

BOARD OF REGENTS
MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2011

The meeting was called to order by John C., Chairman, Board of Regents at 7:32 PM.

Present: Arnie B., Bernie G., Bob W., Calvin C., John C., Marie R., Marty G., Richard C., Russ M. and Karen H., International Executive Secretary.

Present by Telephone: none

Absent: none

Guests: none

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

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

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

- B. The operating statement for July 2011 was read and approved.

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

OLD BUSINESS

- A. LIFELINERS

There were 15 new Lifeliners as follows:

2 California
13 Nevada

NEW CANS

There were 1 new Can.

1 California

GROUP INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS RECEIVED: 5

Sulphur, LA (no starter kit requested)
Mechanicsville, VA (no starter kit requested)
Waterford, Ireland (no starter kit requested)
Huixquilucan,Mexico (2) (no starter kit requested)

GROUP INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS RECEIVED PRIOR TO SENDING
STARTER KITS - 12

Twelve Starter Kits were sent as follows after receiving the Group Information Request Forms for the month of July.

Glendale, AZ; (2) Arroyo Grande, CA; Novato, CA; Dunmore, PA; Memphis, TN;
Bayfield, WI; Richmond Hill, Ontario; Huixquilucan, Mexico (3) and Oerias, Portugal.

PRISON STARTER KITS SENT: 0

B. I.S.O. WEBSITE.

Feedback to date is that the order capability of the website is working great but there are problems with the meeting location capabilities. So far there have been 30-40 complaints from members. Karen read a few of the complaints and 3 of the major complaints are the inability to locate a meeting by using a cell phone, the capability of locating a meeting without knowing the Zip Code and not being able to print out a list of meetings. John C. agreed to put together a letter to the website committee with the problems and some possible solutions. Karen H. will respond to all inquiries and forward them to the Website Committee. Any changes to the website will have to be approved by the Board of Trustees.

C. OFFICE LEASE.

The possible office space discussed in the July minutes was not obtained since the building owners would not make any concessions and would not negotiate. Another location also in Irwindale, about two miles south of the previous location was found. As it turned out this location was found to be larger (4,030 sq. ft.) and far less expensive. Total monthly rent for this location would be \$2,933.84 including the monthly common area expenses that cover taxes, water, sewers, etc. We will have to pay our electricity. Negotiations were made for this location and the landlord even agreed to building one new office. This would make office space of about 2,000 sq. feet and warehouse space of 2,000 sq. feet. The landlord also agreed to give us 5 free months of rent for a 65 month lease with a five year option. The lease was obtained and signed by John C., Chairman of the Board of Regents and Bob W., Secretary of the Board of Regents. We will take possession of the new office space beginning September 1, 2011 giving us 2 months to make the move. Bids were put out for quote on moving. The first quote was from a company that bid to move everything for a flat rate of \$2,200.00. We will be obtaining another quote next week but unless they are a lot less expensive, it was agreed to go with the original bid.

D. REVIEW INSURANCE COVERAGE OF THE CORPORATION. (TABLED FROM JULY)

Insurance policies were reviewed. Karen informed the Board of Regents that we had a rebate of \$1,300.00 coming from our Liability policy. We were also able to increase the limits for our new Office space at a cost of less than \$500.00 but because of the rebate we will not pay any additional charge. It was agreed that we would obtain new quotes when the present policies expire.

E. GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS GRATITUDE WEEK.

Per the vote in Cherry Hill of the Board of Trustees meeting, September 11-17 has been established as Gamblers Anonymous Gratitude Week with every meeting in the world donating a percentage of their meeting collection for that week to the I.S.O. The suggested amount is 50% but the exact amount to be determined by Group Conscience. An email has been sent out to all Trustees. It has also been suggested that all Trustees discuss this with their Intergroups and meetings in their Areas.

NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVE EXPENSES FOR THE BOARD OF REGENTS CHAIRMAN TO ATTEND THE TRUSTEES MEETING IN OCTOBER.

A motion was made to approve up to \$750.00 for the Chairman to attend the Trustees meeting and Conference in Los Angeles this coming October.

Motion seconded and passed

For-8 Against-0 Abstained-0

B. DISCUSS MONTHLY BULLETIN PRINTING AND MAILING.

Karen H. presented the Board with a quote on the printing, processing and mailing of the monthly bulletin. The quote was obtained from Printbridge, the same company that did the website. Printbridge is actually a printing company and mail house. Website design is something that they have recently added to their list of services. We also had Woodridge Press, our present bulletin printing company give us a new quote. Although Woodridge Press came in much lower than what they are presently charging us it was still not near as low as Printbridge. With Printbridge’s quote also including the processing of envelopes and mailing of the bulletin, this alone would save hours of labor by the Office staff. Discussion was held to try Printbridge for 3 months and look into the possibility of getting a couple of more quotes. Printbridge also informed us that by cutting the size of the bulletin (for 32 and 36 page Bulletins) which is presently 8 ½ by 5 ½ to 8 by 5 we could make substantial savings in shipping costs. This savings could amount to an additional \$600.00 per month for the issues that are 36 pages and under. Printbridge has agreed to get us a sample of an 8 by 5 copy prior to the next Board meeting so that we can check font size, etc.

A motion was made and seconded to go with Printbridge for the printing, processing and monthly mailing for the Life-Line Bulletin beginning with the October 2011 issue.

Approved-6 Against-2 Abstained-0

Per the Standing Rules “All votes taken at any Board of Regents meeting will be by roll call, unless unanimous”. The vote follows:

Arnie B.	Yes	Bernie G.	Yes	Bob W.	Yes
Calvin C.	Yes	John C.	*	Marie R.	Yes
Marty G.	No	Richard C.	Yes	Russ M.	No

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

C. DISCUSS PROPOSED CHANGES FROM THE BY-LAW/GUIDANCE CODE COMMITTEE.

Motion to table this to the September meeting.

For-7 Against-0 Abstained-0

Marie R was out of the room.

The collection in the amount of \$31.00 was taken and the meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer. The next Board of Regents meeting will be held on September 16, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Bob W., Recording Secretary

