

**BOARD OF REGENTS
MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by Bob W., Chairman Board of Regents at 7:35 P.M. A letter of resignation from Tom P. was read and Samuel F., first person on the replacement list was introduced and welcomed to the Board.

Present: Bob W., Chris G., Gary G., John C., Lanny R., Samuel F., Steve K. 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 November 16, 2007 were read and approved.

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

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- B. The Operating Statement for November 2007 was read and approved.

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

2-OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion on Lifeliners. There were 10 new Lifeliners as follows: Arizona – 1, California – 1, Florida – 1, Kentucky – 1 and Texas – 6. There were two new Cans. 21 Starter Kits were sent out in November including 2 going to prisons and we had 12 new Group Information Forms received back as follows: 1 each from La Puente, California; San Rafael, California; Fairfield, California; Natchitoches, Louisiana; Butte, Montana; Albany, New York; Stillwater, Oklahoma; Gresham, Oregon; St. Albans, West Virginia; Balatie, Wyoming and 2 from Las Vegas, Nevada.

A letter from a member with 27 years was read proposing a method to be able to fund the National Hotline. This was discussed and found not to be really feasible. It would also be something that could violate Unity Step 3. No amount could be directed, etc. No action was taken.

B. National Hotline. Discussed David M.'s presentation from November. This was passed on to the Board of Regents Committee for clarification. The National Hotline Committee addressed the issues. A vote was taken whether or not to publish.

Motion seconded and failed
For...1 Against...7 Abstained...0

For a copy contact the International Service Office.

The National Hotline Committee now consists of John C., Board of Regents; Lanny R., Board of Regents and Gary S., Board of Trustees.

The Hotline report submitted by Gary S. was read as follows:

BOR REPORT – December 2007
888-GA-HELPS

I always like to start off on a good note. There was an article in December 10th issue of PEOPLE magazine on Compulsive Women with a gambling problem title “LOSING IT ALL”. It was a 3-page story and on the last page a box about HOW TO GET HELP. It had announced that Gamblers Anonymous has a national hotline 888-GA-HELPS, along with our website. This is directly from our Press Release we had done back in August and without question if we did not have one national helpline they would have not mentioned any number. People have a print circulation of over 3.5 million and a readership of 3x the print number. I thank Ed E. from the San Francisco area for bringing it our attention. Please email me if you would like a copy of it.

The BOR has approved the Spanish version and we are moving forward towards completion. I am projecting that it should be ready late January to mid February. I invite all interested areas to contact me so we can discuss how to get your area involved.

The Canadian areas will be in the test mode by January 1st. Richard C. from Calgary has been extremely helpful in making this possible. It had taken Erlang a little longer than plan to open the international lines. But now we are rocking and up to date.

Area 11- Massachusetts and its surrounding areas (New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island and Vermont) seem to be on schedule.

Now to the numbers since my November report. We are up to month number 11 since the BOR approval and the numbers are above my guesstimate. Calls thru November are a total of 35,662 calls to all local areas and 5,718 additional calls through GA-HELPS for a total of 41,380 calls. Compared to 28,288 total calls in 2006 for the same time period. This is an increase of 46% over 2006. We are accomplishing our primary purpose by making people that are still suffering aware that there is help and how they can get to a meeting.

2006	2959	28288
2007	Nov	TOTAL
Groups	2788	35662
National	770	5718
Total 07'	3558	41380

46% OVER 2006

I really would like to get all the areas that are not on the Erlang system to send me your areas helpline call totals for the year. I really would like to compile a total number of calls from all of GA's hotlines. Please email or call me so we can get a real total.

At this time I wish all of our members, areas and BOR/BOT members a great 2008 in recovery and unity in our fellowship.

Yours truly,
Gary S / 888-GA-HELPS/BOR/Area 12 Trustee

Census of Spanish meetings is 27 Nationwide. We have 7 Spanish volunteers to man the Hotline.

C. Printing of Spanish Literature. The new Spanish Combo book has been printed and a member questioned and pointed out that there are differences. This person will highlight the issues. Most Spanish members said the book was fine.

The Beyond 90 Days from Spain is currently in large format. This would represent a substantial cost. Motion to table to next month.

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

Commentary regarding translation issues. Board of Regents member questioned method of getting translations. Wanted to know why we do not use a professional translator. Explained that cost was prohibitive.

D. Board of Regents Website. Moved to next month. Was inadvertently listed on the Agenda.

The collection in the amount of \$22.00 was taken and the meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer. The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held January 18, 2008 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Gary G., Recording Secretary