

**BOARD OF REGENTS  
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Bob W., Chairman, Board of Regents.

Present: Bernie G., Bob W., Calvin C., John C., Tom M., Wendy B., and Karen H.  
International Executive Secretary.

Present by Telephone: Betty B., Herb B. and Peter A.\*

\*Peter entered the meeting at 9:36 AM during the operating statement discussion

A. The minutes of the October 21, 2017 Board of Regents meeting were approved as submitted.

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

B. The operating statement for October 2017 was approved as submitted.

Motion seconded and passed  
For – 9                      Against – 0                      Abstained – 0

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. LIFELINERS**

There were 7 new Lifeliners as follows: 4 from Nevada, 1 from Florida, 1 from New York and 1 from Washington.

**NEW CANS**

There were no new Cans.

**REGISTRATION ONLY GROUP INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS RECEIVED:**

2 were received as follows: Little Rock, AR and Bozeman, MT.

**GROUP INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS RECEIVED PRIOR TO SENDING STARTER KITS: 7**

7 Starter Kits were sent as follows after receiving the Group Information Request Forms for the month of October: Phoenix, AZ, Tucson, AZ, Las Vegas, NV, Albuquerque, NM, Kinston, TN, Prince George, BC and New Glasgow, NS.

**PRISON STARTER KITS SENT: 0**

**B. MP3 RECORDINGS (tabled from 9/16/2017 Board Meeting).**

Karen and John C. will do further research into newer formats as MP3 format is outdated. Andrew who is our web site designer will help. Information will be provided at the January 2018 Board of Regents meeting.

C. GRATITUDE WEEK.

The following has been received so far.

August	\$ 600.00
September	\$ 3,875.72
October	\$ 4,519.23
November	<u>\$ 1,945.00</u>
Total	\$10,939.95

D. REINSTATE THE MONTHLY B.O.R. CONFERENCE CALL.

The Board of Trustees requested the Board of Regents revisit this item one more time. Motion was made as follows: The Board of Regents to allow a conference call at all their meetings open to all members with a disclaimer made at the beginning that this call shall not be recorded by anyone.

	Motion seconded and passed		
	For – 5	Against – 4	Abstained – 0
	<u>For-5</u>	<u>Against - 4</u>	
	Betty S.	Bernie G.	
	Bob W.	Peter A.	
	Calvin C.	Tom M.	
	Herb B.	Wendy B.	
	John C.		

E. REPORT FROM FUTURE PLANNING COMMITTEE.

Next Meeting will be held in December.

NEW BUSINESS

A. ANNUAL AUDIT.

Motion was made to approve the Annual Audit as submitted.

	Motion seconded and passed		
	For – 9	Against – 0	Abstained – 0

B. REPORT ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING.

Report was given on the items that affect the Board of Regents. The following three items passed second votes:

5. By-Laws, Section 11, Article III

Replace

Current version: When the Board of Regents Chair (or authorized representative from the Board of Regents) is required to attend a Trustee meeting, the International Service Office shall pay the travel, meals, lodging and conference expenses. The amount of expense will require approval from the Board of Regents.

Proposed version: When the Board of Regents Chair (or authorized representative from the Board of Regents) is required to attend a Trustee meeting, the International Service Office shall pay the travel, meals, lodging and conference expenses. Attendee shall supply the International Executive Secretary with a detailed accounting of reimbursable travel expenses within forty-five days of said expenses. Such expense reports will be part of the next Board of Regents meeting and accordingly, part of the minutes of those meetings. The amount of expense will require approval from the Board of Regents.

Passed

2<sup>nd</sup> Vote

6. By-Laws, Article VIII - Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6

ADD: "or other designated individual, as determined by the Board of Regents, in the first sentence, after "The International Executive Secretary".

Current: (F) The International Executive Secretary shall be charged with the general management of the affairs of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) subject to the control of the Board of Regents. He/She shall be the custodian of the records and funds of the corporation, and shall pay funds out only on the check of the corporation signed in the manner authorized by the Board of Regents, and shall have such responsibilities and duties as shall be prescribed by the Board of Regents or these By-Laws. The responsibilities and duties prescribed by the Board of Regents but not by the By-Laws shall be subject to the ratification of each succeeding Board of Regents at its first meeting.

Proposed: (F) The International Executive Secretary or other designated individual, in coordination with the International Executive Secretary, as determined by the Board of Regents, shall be charged with the general management of the affairs of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) subject to the control of the Board of Regents. He/She shall be the custodian of the records and funds of the corporation, and shall pay funds out only on the check of the corporation signed in the manner authorized by the Board of Regents, and shall have such responsibilities and duties as shall be prescribed by the Board of Regents or these By-Laws. The responsibilities and duties prescribed by the Board of Regents but not by the By-Laws shall be subject to the ratification of each succeeding Board of Regents at its first meeting.

Passed

2<sup>nd</sup> Vote

10. Guidance Code, Article XVI - International Executive Secretary of I.S.O. Section 8

Add: or other designated individual, as determined by the Board of Regents after The International Executive Secretary in the first sentence and ADD: or other designated individual, as determined by the Board of Regents after The International Executive Secretary in the second sentence. Current Version: The International Executive Secretary shall be responsible to mail receipts for donations made to the International Service Office (I.S.O.), unless group or member making the donation requests that no receipt be sent. The International Executive Secretary shall mail Gamblers

Anonymous literature and/or Gamblers Anonymous pins within 5 business days after donation or requisition is received in the International Service Office (I.S.O.).

Proposed Version: The International Executive Secretary, or other designated individual, in coordination with the International Executive Secretary, as determined by the Board of Regents, shall be responsible to provide receipts for donations made to the International Service Office (I.S.O.), unless group or member making the donation requests that no receipt be sent. The International Executive Secretary, or other designated individual, in coordination with the International Executive Secretary, as determined by the Board of Regents, shall mail Gamblers Anonymous literature and/or Gamblers Anonymous pins within 5 business days after donation or requisition is received in the International Service Office (I.S.O.)

Approved 64 Against 31

Passed

2<sup>nd</sup> Vote

Items #7, 8, and 9 failed as follows:

7. Guidance Code, Article XV - International Service Office (I.S.O.) Section 2  
 Current version: The operation of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) shall be the responsibility of the International Executive Secretary, who will be under the guidance of the Board of Regents and Board of Trustees. However, all business affairs of this office shall be under direct supervision of the Board of Regents.  
 Proposed version: The operation of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) shall be the responsibility of the International Executive Secretary, or other designated individual, in coordination with the International Executive Secretary, as determined by the Board of Regents, who will be under the guidance of the Board of Regents and Board of Trustees. However, all business affairs of this office shall be under direct supervision of the Board of Regents.  
 Passed 1st vote in Cherry Hill  
 63-11, 85.1% Margin  
 Approved      57    Against      32                                  2/3 Vote Needed  
 Failed
  
8. Guidance Code Article XVI - International Executive Secretary of I.S.O. Section 3  
 ADD: or other designated individual, as determined by the Board of Regents after The International Executive Secretary in the first sentence.  
 Current version: The International Executive Secretary shall be solely responsible for the efficient operation of the International Service Office (I.S.O.). He or she will be under the guidance and the direct supervision of the Board of Regents.  
 Proposed version: The International Executive Secretary, or other designated individual, in coordination with the International Executive Secretary, as determined by the Board of Regents, shall be solely responsible for the efficient operation of the International Service Office (I.S.O.). He or she will be under the guidance and the direct supervision of the Board of Regents.  
 Passed 1st vote in Cherry Hill  
 60-0, 100% Margin  
 Approved      56    Against      31                                  2/3 Vote Needed  
 Failed
  
9. Guidance Code Article XVI - International Executive Secretary of I.S.O. Section 4  
 Add: ", or other designated individual, as determined by the Board of Regents," after "The International Executive Secretary" in the first sentence.  
 Current version: The International Executive Secretary will be solely responsible for collecting, banking and accounting of all funds of the International Service Office (I.S.O.).  
 Proposed version: The International Executive Secretary, or other designated individual, in coordination with the International Executive Secretary, as determined by the Board of Regents, will be solely responsible for collecting, banking and accounting of all funds of the International Service Office (I.S.O.).  
 Passed 1st vote in Cherry Hill  
 56-15, 78.9% Margin  
 Approved      58    Against      35                                  2/3 Vote Needed  
 Failed

Information was provided to Spain in order to do wire transfers to the I.S.O.

The following amounts were collected:

Collection at Board of Trustees meetings: \$975.75

Walk-A-thon: \$2,648.00

Literature and Pins: \$2,962.75 including tax.

#### C. PRESSURE RELIEF GROUP PUBLICATIONS.

The discussion lasted over 2 hours at the Board of Trustees meeting. The Board of Trustees passed the following motion "To suspend the use and sales of the Pressure Relief forms by Intergroups, rooms and members until the Board of Trustees makes changes to all Pressure Relief materials." A motion was made to table further discussion on this matter until next month.

Motion seconded and passed  
For – 8                      Against – 1                      Abstained – 0

<u>For-8</u>	<u>Against-1</u>
Bernie G.	Peter A.
Betty S.	
Bob W.	
Calvin C.	
Herb B.	
John C.	
Tom M.	
Wendy B.	

#### D. SET PRICE FOR NEW APPROVED LITERATURE.

Motion was made to sell Yellow wristbands for \$1.00 each.

Motion seconded and passed  
For – 9                      Against – 0                      Abstained – 0

#### E. EMPLOYEES HEALTH INSURANCE.

Motion was made to renew current health plan for employees along with reimbursing up to \$500.00 for each full time employee, per policy year (December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 – November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018) for medical or prescription expenses as was approved in November 2016.

Motion seconded and passed  
For – 9                      Against – 0                      Abstained – 0

#### F. DISCUSS LIFELINER NAMES IN THE BULLETIN.

Motion was made to remove Lifeliner names and numbers from Life-Line bulletin beginning December 2017.

Motion seconded and passed  
For – 5                      Against – 4                      Abstained – 0

<u>For-5</u>	<u>Against-4</u>
Bernie G.	Bob W.
Betty S.	Calvin C.
Herb B.	Tom M.
John C.	Wendy B.
Peter A.	

**G. HOLIDAY/YEAR END BONUSES.**

Motion was made to give Holiday/Year End Bonuses to all employees of the International Service Office.

Motion seconded and passed

For – 9

Against – 0

Abstained – 0

At the close of New Business, Peter A. asked to address the Board. He stated that he is resigning from the Board of Regents, effective immediately due to the Board of Regents meetings being made public.

The collection in the amount of \$45.00 was taken and the meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer at 10:40 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held on December 16, 2017 at 9:30 A.M.

**Respectfully submitted by Wendy B., Recording Secretary**