

**BOARD OF REGENTS
MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by John C., Chairman Board of Regents at 7:30 P.M. An email resignation from Grant M. was read and Mike M., first person on the replacement list was introduced and welcomed to the Board. Gary G. is now first on the replacement list from Southern California.

Present: Chris G., David W., John C., Mike M., Phil K., Steve K., Wendy B., and Karen H., International Executive Secretary.

Present by Telephone: Bill B. and Howie C.

1. A. The minutes of the Board of Regents meeting of September 19, 2008 were read and approved.

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

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- B. The Operating Statement for September 2008 was read and approved.

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

2-OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion on Lifeliners. There were 3 new Lifeliners as follows: 2 from Nevada and 1 from California.

There were 2 new Cans received, both from New Jersey.

22 Starter Kits were sent out in September including 3 going to prisons and we had 6 new Group Information Forms received back as follows: 1 each from Mishawauka, Indiana; Shreveport, Louisiana; Las Vegas, Nevada; Grove City, Ohio; Klamath Falls, Oregon and White Fish Bay, Wisconsin.

B. National Hotline. Contract from Erlang has not been received. Hopefully it will be received by the Houston Conference. An attorney, not affiliated with Gamblers Anonymous is on call to review the contract when it is received. A fee to be determined will be paid for this service.

The B.O.R. Hotline report from Gary S. was read, which included the following numbers:

2006	2990	2916		24,587
2007	August	Sept	TOTAL	
Groups	3083	2894		29,665
National	663	729		4,155
Total 07'	3746	3623		33,820

2008	August	Sept	TOTAL	
Groups	2573	2501		26,900
National	1025	994		9,921
Total 08'	3538	3495		36,761

We are 2,941 more calls over 2007 and 12,174 calls over 2006. Also the calls are continuing shifting over from the local to the national by 73%.

Gary S., 888-GA-HELPS/BOR

C. Discuss Providing Additional Insurance Benefits for Employees. (Tabled from last meeting). Additional Benefits do not fit employee profile at this time. And will be taken under consideration if employee profiles change.

D. Discuss Conference Calling. Karen H. spoke to phone carrier and they will not send representative to discuss phones. Conference calling is working great tonight. No need to change at this time.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss Dates of Maturity on all Bank CD's. All bank CD's and maturity dates were reviewed.

B. Review Discrepancy of the By-Law Change on May 16, 2008 Regarding Nominating Procedures for the Board of Regents. Prior to this discussion, John C. has stated that he will vote on issues concerning By-Law changes. Motion to amend Article V, Section 1, Article VI, Section 1 and Article VI, Section 3 of By-Laws as follows:

Article V, Section 1

On or before February 1st, of each year any member of Gamblers Anonymous that has abstained completely from gambling for at least two (2) years and has attended Gamblers Anonymous meetings regularly - 39 meetings per year is eligible to submit their name, previous service as Regent of this Corporation or as a Trustee of Gamblers Anonymous, total abstinence from gambling and home group, along with a biography not to exceed 200 words and phone number (both optional) to the International Service Office to be included on the Board of Regents ballot. These biographies will be an attachment to the ballot. Any member that is presently a member of any other International Board of Gamblers Anonymous, but whose term ends on June 30, of the same year, is eligible to be included in the Board of Regents ballot; if their term has one more year to run, they must resign before submitting their name for the Board of Regents ballot.

Article VI, Section 1

The International Executive Secretary of the Corporation, on or before March 1st of each year, shall submit in writing a ballot of all eligible members wishing to run for

the Board of Regents. Previous service as Regent of the Corporation or as a Trustee of Gamblers Anonymous, total abstinence as of March 1st of that year, and home group of nominee shall be listed along side the name of each nominee.

Article VI, Section 3

The annual election of the Board of Regents shall be by written ballot. Each recognized Gamblers Anonymous meeting should be contacted by their area Trustee(s) so that the groups, at their option, have involvement in the voting process. Each Trustee, based on guidance from their groups and their personal knowledge, will be able to select no more than nine (9) proposed Regents from the list on the ballot.

Motion seconded and passed

For...8 Against...1

C. Discuss Amending By-Laws to Include a Date that Submissions Must be Received in the I.S.O. for the Upcoming Board of Regents Ballot. This was handled under item B. of New Business above.

D. Annual Audit. Annual audit final report will be completed and distributed in November. This will be discussed next meeting.

E. Review Trustee Agenda. Discussed items on Trustee agenda that were pertinent to the Board of Regents.

F. Discuss I.S.O. Providing Letters to Groups and/or Banks Regarding Tax I.D. Information. Motion to allow Karen H. to consult tax attorney to gather information regarding providing letters to groups and Intergroups and/or banks pertaining to tax I.D. information, not to exceed \$500.00.

Motion seconded and passed

For...8 Against...0

G. Update on Computer Problem. Our main computer crashed. All of the data was retrieved and transferred to a new computer that was purchased. When the new computer was installed there was some internal networking done to make us more efficient. A new data back-up system is also being developed. Total cost for new computer, installation and networking was \$1,092.79.

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 November 21, 2008 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Wendy B., Recording Secretary