and passed

For.... 7      Against... 0      Abstained... 0

**2 - OLD BUSINESS**

A. Discussion of Lifeliners. Karen H. reported that there were 5 new Lifeliners as follows:

California..... 3      New Jersey....1      Ohio ... 1

Discussion of G.A. growth. Karen H. reported the following concerning the growth of G.A. during July 2010:

New Cans issued to meetings.... 0

Group Information Request Forms...7 as follows (city, state):

Detroit, Michigan	Lincoln, Nebraska	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Watertown, South Dakota	Smithville, Texas	Tomah, Wisconsin
Zapopan, Jalisco, Mexico		

Starter Kits.... 11 were sent out as follows:

Prisons... 1  
Jackson, Michigan

Regular... 10

Wickenburg, Arizona  
Grand Junction, Colorado  
Harrisburg, Illinois  
Madinah, Ohio  
Asotin, Washington

Warrens, Wisconsin  
St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Islands  
Morrisburg, Ontario  
New Delhi, India  
Maracaibo, Venezuela

B. Infringements of G. A.'s Intellectual Property.

No response was received from the letter written by the International Executive Secretary to the manufacturer of the T-Shirt with the Logo infringement. Additional written email communication was sent to the CEO of the Company advising that legal action for trade mark infringement would be initiated by our lawyers if some response is not received by September 20, 2010.

C. Review of Insurance Coverage of the Corporation.

Four policies were reviewed; State Compensation Insurance Fund, Liability Bond for I.S.O. employees, Officers and Directors Liability Insurance and Office Property and General Liability Policy. Walt Storch from Elkins Jones, the agent who has handled our Officers and Directors Liability policy, came to the Office within the past few weeks and reviewed the Office Property and General Liability Policy. It was determined that we could save an estimated \$1,500. A decision to change the broker of record to Elkins Jones was approved unanimously by vote.

D. Discuss Trustee By-Law Changes Applicable to the Board of Regents.

1. Communications at Board of Regents meetings.

This item was addressed and documented in the July 16, 2010 Board of Regents meeting and is documented in the minutes for that meeting and the corrections to those minutes documented at the beginning of these minutes.

All Board of Regents meetings will incorporate the use of a conference calling service to allow all interested GA members an opportunity to hear the meetings as they happen. This item was discussed and a motion was made to accept this item with the addition of phrasing excluding personnel items. Motion passed.

The following agenda items were discussed but it was agreed upon by the members present that they would not be voted on until the next meeting when the Chairman would be present:

- By-Law, Article XVII – Order of Business New Section 3.
- By-Law, Article III, Section 2 - Remove 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence.
- By-Law, Article III, Section 3 – Change term of office.
- By-Law, Article III, Section 8 – Change reelection rules.
- By-Law, Article IV, Section 2 – Change date for term of office.
- By-Law, Article IV, Section 3 – Attendance requirement for newly elected Regents.
- By-Law, Article V, Section 1 – Change rule for election of Regents to odd numbered years.
- By-Law, Article VI, Section 1 – Change rule for International Executive Secretary preparation of Board of Regents ballots to show being done in odd numbered years.

- By-Law, Article VI, Section 2 – Change election of Board of Regents by Board of Trustees to reflect every two years at the Spring Conference of the odd numbered years.
  - By-Law, Article III, Section 4 – Rewrite rules for automatic removal from office to eliminate the reference to “non G. A. members”.
  - By-Law, Article VI, Section 3 – The term “annual” is to be removed from this section relating to election of the Board of Regents.
  - By-Law, Article VI, Section 11 – Change one year term to two (2) year term and add “of the odd years” after July 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - By-Law, Article IX, Section 1 – Delete “non-Gamblers Anonymous members excluded”
- E. I. S. O. Website. Karen H. showed a sample of the proposed website to the Board of Regents as was presented to the Trustees at the Houston B.O.T. meeting in October 2008. There was some concern voiced as to the anonymity of the people’s faces on the page. We have not received any new information as to when this site will be available for us to view. Two payments for \$2,250.00 each have been made and a third payment of \$2,250.00 will be paid upon completion of this project.

### **3 - NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Approve Expenses for Board of Regents Chairman To Attend The Trustee Meeting In Tampa, Florida.  
A motion was made to fund up to \$1,200.00 for the Chairman of the Board of Regents to attend the Trustees meeting and Conference in Tampa. Approved unanimously.
- B. Sean N. submitted his resignation from the Board of Regents. The Board reluctantly accepted the resignation and thanked Sean for his exceptional service to G.A. Amir K, next on the replacement list will be contacted on Monday by Karen H.

The collection in the amount of \$20.00 was taken and the meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer at 8:35 PM.

The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held at 7:30 PM on September 24th, 2010 at the International Service Office in Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted, Bernie G., Recording Secretary