

**BOARD OF REGENTS  
MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Benni F., Chairman Board of Regents at 7:30 P.M.

Present: Benni F., Dwight C., Eddie R., Gerry F., Mike M., Sassoun N. and Karen H., International Executive Secretary.

Present by Telephone: Gary S.

Absent: Allan S. and Howie C.

1. A. The minutes of the Board of Regents meeting of November 20, 2009 were read and approved.

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

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- B. The Operating Statement for November 2009 was read and approved.

On November 30, 2009 the New Area Trustee Accommodation Fund balance is \$410.00.

Income in excess of Disbursements for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2009 is + \$7,770.81

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

## 2-OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion on Lifeliners. There were 12 new Lifeliners as follows: 4 from Florida, 3 from California, 2 from New York and one each from Michigan, New Jersey and British Columbia.

There were no new Cans.

23 Starter Kits were sent out in November, including 3 going to prisons. The prison Kits were sent to Norfolk, Massachusetts, North Syracuse, New York and White Deer, Pennsylvania. The other 20 were sent as follows: Russellville, Arkansas; Death Valley, California; Elk Run Heights, Iowa; Ironwood, Michigan; Duluth, Minnesota ; Espanola, New Mexico; Milwaukie, Oregon; Memphis, Tennessee; Ooltewah, Tennessee; Winchester, Virginia; No. Bend, Washington; Spokane Valley, Washington; Vancouver, Washington; Appleton, Wisconsin; Sudbury, Ontario; Yellow Knife, NW Territory; Thessalon, Ontario; Fredericton, New Brunswick; Sonora, Mexico and Athens, Greece.

17 new Group Information Forms were received back in November as follows: Surprise, Arizona; North Hollywood, California; Hillsboro, Florida; Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; Rincon, Georgia; Ark City, Kansas; Slidell, Louisiana; Branson, Missouri; Billings, Montana; Chattanooga, Tennessee; Longview, Washington; Appleton, Wisconsin; Vancouver, British Columbia; Panevezys, Lithuania; Vilnius, Lithuania; Siauliai, Lithuania and Brisbane, Queensland.

B. National Hotline. Gary S. stated that the newsletter is coming along fine and it will be published next year.

C. Communications at Board of Regents Meetings. A motion was made to open up the phone lines to all the Trustees during the Board of Regents meetings.

Motion seconded and failed  
For...1 Against...6 Abstained...0

Benni F. was the sole vote in favor. However, any member of the Board of Trustees is welcome to attend any Board of Regents meeting in person.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Board of Regents Ballot for July 1, 2010 – Jun 30, 2011. Anyone interested in running for the Board of Regents please read the following:

On or before February 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

Only two members of the Board of Regents who reside more than 200 miles from the International Service Office can be seated at one time. These members are called on the phone prior to the Board meeting the third Friday of the month at 7:30 P.M. Pacific time. But that does not exclude anyone who meets the qualifications from submitting their information and being on the Ballot.

If you meet the above qualifications and are interested in running for the Board of Regents; email your information to [karenh@gamblersanonymous.org](mailto:karenh@gamblersanonymous.org) or mail it to Gamblers Anonymous, P.O. Box 17173, Los Angeles, CA 90017 - ATTN: B.O.R. APPLICANTS. **This information needs to reach the International Service Office by February 1, 2010** for the coming term of July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011. The Ballots will be going out to all Area Trustees to be voted by their respective Areas on or before March 1, 2010.

B. Form a Committee to Explore Procedures in the Event the I.E.S. Cannot Continue in Their Position. Benni F. formed a committee to be chaired by Bob W. Between Bob W. and the current Committee for the Board of Regents, the Board will hopefully get a presentation on their ideas as to the procedures G.A. can follow in the event the I.E.S. cannot continue in their position.

C. Discussion on Employee Bonuses was held. The Board of Regents voted unanimously to give the equivalent of one weeks pay to the I.S.O. employees as a thank you gift.

The collection in the amount of \$21.00 was taken and the meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer. The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held January 15, 2010 at 7:30 P.M.

**Respectfully submitted by Sassoun N., Recording Secretary**