

**BOARD OF REGENTS
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Steve F., Vice-Chairman Board of Regents.

Present: Bob W., Doug E., Steve F., Mike S., Valerie D., Woodie H. and Karen H., International Executive Secretary.

Present by Telephone: Arnie B. and Betty S.

Absent: Benni F.

Steve F., acting Chair has stated that he will not be voting today.

A. The minutes of the Board of Regents meeting of October 27, 2013 were read and approved.

Motion seconded and passed
For-7 Against-0 Abstained-0

B. The operating statement for October 2013 was read and approved.

Motion seconded and passed
For-7 Against-0 Abstained-0

OLD BUSINESS

A. LIFELINERS

There were 2 new Lifeliners as follows:

Florida – 1 Oklahoma– 1

NEW CANS

There were no new Cans.

GROUP INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS RECEIVED: 1

Longview, WA (Registration only)

GROUP INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS RECEIVED PRIOR TO SENDING STARTER KITS: 11

11 Starter Kits were sent as follows after receiving the Group Information Request Forms for the month of October:

Allen Park, MI	Appleton, MN	Henderson, NV	Las Vegas, NV (5)
Woonsocket, RI	Shoreline, WA	Sonora, Mexico	

PRISON STARTER KITS SENT: 8

8 Prison Starter Kit were sent to as follows:

Tucson, AZ	Calipatria, CA	Sheridan, IL	Indianapolis, IN
Bridgewater, MA	Center City, MN	Gowanda, NY	Hominy, OK

B. SAFEGUARDING IMPORTANT G.A. INFORMATION.

Karen H. reviewed several safes and found a safe that would work for us and can be bolted professionally to the floor. Discussion ensued regarding cost of bolting. Karen will obtain an exact cost of bolting and also check out variable sizes and bring this information back to the Board next month.

C. GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS GRATITUDE WEEK.

Karen H. reported that as of November 16, 2013, 232 Groups, 5 Intergroups, 13 Cans and 6 individual G.A. members have contributed a total of \$11,299.88 to the International Service Office for Gratitude Week.

D. REVIEW BEST INTEREST RATES ON CD'S.

Discussion was held. Motion to table until next month.

Motion seconded and passed

For-6 Against-1 Abstained-0

Since the vote was not unanimous, a roll call vote was taken with the following results:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>ABSTAINED</u>
Mike S.	Doug E.	
Woodie H.		
Bob W.		
Valerie D.		
Arnie B.		
Betty S.		

NEW BUSINESS

A. STANDING RULE REGARDING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY VIOLATIONS.

Motion was made to add the following as Standing Rule #34.

The International Service Office will pursue any violations of the Corporations Intellectual Property rights, including violations by persons or entities within the Gamblers Anonymous Fellowship.

Motion seconded and passed

For-7 Against-0 Abstained-0

B. ALTERNATE WAYS OF SELECTING THE I.E.S.

Motion to table above until December's Board of Regents meeting.

Motion seconded and passed

For-7 Against-0 Abstained-0

C. OPERATIONS OF THE NATIONAL HOTLINE.

During the Trustees meeting in Orlando in October the following item was presented and voted on by the Board of Trustees.

75. Discussion of how to fund the Hotline as more areas come on to the system.

Paul S. - Area 17

Tabled in Vancouver

Motion to transfer name and address of G.A. Hotline (855) 222-5542 to I.S.O. after due consideration, review, and acceptance by the Board of Regents.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

Prior to today's Board meeting, Karen H. emailed Paul S., Chair of the Hotline Committee asking him what he is looking for the I.S.O./Board of Regents to do. The following suggestions were received.

1. BOR/ISO sets up a prepaid debit card or a bank account with a debit card with a starting balance of \$600.
2. Link the debit card to the Hotline account.
3. Change the address on the Hotline to the ISO address and change the account name to "Gamblers Anonymous National Hotline".
4. If desired or necessary, set up an admin account for someone at ISO who can monitor the account.
5. Set up the reporting requirements to the BOR/BOT/ISO for the committee: when the yearly bill is paid, collection of system costs from NY and CT/WMA for their portion of the bill, and other changes in service needed as the system grows, etc).
6. Set the yearly cost to be paid by Areas 15 and 17 at \$175.00 each, to be paid by March 1st each year starting in 2014.

The BOR could simply designate the Hotline Committee chairperson to manage all aspects of the system except for paying the bill and only do items 1-3 above.

This item was discussed. A motion was made to accept the first three recommendations above.

Motion seconded and passed

For-7 Against-0 Abstained-0

Another motion was made that the Board of Regents designate the Hotline Committee Chairperson to manage all aspects of the system except for Items 1 – 3 above.

Motion seconded and passed

For-7 Against-0 Abstained-0

D. DISCUSS HOLIDAY/YEAR END BONUSES.

A motion was made to give all 4 office employees one week salary plus two paid days off, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Motion seconded and passed

For-7 Against-0 Abstained-0

E. REVIEW EMPLOYEES HEALTH INSURANCE.

The new proposal for employees Health Insurance was discussed. Because of renewing early, we received a discounted rate. We will actually be paying less for all employees health insurance for the coming year than what was paid in 2013.

Motion to approve health insurance as presented.

Motion seconded and passed

For-7 Against-0 Abstained-0

F. DISCUSS I.S.O'S INVOLVEMENT WITH THE B.O.T MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE FALL 2014.

Since no bid was presented for the Fall 2014 International Conference, only a Trustee meeting will be held. The date and location will be determined by the Executive Board (Chair, 1st Co-Chair, 2nd Co-Chair of the Board of Trustees). A possible location of Chicago has been discussed and Denis M., Chairman of the Board of Trustees is requesting the Board of Regents authorize the Board of Trustees Chairs to proceed with negotiations for the Fall 2014 Board of Trustees meeting.

Motion was made for the Board of Regents to approve the Board of Trustees request to negotiate a contract with the hotel for the Fall 2014 Board of Trustees meeting. The

Contract will be sent to the Board of Regents to be reviewed and signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents.

Motion seconded and passed

For-7 Against-0 Abstained-0

G. REVIEW ANNUAL AUDIT.

Annual audit was reviewed and discussed.

Motion was made to accept the annual audit as presented.

Motion seconded and passed

For-7 Against-0 Abstained-0

The collection in the amount of \$28.00 was taken and the meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer. The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held on December 21, 2013 at 9:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Valerie D., Recording Secretary