

**BOARD OF REGENTS
MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by Bob W., Chairman Board of Regents at 7:33 P.M.

Present: Bob W., Chris G., Gary G., John C., Lanny R., Steve K., Tom P. and Karen H., International Executive Secretary.

Present by Telephone: Daryl R. and Liz N.

1- A. The minutes of the Board of Regents meeting of September 21, 2007 were read and approved.

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

B. The Operating Statement for September 2007 was read and approved.

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

2-OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion on Lifeliners. There were 9 new Lifeliners as follows: California – 2, Arizona – 1, Florida – 1, Indiana – 1, Michigan – 1, Nevada – 1, Ohio 1 and Pennsylvania – 1. There were no new Cans. 22 Starter Kits were sent out in September including 3 going to prisons and we had 10 new Group Information Forms received back as follows: 1 each from Litchfield Park, Arizona; Davis, California. Reseda, California; San Francisco, California; Bethany Beach, Delaware; Slidell, Louisiana; Las Vegas, Nevada; Pierre, South Dakota; Harrisonburg, Virginia and Grand Junction, Colorado.

B. National Hotline. Lanny R. reported that 1 (888) GA HELPS is growing. Report was included which requested a Spanish Link on this service. The Spanish link software would be a one time cost of \$500.00 and no additional monthly costs would be incurred. This service would be for all of the country. We need to look at what type of support this would have to make it feasible. This will be placed on next months Agenda.

**BOR REPORT –October 2007
888-GA-HELPS**

I would first like to thank personally everyone that was involved in the 50th anniversary/BOT conference. It was an unbelievable experience in recovery that I will hold close to me for life and I am sure many others share my compliments. Over 1,000 people all with a GA grin on their face cannot be wrong.

Secondly, is how terrific I felt when many approached me about 888-GA-HELPS. Several trustee asked how they could join and there were others that had made appointments with me prior to the conference. This is a big difference than when I had to

do presentations on the benefits of GA-HELPS. I felt grateful and pleased on how far 888-GA-HELPS has come since the BOR approval.

Area 16 - Rochester. New York areas have committed to join ASAP. Hopefully the Northern part of New York State and Niagara falls as well.

Area 11 – Massachusetts and its surrounding state areas and myself had a very productive meeting and all indications are very positive. This area has been a personnel goal of mine and hopefully soon we can report on them joining.

I also had a very interesting meeting with all of the Canadian trustees and look forward to more discussion in making GA-HELPS a North American helpline. As many of you may remember this was my first vision several years ago. I thank the entire Canadian trustee group for their kindness and consideration.

The “AWARENESS” campaign seems to be working. I have sent Karen several articles that I was able to goggle from the Internet over the last couple of weeks. Most have been newspaper articles with one on TV KOMO 4 News station in Washington State. It is doing what we had hoped. One national number makes this possible. The campaign makes it very easy for any reporter to pull the information and include it in their reporting.

Now for some hard core business, more vision and helping a entire group of people that we are unable to help through 888-GA-HELPS presently. I would like to create a Spanish speaking version that would be added on to 888-GA-HELPS. This could be offered to those areas that feel a need to help their local Spanish community. The cost for software development would be \$500 with no additional monthly cost to the BOR. Lanny has the information for the presentation to the BOR on how it will work.

Now to the numbers since my last August report. We are up to month number 9 since the BOR approval and the numbers are on target with my guesstimate. Calls thru September are a total of 29,535 calls to all local areas and 4,155 additional calls through GA-HELPS for a total of 33,690 calls. Compared to 24,587 total calls in 2006 for the same time period. This is an increase of 37%. We are doing our primary purpose and making the people that are still suffering aware that that there is help and how to get to a meeting.

2006	2564	2546	3050	2760	2554	2446	2761	2990	2916	24587
2007	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	TOTAL
Groups	3707	2951	3355	3224	3275	3526	3520	3083	2894	29535
National	186	214	370	354	435	594	610	663	729	4155
Total 07'	3893	3165	3725	3578	3710	4120	4130	3746	3623	33690

37%+ OVER 2006

Please refer the chart and notice that the number of calls going through the national is on a steady climb every month. After the Awareness campaign I would expect to see more of an increase. Also, these numbers are just the areas that are on the Erlang system.

I also have sent out in email to all trustees for their information on their area's Helpline. I am still waiting for some areas to return the information. Any area that has not return the information, please contact me ASAP.

Yours truly, Gary S., 888-GA-HELPS

C. Printing of Spanish Literature. Alejandro, Jose and Domingo have been reviewing. Received offer from G.A. member to assist in translation of literature. Literature from Spain has been looked at and will be reviewed for acceptability. This will be done.

D. Gamblersanonymous.com. In order to register the .com name it needs to be unlocked. We are now in the process of registering once we unlocked. Karen then got this done.

3-NEW BUSINESS

A. Report on Trustees Meeting. Combo Book changes were approved, Pressure Relief Literature is being revised, updates in process to update Spanish Literature. Discussed not having Bulletin on the Trustee Website. Trustees felt it was inappropriate to have Board of Regents literature on the Trustee Website.

B. Review Annual Audit. Reviewed Audit report. Note increase in net value as non-profit organization. Motion to accept.

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

C. I.S.O. Tour went very well. Literature was sold at Conference and during Tour.

D. Letter from Ian was read regarding brevity of Minutes from Board of Regents.

The collection in the amount of \$23.00 was taken and the meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer. The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held on November 16, 2007 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Gary G., Recording Secretary