

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS TRUSTEES MEETING
MAY 2 & 3, 2002
HARRISON HOT SPRINGS RESORT, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA**

SAN FRANCISCO AND VANCOUVER COMBINED AGENDAS

- A) Welcome and opening statements - Tom M., Chairman, B.O.T.**
Tom M., Chairman of the Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. on March 2, 2002. He read a letter from Henry I. welcoming everyone to the Conference. The members at the head table were introduced. Tom made everyone aware that when the San Francisco Conference was canceled the Los Angeles area was already there, and was the only area prepared to bid the 2003 Fall Conference. Therefore, instead of waiting until this Conference, the Chair made the decision at that time to award the 2003 Fall Conference to the L.A. Intergroup, which will take place October 17 - 19, 2003 at the Marriot in Irvine, California. Announcements were made and procedures for the meeting were explained. Nineteen proxy votes were handed out as follows: Area 2A, from Henry I. given to Tom M.; Area 2B, from Frank H. given to Tom M.; Area 3, from Ron D. given to Jan A.; Area 3C, from Sam C., given to Marcene W.; Area 6C, from Regina H. given to Thom M.; Area 6C from Toni M. given to Thom M.; Area 6C from Joyce J., given to Thom M.; Area 7A, from Chuck S., given to Richard B.; Area 8C, from Marty J. given to Pauline M.; Area 10, from Mary M. given to Glenn F.; Area 13, from Neil F. given to James D.; Area 13, from Terri F. given to James D.; Area 13A, from Jim D. given to Kevin O.; Area 15, from Chuck R. given to Marshall R.; Area 15, from Marty D. given to Mike R.; Area 15, from David M. given to Denis M.; Area 16, from John N. given to Sal S.; Area 18, from Carol S. given to Tom M.; Area 18, from Andy D. given to Denis M. One absentee ballot was received from Jenni K., Area 18A. All new Trustees were asked to stand and introduce themselves.
- B) Remembrance of our departed brothers and sisters - Marshall R.**
Marshall R. read a long list of members who had passed away since our last Board of Trustees meeting in Pittsburgh. Time of abstinence and where they were from was also read. A moment of silence was observed in all of their memories.
- C) Reading from "A Day at a Time" book - Norm B.**
Norm B. read the Reflection for the Day for May 2.
- D) Reading of the "12 Steps of Unity" - Ed E.**
Ed E. read the 12 Steps of Unity.
- E) Roll Call - Changes - Karen H., International Executive Secretary**
Karen H. called the roll and there are presently 87 eligible votes to begin the first session.
- F) Approval of the Minutes from Pittsburgh**
The minutes of the meeting held in Pittsburgh were approved as submitted.
Approved: 64 Against: 0
- G) Committee Reports**
- 1. Pittsburgh Conference (2001 Midwestern) Final Report - Jim C.**
Jim C. gave the final report on the Conference held at the Radisson Hotel Greentree in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Financial Statement follows.

Bridges 2001

Receipts

Gross Collected - Registrations	\$ 111,086.62
T-Shirts	3,286.50
Seed Money	1,000.00
G.A. I.S.O. Literature	859.50
Mollies Trollies	544.00

Interest on Checking	416.79
Bowling	145.00
Misc. Collections	<u>9.00</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 117,347.41</u>

Disbursements

Radisson	\$ 97,302.70
T-Shirts	2,566.00
Refunds	2,615.00
Conference Books	1,687.30
Seed Money Returned	1,000.00
Entertainment	2,000.00
Hospitality Room	980.00
G.A. I.S.O. Literature	859.50
Honorarium	600.00
Final Dinner	600.00
US Airways - Paid Flights	533.00
Decorations	649.62
Booklets/Gifts	551.18
Mollies Trollies	510.00
Postal/Copies	837.97
Promotions	395.00
Friendship Bag	80.76
Post Office Box	44.00
Decorations	41.20
Check Charge	<u>13.80</u>

Total Disbursements \$113,867.03

Receipts less Disbursements \$ 3,480.38

Gamblers Anonymous 1,914.21
Gam-Anon 1,566.17

Balance \$ 0.00

2. San Francisco Conference (2001 Western) - Jim C. & Tom M.

Jim C. gave the report on the San Francisco 2001 Western Conference, that as everyone knows, didn't happen because of the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Tom M. thanked all the Committee members for their endless support and help during the two years previous to September and over the past several months. He also thanked everyone else who has been involved or supported this Conference in any way. The Financial Statement follows.

APRIL 15, 2002

2001 WESTERN CONFERENCE CLOSING REPORT

Money Received for Conference Registration, Tours, Extra Hotel Nights	
Net of Pre-Conference Cancellation Refunds	\$ 62,247
Refund Checks	(\$ 55,185)
Westin Hotel Charges	(\$ 1,293)
Direct and Indirect Donations & Purchases of Conference Booklets & T-Shirts	\$ 8,606
Pre-Conference Bid Expense	(\$ 288)

Administrative Expenses (Registration, Publicity, Finance, Etc.)		(\$ 1,513)
Post Cancellation Administrative Expenses		(\$ 1,469)
Booklets		(\$ 3,613)
Tee Shirts		(\$ 2,017)
Entertainment & Ceremonies		(\$ 941)
Decorations		(\$ 391)
Registration Bags		(\$ 325)
Balance in 2001 Western Conference Account (Profit)		\$ 3,817.53
Fifty-five Percent to G.A. I.S.O.		\$ 2,099.64
Forty-five Percent to Gam-Anon National Service Office		\$ 1,717.89
CK# 1058: G.A. I.S.O (\$100.00 Holdback)	\$ 1,999.64	
CK# 1059: Gam-Anon I.S.O. (\$100.00 Holdback)	\$ 1,617.89	

3. **Vancouver Conference Report (2002 Eastern) - Denis M.**
Denis M. gave the report on the Vancouver Conference. He stated that working with Bob C. has been terrific and all copies of documents have been received in a timely manner. Everyone is looking forward to a successful Conference.
4. **Florida Conference Report (2002 Southern Fall) - Denis M.**
Denis M. also gave the report on the Florida Conference to be held October 11 – 13, 2002 in West Palm Beach at the Sheraton City Place. He stated that all documentation has been provided as per the guidelines. Working with Richie S., the Conference Chairman has been very helpful. The most current bank statement was submitted today so everything is current and moving right along.
5. **Toronto Conference Report (2003 Midwestern Spring) - Jim C.**
Jim C. gave the report on the Toronto Conference to be held May 2 – 4, 2003 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Toronto, Ontario. All requests have been met according to established procedures. All committees are in place and they are fulfilling their obligations quite nicely.
6. **I.S.O. /Lifeline Report - Karen H.**
Karen H. gave a report and a graph was handed out showing the past two years Lifeline activity.
7. **San Francisco Walk-A-Thon Report /Vancouver Walk-A-Thon- Marc L.**
Marc L. gave a report on the San Francisco Walk-A-Thon that also didn't happen. Pledges had already been collected prior to September and \$1,000.00 was donated to the I.S.O.
The Walk-A-Thon for this Conference will take place Saturday afternoon. Everyone participating will meet in the lobby at 3:30 P.M. and a Walking Meditation will take place prior to the 5K Walk.
8. **Internet Report – Recommendation from Pittsburgh - Allan S. (Chair)**
Allan S. gave a report stating that the Chat room will be up and running within two weeks. A full report will be given in Florida.
9. **12 Step Audio Tape Committee Report - Ralph D.**
Tom M. gave the report for Ralph, who is not present. Ralph stated that he would like to keep the Audio Tape's alive. Ralph will work to upgrade the clarity of the tapes.
10. **Literature Committee Report - Chuck R.**
Tom M. spoke for Chuck, sending Chuck's regards to everyone here and he will see all of us in Florida. No report was given.

11. **Florida Restitution Report – Bill M., Chairman, B.O.R.**
Bill M. gave a short history on what happened with the funds for the St. Petersburg, Florida Conference held in October 1994. He handed out a report showing the restitution that has been made through April 30, 2002.
12. **Prison Committee Report – Rick B.**
Rick B. gave a report on the Prison Committee. He stated that during the past year the International Service Office has received over 50 requests for information and Starters Kits. The Committee has an email address, which is jipcommittee@aol.com and anyone wanting to get involved can email Rick at that address. There will be a J.I.P. committee meeting tomorrow at 5:45 P.M. for anyone interested.
13. **Pressure Relief Committee Report – Ralph D.**
Eddie L. gave a report handing out a sheet that states the different things the committee has been doing. This report will be put in an upcoming issue of the Life-Line Bulletin.
14. **Stock Market, I.R.A.'s, 401K's et.al Report – Jim C., Chair**
Jim C. gave the report. The committee is working on a booklet for different types of investments. Tom M. appointed David M., from New Jersey as the new Chairperson for this committee. David spoke to everyone asking for help from the Trustees regarding this issue. Please email David with your thoughts. The committee intends to have the booklet submitted for approval in Florida. Please get involved.
15. **Committee Report of Placing Other G.A. Literature On Tapes - Jimmy D.**
Jimmy D. handed out a report on placing approved G.A. Literature on tapes. The committee, which consists of Jimmy, Charlean S., Mike L. and Toni M. is planning to have a tape ready for the meeting in Florida.
16. **Report on Website Problem – Bill M., Chairman, B.O.R.**
Bill M. reported that the problem has been corrected with a letter that was sent by the International Service Office.
17. **Progress Report on Argentina/Spain – George G.**
George G. gave a report on the progress and growth for Argentina and Spain. The Regional Service Office, (R.S.O.) of Spain is now recognized by the government of Spain.

H) OLD BUSINESS

1. **G.A. in addition to having pins available for anniversaries also have a G.A. medallion available through the I.S.O. for years 1 to 40. On the front side of the coin it will read "Gamblers Anonymous – One Day at a Time" – around the edge and in the center, in roman numerals, the year. The Serenity Prayer to be on the backside of the coin. (Passed first vote 58-25)**
Approved: 78 Against: 3 Passed (2nd Vote)
2. **Motion to accept the AudioTapes. (Tabled from Pittsburgh)**
Chair ruled that this item is not a pending motion. The Chair was then challenged.
Vote on the challenge passes (64 – 10) therefore the Chair was overruled. The motion is pending.
Motion to table.
Approved: 9 Against: 71 Failed
Amendment to add "in principle, with recording and reading to be redone by the committee".
Chair then ruled the amendment out of order. The Chair was again challenged.
Vote on the challenge fails (15 – 69) therefore the Chair is in order and the amendment is out of order.
On the motion.
Approved: 9 Against: 66 Failed
3. **Combo Book, pages 4 and 5, add the word "Step" in front of the numbers 1 thru 12. (Tabled from Pittsburgh)**
Motion to accept above.
Amendment to also add the word "Step" to pages 6 & 7 of the Unity Program.
Approved: 19 Against: 52 Failed
On the motion.
Approved: 16 Against: 65 Failed

4. **Combo Book page 16, remove the statement that says, "Most compulsive gamblers will answer yes to at least 7 of these questions". Replace it with, "These 20 questions are a guide to assist you. Only you can decide if you are a compulsive gambler". (Passed first vote 46-44)**

Approved: 43 Against: 47 Failed

A roll call vote was requested and then taken with the results as follows:

Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote
1	Marc L.	YES	5B	Andre G.	NO	11	Jim C.	YES
	Marvin F.	NO		Jean Marc L.	YES	12	Carol L.	NO
	Jimmy D.	YES	6	Richie S.	YES		David M.	NO
	Ted K.	YES		Sandy L.	YES		Marshall R.	NO
	Laurie R.	NO	6B	Lenny L.	NO		Bob W.	YES
1A	Tom B.	YES		Rick B.	NO		Denis M.	YES
2	Ed E.	NO	6C	Thom M.	NO		Bill S.	YES
	Dan B.	NO		Thom M.	NO	13	James D.	YES
	Chris C.	YES		Thom M.	NO		James D.	NO
	Sandy T.	YES		Thom M.	NO		James D.	NO
2A	Tom M.	NO	7	Charlean S.	YES	13A	Kevin O.	NO
	Cindie T.	YES		Kathy S.	YES		Kevin O.	NO
2B	Bernie A.	YES	7A	Richard B.	YES	14	Dennis M.	YES
	Tom M.	NO		Richard B.	YES		David J.	YES
2G	Sharon W.	YES	8	Allan S.	NO		Brad B.	NO
	Bill C.	YES		Scott D.	YES		Mike A.	NO
3	Jan A.	YES		Arnie B.	NO	15	Marshall R.	NO
	Gail L.	YES		Frank K.	NO		Bill B.	NO
	Jan A.	YES	8A	Brian B.	YES		Mike R.	YES
	Mike P.	YES		Janae L.	NO		George G.	NO
3A	Deborah R.	YES	8B	Michelle G.	NO		Mike R.	NO
	Larry D.	NO	8C	Pauline M.	NO		Denis M.	YES
3B	Keith M.	YES	9	Joe C.	NO		Abe C.	NO
3C	Marcene W.	NO		Jim M.	NO	16	Sal S.	NO
	Marcene W.	NO	10	Glenn F.	NO		Sal S.	NO
3D	Gerry M.	YES		Glenn F.	NO	17	Walt H.	NO
	Tom P.	NO	10A	Norman B.	YES		Ron W.	NO
4	Marguerite P.	NO		Jim P.	NO	18	Tom M.	NO
	Preston H.	NO		Josh L.	YES		Denis M.	NO
5	Larry G.	NO	10B	Jim G.	YES	18A	Jenni K.	YES
5A	Marlene O.	NO		Joe D.	YES			
	Approved: 40		Against: 52	Failed				

I) NEW BUSINESS

1. **In order to change the 12 Steps of the Recovery or Unity the following requirements must be met.**

1. 2/3 vote of the Board of Trustees at two consecutive meetings.
2. 75% approval of the entire fellowship.

(Area 2)

Motion to accept above.

Approved: 8 Against: 72 Failed

2. **It is proper to accept donations in the name of a departed member of the fellowship; by other than members of the fellowship.**

(Area 2)

Motion to accept above.

A member asked that this item be ruled out of order as a violation of the Unity Program. The Chair stated the item was in order. The Chair was then challenged.

Vote on the challenge fails (25 - 48) therefore the Chair is in order and so is the motion.

On the motion.

Approved: 10 Against: 71 Failed

3. **Combo Book page 10, item # 3 "immaturity" on line 7, eliminate the word "or" and replace it with a comma. Then on line 8 after the words "turn of a card" add the words "or just gambling". (Area 8)**
 Motion to accept above.
 Chair ruled this item died for lack of a second. The Chair was then challenged.
 The vote on the challenge fails (11 – 57) therefore the Chair is in order and the item dies.
4. **In all G.A. publications where the words "most compulsive gamblers will answer yes to at least seven of these questions". Change the phrase to read, "most compulsive gamblers will answer yes to several of these questions". (Area 8)**
 Chair ruled this item out of order.
5. **Guidance Code page 7, Article VIII, Section 9, on line numbers 2 and 3 eliminate the words, ".... by not less than 20 members". Lines 2 and 3 will now read, ".... it shall require (2/3) majority of the Board of Trustees at two consecutive physical meetings". (Area 8)**
 Motion to accept above.
 Approved: 23 Against: 47 Failed
 This item is combined with item 39 of New Business
6. **Discuss limiting the number of consecutive terms an individual Trustee could serve to (4) in major metropolitan areas. After 4 terms the Trustee must skip one term before they could again run and serve up to another (4) terms. (Area 8)**
 Motion that beginning with the 2004 Trustees election, the Board of Trustees recommends that no Trustee in all areas with three (3) or more Trustees be elected to more than four (4) consecutive terms. This is retroactive, however, after sitting out one (1) term, an individual may be elected to four (4) more consecutive terms.
 Approved: 17 Against: 67 Failed
7. **Change Step 1 to read ; "We admitted we were powerless over gambling and still are – that our lives had become unmanageable". (Area 8)**
 Motion to accept above.
 Approved: 11 Against: 65 Failed
8. **Guidance Code Article VIII, section on page 7 to read, "to change the 12 Steps of Recovery and the 12 Steps of Unity Program, it shall require 2/3 majority at two consecutive physical Board of Trustee Meetings". (Area 8)**
 Item ruled out of order as it is already being done.
9. **Bold print the words, "be patient" on page 17 item 7 of the Combo Book. (Area 8)**
 Motion to accept above.
 Amendment to capitalize "be patient".
 Approved: 23 Against: 54 Failed
 On the motion.
 Approved: 33 Against: 53 Failed
 This item is combined with number 60 under New Business.
10. **Unity Program Step 3 change to read, "The only requirement for Gamblers Anonymous membership is a desire to not gamble". (Area 8)**
 Motion to accept above.
 Approved: 6 Against: 68 Failed
11. **Discuss the responsibility of electing or appointing our International Executive Secretary. (Toronto)**
 Motion to table until Florida.
 Approved: 34 Against: 24 Passed

12. **Discuss what a proxy vote is.** (Area 15)
This item is combined with item 13 of New Business. Several explanations of what a proxy vote is were read during item 13.
13. **Suspend all proxy votes until they are defined in the Guidance Code.** (Area 1)
Motion to accept above.
Approved: 20 Against: 49 Failed
This item is combined with item 12 of New Business.
14. **Discuss forming a committee to develop procedures for accepting proxy votes.** (Area 1)
Tom M. appointed Bob W. from New Jersey to Chair a committee to investigate developing procedures for accepting proxy votes. Bob will pick two committee members.
15. **Change Step 2 of the Recovery Program from, "came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to a normal way of thinking and living." To, "came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."** (Area 1)
Motion to accept above.
Approved: 32 Against: 42 Failed
16. **All National Conference workshops must be chaired by either at least one G.A. member or at least one member from both G.A. and Gam-Anon. No workshops can be chaired by Gam-Anon alone.** (Area 12)
Motion that all National Conference Workshops must be chaired by either at least one G.A. member or at least one member from both G.A. and Gam-Anon. No workshops can be chaired by Gam-Anon alone, unless the workshop deals only with Gam-Anon subject matter.
Approved: 21 Against: 54 Failed
17. **Discuss how the guidelines and procedures can be improved for National Conferences as they relate to:**
1. Content of give-away packets.
2. Selling, soliciting or handouts for any good or services for a speaker or workshop Chairperson (Area 12)
Motion that all items that will be distributed during a National Conference should be reviewed and approved by first, the Conference Committee and then by one of the Assistant Chairmen of the Board of Trustees before the start of the Conference.
Approved: 47 Against: 34 Passed
18. **Combo Book page 17, number 3 change after, "Don't go in or near gambling establishments" add, "Don't visit gambling or casino websites".** (Area 1)
Motion to accept above.
Approved: 33 Against: 43 Failed
19. **Change Combo Book , page 17, number 3 – add the word "sincere" before the word "desire".** (Area 1)
Request to withdraw
Chair ruled this item out of order.
20. **Discuss the meaning of the word "principles" found in the Combo Book on pages 1, 3, 5, 7, and 13. Then add the wording shown below to the bottom of page 3.**
Therefore, in order to lead happy normal lives we try to practice to the best of our ability, certain principles in our daily affairs.
1-acceptance 2-hope 3-trust 4-courage 5-integrity 6-willingness
7-humility 8-brotherly love 9-self discipline 10-perserverence
11-spirituality 12-love and service (Area 6)
Motion made that at the bottom of page 3 of the Combo Book add among them are: 1- Acceptance 2- Hope 3-Trust 4-Courage 5-Integrity 6-Willingness 7-Humility 8 Brotherly Love 9-Self Discipline 10-Perserverence 11-Spirituality 12-Love and Service.
Amendment to add 13-Honesty 14-Kindness 15-Generosity
Approved: 23 Against: 56 Failed

On the motion.

Approved: 23 Against: 61 Failed

21. Discuss having every state have a Memorial Meeting once a year beginning with the year 2002 in honor of anyone who has passed away in that particular area. (Area 12)
Motion that the Board of Trustees recommends that all areas if feasible conduct a Memorial Meeting on an annual basis.
Approved: 43 Against: 35 Passed
22. No promotion of any type of gambling will be discussed at any National Conference. (Area 1)
Motion to accept above.
Approved: 43 Against: 28 Passed
23. Printed material should be obtained prior to the Conference. This pertains to material which is either included in the conference package, or distributed by a speaker, but does not constitute routine pamphlet items, ie. conference agenda, walk-a-thon application, etc. Thus the material(s) can be reviewed and approved by the Conference Committee, also, by the Assistant Chairman of the Board of Trustees assigned to that conference. (Area 15)
This item was covered under item 17 of New Business.
24. Can a group, area or Intergroup have local guidelines that are more stringent than in the Guidance Code, By-Laws, Past Trustee Decisions, Group Handbook etc.? (Area 10 & Area 13)
Discussion only.
25. Should Gamblers Anonymous accept a matching donation from any employer who offers such a benefit to its employees, if the employee is a member of the fellowship? (Area 2)
Discussion only.
26. Bid for the 2004 Spring Eastern Conference. (Chair)
Long Island, New York and Montreal presented bids for the 2004 Spring Eastern Conference. A vote by secret ballot was taken and Montreal was awarded the Conference to be held at the Hotel Sheraton in Laval, Quebec the weekend of April 30th to May 2, 2004.
27. Realignment of Trustee Areas and requests for changes in the number of Trustees allotted. (Chair)

AREA 1

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES AREA AND HAWAII – 6 TRUSTEES

No requested changes. Although with the passing of the motion regarding Area 1A, this would be a change that would now include Palm Springs in Area 1.

AREA 1A

PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA – 1 TRUSTEE

Motion to eliminate Trustee Area and move back to Area 1.

Approved: 87 Against: 0 Passed

AREA 2

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA – 4 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 2A

ALASKA, BRITISH COLUMBIA AND ALBERTA – 3 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 2B

GREATER SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA – 2 TRUSTEES

No changes

- AREA 2C MONTANA, CASPER AND NORTHERN WYOMING, MANITOBA AND SASKATCHEWAN – 2 TRUSTEES**
 Motion to split area 2C having it become two separate Areas. Area 2C will consist of Montana, Casper and Northern Wyoming with one Trustee. Area 2D will consist of Manitoba and Saskatchewan with one Trustee.
 Approved: 76 Against: 3 Passed
- AREA 2G WASHINGTON, OREGON AND IDAHO – 2 TRUSTEES**
 Motion to split Area 2G having it become two separate Areas. Area 2G will consist of Oregon and Western Washington with 2 Trustees. Area 2F will consist of Eastern Washington and Idaho with one Trustee.
 Approved: 76 Against: 1 Passed
- AREA 3 SOUTHERN NEVADA AND BULLHEAD, ARIZONA – 4 TRUSTEES**
 No changes.
- AREA 3A SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA – 2 TRUSTEES**
 No changes.
- AREA 3B COLORADO, UTAH, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN SOUTH DAKOTA AND WESTERN NORTH DAKOTA – 2 TRUSTEES**
 No changes.
- AREA 3C NORTHERN NEVADA – 2 TRUSTEES**
 No changes.
- AREA 3D ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO – 2 TRUSTEES**
 No changes.
- AREA 4 ONTARIO, CANADA – 2 TRUSTEES**
 No changes.
- AREA 5 ENGLISH QUEBEC, LABRADOR AND UPSTATE EASTERN NEW YORK – 1 TRUSTEE**
 Motion to split Area 5 having it become two separate Areas. Area 5 will consist of English Quebec and Labrador with one Trustee. Area 5C will consist of Ottawa, Eastern Ontario and Eastern Upstate New York as far South and including the Albany Area with one Trustee.
 Approved: 74 Against: 0 Passed
- AREA 5A NEWFOUNDLAND, NEW BRUNSWICK, NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND – 2 TRUSTEES**
 Motion to reduce the number of Trustees from two to one.
 Approved: 71 Against: 6 Passed
- AREA 5B ALL FRENCH MEETINGS IN QUEBEC – 2 TRUSTEES**
 No changes.
- AREA 6 SOUTHERN FLORIDA – 2 TRUSTEES**
 Motion to add one Trustee to Area 6.
 Approved: 57 Against: 20 Passed
- AREA 6A PENSECOLA, PANAMA CITY, CENTRAL AND NORTHERN FLORIDA – 2 TRUSTEES**
 No changes.
- AREA 6B WEST COAST OF FLORIDA, PANAMA, JAMAICA AND PUERTO RICO – 2 TRUSTEES**
 Motion to add Trinidad to Area 6B.
 Approved: 64 Against: 3 Passed

- AREA 6C** **GEORGIA, SOUTH CAROLINA AND NORTH CAROLINA – 4 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 7** **LOUISIANA, MISSISSIPPI AND ALABAMA – 2 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 7A** **HOUSTON, GULF COAST AND SOUTH TEXAS – 2 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 7B** **ARKANSAS, OKLAHOMA AND THE REST OF TEXAS – 2 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 8** **ILLINOIS, MISSOURI, WISCONSIN AND NORTHERN INDIANA – 4 TRUSTEES**
No changes. Although with the passing of the motion regarding Area 8B, Missouri will have the word Eastern in front of it.
- AREA 8A** **EASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA, EASTERN IOWA, SOUTHERN MINNESOTA AND RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN – 2 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 8B** **NEBRASKA, WESTERN IOWA, KANSAS AND KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**
Motion to add Western Missouri to Area 8B removing them from Area 8.
Approved: 62 Against: 0 Passed
- AREA 8C** **EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA, NORTHERN MINNESOTA, ASHLAND, SUPERIOR, HAYWARD AND WASHBURN, WISCONSIN – 1 TRUSTEE**
No changes.
- AREA 9** **MICHIGAN, NORTHWEST OHIO AND WINDSOR, ONTARIO – 2 TRUSTEES**
Motion to split Area 9 having it become two separate Areas. Area 9 will consist of Michigan and Northwest Ohio and will have two Trustees. Area 9A will consist of Southwest Ontario and have one Trustee.
Approved: 74 Against: 1 Passed
- AREA 10** **OHIO AND ERIE, NEWCASTLE, AND WARREN, PENNSYLVANIA – 2 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 10A** **WEST VIRGINIA AND WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA – 3 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 10B** **CINCINNATI AND DAYTON, OHIO; INDIANAPOLIS AND SOUTHERN INDIANA, KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE – 2 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 11** **MASSACHUSETTS, RHODE ISLAND, MAINE, VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE – 2 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 12** **NEW JERSEY, SUFFERIN, NEW YORK AND NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA – 6 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 13** **EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, SOUTH NEW JERSEY AND DELAWARE – 4 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 13A** **MARYLAND, WASHINGTON, D.C. AND VIIRGINIA – 2 TRUSTEES**
No changes.

- AREA 14 LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK – 4 TRUSTEES
No changes.
- AREA 15 NEW YORK CITY AND SURROUNDING AREAS – 10 TRUSTEES
No changes.
- AREA 16 UPSTATE NEW YORK – 2 TRUSTEES
No changes.
- AREA 17 CONNECTICUT AND WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS – 2 TRUSTEES
No changes.
- AREA 18 NORTHERN STATES OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND – 2 TRUSTEES
No changes.
- AREA 18A SOUTHERN STATES OF AUSTRALIA – 2 TRUSTEES
No changes.
- AREA 19 ARGENTINA – 2 TRUSTEES
No changes.
- AREA 20 URUGUAY – 1 TRUSTEE
No changes.
- AREA 21 SPAIN – 2 TRUSTEES
No changes.
- AREA 22 SOUTH AFRICA - 1 TRUSTEE
No changes.

28. Election of the Board of Regents - Collection of the ballots during the first session. (Chair)
The Ballots were turned in during the first session and during the next session Tom M. asked three past members of the Board of Trustees to count them. Seventy-six Ballots were received. The results in alphabetical order are as follows: Al N., Arnie B. (Chicago), Bill M., Howie C. (Mississippi), Joel K., Marc L., Phil K., Steve B. and Walt D. All members, unless otherwise noted, are from an area within 200 miles of the International Service Office. First on the replacement list for out of the 200 mile area is Lloyd A. and the first on the replacement list for within the 200 mile area is Sheri B.
29. Translate into French and Spanish the G.A. web site (www.gamblersanonymous.org) The Quebec French Intergroup and Area 5B offer its translation service into French with no cost to the I.S.O. (Area 5B)
Motion to accept above.
Approved: 4 Against: 75 Failed
Motion to translate into French the G.A. website (www.gamblersanonymous.org). Area 5B offer its translation service with no cost to the I.S.O.
Approved: 85 Against: 3 Passed
30. Discuss a situation where a spouse of a G.A. member entered a radio contest and won a vacation. She wants to take the members of the family. Should the G.A. member accept and go or would it be considered gambling. (Unknown)
Discussion was held. A straw vote was taken and it is the consensus of this Board that is O.K. for the member to go, if he wants to.

31. **Guidance Code Article VI add section 2. To read as follows: "At any Gamblers Anonymous function and/or meeting a member can never desecrate, make fun, or put down the program in any way shape or manner."** (Area 1)
 Motion to accept above.
 Approved: 3 Against: 75 Failed
32. **Guidance Code Article VII add section 6. to read: "A group can never desecrate, make fun, or put down the program in any way shape or manner."** (Area 1)
 Motion to accept above.
 Approved: 4 Against: 72 Failed
33. **Guidance Code Article X add section 13. to read: "No Intergroup shall be allowed to sponsor any event or function that desecrates, makes fun of, or puts down the program in any way shape or manner."** (Area 1)
 Motion to accept above.
 Approved: 4 Against: 72 Failed
34. **Guidance Code Article VIII add section 27 to read: "It is the responsibility of the members of the Board of Trustees to attend as many workshops as possible at all National Conferences."** (Area 1)
 Motion to accept above.
 Approved: 7 Against: 70 Failed
35. **Guidance Code Article VIII add section 28. to read: All Trustees should be required to make a report to their Area that they represent on all pertinent matters from National Conferences.** (Area 1)
 No discussion.
36. **Guidance Code Article VII section 3. Change from six (6) months to, at least one (1) year on line 13** (Area 1)
 Motion to accept above.
 Approved: 10 Against: 61 Failed
37. **Guidance Code Article VII section 4. Change to: "Date of membership begins at your first meeting after your last bet."** (Area 1)
 Motion to accept above.
 Approved: 8 Against: 71 Failed
38. **Guidance Code Article IX, add section 8. to read: The officers of the Board of Trustees, i.e. Chairman, 1st Asst. Chair and 2nd Asst. Chair cannot be from the same area.** (Area 1)
 Motion to accept above.
 Approved: 4 Against: 71 Failed
39. **Guidance Code Article VIII section 9 remove: "by not less than twenty (20) members".** (Area 1)
 This item was taken care of in number 5 under New Business.
40. **Recovery Step 5. Change the word "chore" to "task".** (Area 2)
 No discussion.
41. **Motion to allow former Trustees to submit items to the Trustee Line and to receive a copy of the Trustee Line upon request.** (Area 12)
 Motion to accept above.
 Amendment to include the words "who have remained abstinent from gambling" after the words "former Trustees".
 Approved: 6 Against: 72 Failed
 On the motion.
 Approved: 76 Against: 5 Passed

42. **Request for approval from the Board of Trustees to start a Regional Service Office (R.S.O.) in Argentina and Portugal.** (Area 15)
 Motion to approve request for Argentina to start a Regional Service Office.
 Approved: 44 Against: 12 Passed
 Discussion was held regarding Portugal's request for a Regional Service Office.
 Motion to table until Florida.
 Approved: 68 Against: 1 Passed
43. **Form a hotline committee to investigate a nationwide Gamblers Anonymous hotline.** (Area 12)
 The Chair asked Gary S. from Bloomfield, New Jersey to head a committee to investigate a nationwide Gamblers Anonymous hotline. Committee members will include Thom M., Sandy L., Norm B., Tom B., Bob W., Steve R., Carol L., Brad B. and Kevin O.
44. **Combo Book page 17 number 1. replace with: "Join a G. A. home group and attend that meeting every week – also attend other G. A. meetings whenever possible during that same week. G. A. members who attend more than one meeting per week seem to have a higher success rate in recovery.** (Area 12)
 Motion to accept above.
 Approved: 17 Against: 50 Failed
45. **Combo Book page 17 number 6 change to read: "When you are ready, the trusted servants will conduct a Pressure Relief Meeting, or reevaluation for you and your spouse or partner and adherence to it will aid in your recovery."** (Area 14)
 Motion to accept above.
 Amendment to add "and your spouse or partner, if applicable" and to add the word "Group" between Relief and meeting.
 Approved: 1 Against: 51 Failed
 On the motion.
 Approved: 14 Against: 46 Failed
46. **Combo Book page 2, third paragraph line number 4. Change "gambling careers to gambling histories" and make this same change in all G. A. printed material and on the G. A. website.** (Area 8)
 Motion to accept above.
 Approved: 11 Against: 66 Failed
47. **Step 6 Recovery Program change from, "were" to "we are" entirely ready to have these defects of character removed.** (Area 9)
 No discussion.
48. **Combo Book page 13, 8 lines from the bottom, change: "After abstaining a few months some of our members have tried some small bet experimentation always with disastrous results...." to "After abstaining a period of time, some of our members have relapsed and returned to gambling always with disastrous results..."** (Area 8)
 Motion to accept above.
 Approved: 12 Against: 74 Failed
49. **Grant Canada the authority to hire a publisher for G. A. literature to be published and printed in Canada.** (Area 2A)
 Motion to accept above.
 Motion to table.
 Approved: 6 Against: 67 Failed
 The Chair was challenged because he stated that he would not accept another motion if this one fails when that question was asked because the member was under the impression that the Chair had previously stated that if the original motion failed a new motion would be accepted.
 Vote on the challenge passes (42-26) therefore the Chair is out of order and a new motion will be accepted if this one fails.
 On the motion.
 Approved: 5 Against: 73 Failed

- New motion that Canadian G.A. be given permission to print all approved G.A. literature in English in Canada. Motion to table. Chair stated that he would not allow this motion to be tabled. The Chair was then challenged. Vote on the challenge passes (34 – 33) therefore the Chair is out of order. A roll call vote was then requested and that challenge vote fails (38 – 45) so the Chair is in order and the motion will not be tabled.
On the motion.
Approved: 61 Against: 10 Passed
50. **Set aside Board of Trustee Decisions section 4, item 25 and section 6 item 40 from Myrtle beach 1998 and Orlando 1998.** (Area 8)
Motion to match Trustees Decisions to Guidance Code Article XIII, Section 3 and Article XIII, Section 12 and By-Laws Article III Section 3 and Article VI Section 9 that the term of office for a Regent shall be one (1) year starting on July 1st and concluding June 30th of the following year.
Approved: 57 Against: 11 Passed
51. **Set aside Board of Trustee Decision section 4, item 11 from Miami 1974.** (Area 8)
Motion to match Trustees Decisions to By-Laws Article III Section 8 which reads: Board of Regents members shall be limited to two (2) elected terms served consecutively, but may be reelected after one (1) year of non-service on the Board of Regents.
Approved: 34 Against: 21 Passed
52. **Vote to uphold section 4, item 20 of the Past Decisions regarding the 200 mile rule for B.O.R. members from Connecticut 1994.** (Area 8)
Item was ruled out of order.
53. **Request to approve the A. A. Big Book as approved G. A. literature.** (Out of Order)
Item was ruled out of order.
54. **Combo Book page 10 change from, "Also a compulsive gambler has a strong inner urge to be a "big" shot and needs to have a feeling of being all powerful.**
To:
Also, many compulsive gamblers seem to have a strong inner urge to be a "big shot" and need to have the feeling of being all-powerful. Others just want to escape by spending countless hours gambling on slot machines, video poker, and the Internet. (Area 1)
Motion to accept above.
Approved: 31 Against: 47 Failed
55. **Combo Book page 11, change from "mink coats" to "fancy jewels".** (Area 1)
Motion to accept above.
Approved: 3 Against: 62 Failed
56. **Motion that all National Conferences provide an optional evaluation form for all participants. This would be used to evaluate the Conference as a whole. Evaluations would be sent to the I. S. O. and passed along to other host chapters for review.** (Area 17)
Motion that I.S.O. provide an optional evaluation form for all participants at all National Conferences. This would be used to evaluate the Conference as a whole. Evaluations would be sent back to I.S.O. and passed along to other future host chapters for review.
Approved: 9 Against: 64 Failed
Motion that all National Conferences provide an optional evaluation form for all participants. This would be used to evaluate the Conference as a whole. Evaluations would be sent to other future host chapters for review.
Approved: 36 Against: 34 Passed
57. **Establish a standing committee to answer technical questions arising out of Pressure Relief Committee Meetings on issues of stock market and investments for Gamblers Anonymous members.** (Area 12)
Motion to accept above.
Approved: 21 Against: 50 Failed

58. Following statement to be approved and placed after page 3 (separate page) before budget page in the Gamblers Anonymous Pressure Relief Meeting Pamphlet and Financial Forms.
1. Gamblers Anonymous members should not be involved in the Stock Market.
 2. Members of Gamblers Anonymous should not watch TV financial shows, view financial web sites or look at stock market quotations any more than they would look at horse race results, check on the lottery numbers, or odds on sporting events.
 3. Gamblers Anonymous members should only address issues of investments during their Pressure Relief Group Meeting or during periodic re-evaluations.
 4. Gamblers Anonymous members should not be in control of any family finances including the decisions regarding family investments.
 5. The definition of gambling for the members of Gamblers Anonymous hold true for any form of investments arising from possible compensation from the employer, regardless of any perceived unique circumstances.
 6. Excess monies earned by Gamblers Anonymous members may be earmarked by the Pressure Group Committee for savings or retirement. Disposition of these funds must be in control of someone else (spouse, significant other, another family member, money manager, financial advisor, etc.) and discussion about such monies should be avoided by the Gamblers Anonymous member.
 7. Retirement accounts and work related incentive plans that involve anything other than cash, should be placed outside the control of the Gamblers Anonymous member.
 8. Any stock received by the Gamblers Anonymous members, as either a gift or inheritance should be sold. Decisions to exercise or sell stock options or stock as a result of compensation should be placed outside the control of the Gamblers Anonymous members.

Motion to accept above in its entirety.

Motion to table.

Approved: 38 Against: 34 Passed

A roll call vote was then requested with the results as follows:

Approved: 38 Against: 47 Failed

On the motion,

Approved: 36 Against: 41 Failed

59. Any changes made in one piece of G.A. literature will automatically be changed in any other piece of literature that has the same wording including adding or removing words. (Area 7)
 Motion to accept above.
 Approved: 54 Against: 12 Passed
60. Combo Book page 17 place "Be patient!" in bold print. (Area 7)
 This item is combined with number 9 under New Business.
61. G. A. Big Book place an explanation about the true story of Howard and Abner so that it is not confused with the story of Howie C. (Area 7)
 Motion to remove the Abner and Howie story from the Blue Book and replace with something that is true.
 Approved: 2 Against: 68 Failed
62. Combo Book page 2, 3rd sentence from the bottom. Change the word "every" to "most". (Area 7)
 Discussion only.
63. Step 2 change to: "could restore us to a well adjusted and healthy way of thinking and living".(Area 7)
 No discussion.
64. Any past Trustee can vote to extend time on discussion. (Area 7)
 Item out of order. Does not meet the two year rule.

65. Delete the words, "or mentioned" from:
 1. Red Book page 14, 3rd sentence from the bottom.
 Out of order.
 2. Group Handbook page 2, number 7.
 Out of order.
 3. Guidance Code page 5 sections 4 and 5. section 4 on page 11 & 12 # 9 D.
 Discussion only.
66. Q & A pamphlet page 5, 6th sentence add an "s" to contributions or add "any" in front of contribution.
 Discussion only. (Area 7)
67. Q & A pamphlet page 6, 2nd paragraph change the word "groups" to "occupations". (Area 7)
 Motion to accept above.
 Approved: 5 Against: 58 Failed
68. Q & A pamphlet page 9, 4th sentence from the bottom change the word "tolerance" to "kindness".
 Motion to accept above.
 Approved: 47 Against: 18 Passed (1st vote)
69. Pressure Relief Group Pamphlet page 1, change him/her and his/her where they appear to "their". Make the similar changes on pages 3, 4, and 5.
 Discussion only. (Area 7)

J. ANYTHING OMITTED FROM THE AGENDA:

70. Approve the pamphlet "Towards Recovery in Prison".
 Motion to approve as submitted "Towards Recovery in Prison" with appropriate acknowledgement to our brothers and sisters of Great Britain Gamblers Anonymous.
 Motion to table.
 Approved: 24 Against: 58 Failed
 On the motion.
 Approved: 77 Against: 3 Passed (1st vote)

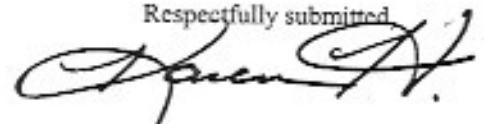
K. GOOD AND WELFARE

In lieu of time, Tom M. asked that all Trustees take the "Good and Welfare" sheet that was given out prior to the start of the meeting, fill it out and give to Denis M. for inclusion in the next issue of the Trustee Line.

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at 4:30 P.M. The collection for the four (4) sessions was \$618.00.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held October 10, 2002 in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen H., International
 Executive Secretary

			ROLL CALL					
AREA		SESSIONS	AREA		SESSIONS			SESSIONS
1	Marc L.	4	8A	Brian B.	4	Chairman, BOT		
	Marvin F.	4		Janae L.	4	Tom M.	4	
	Jimmy D.	4	8B	Charlie O.	Absent	1 st Co-Chair, BOT		
	Ted K.	4		Michelle G.	4	Jim C.	4	
	Laurie R.	4	8C	Marty J.	Absent *	2 nd Co-Chair, BOT		
	Manny E.	4	9	Joe C.	4	Denis M.	4	
1A	Tom B.	4		Jim M.	4	Chairman, BOR		
2	Ed E.	4	10	Glenn F.	4	Bill M.	4	
	Dan B.	4		Mary M.	Absent *	International		
	Chris C.	4	10A	Norman B.	4	Executive Secretary		
	Sandy T.	4		Jim P.	4	Karen H.	4	
2A	Henry I.	Absent *		Josh L.	4			
	Cindie T.	3	10B	Jim G.	4			
	Don M.	Absent		Joe D.	4			
2B	Bernie A.	4	11	Jim C.	4			
	Frank H.	Absent *		Bob G.	Absent			
2G	Sharon W.	4	12	Carol L.	4			
	Bill C.	4		David M.	4			
3	Ron D.	Absent *		Marshall R.	4			
	Gail L.	4		Bob W.	4			
	Jan A.	4		Denis M.	4			
	Mike P.	4		Bill S.	4			
3A	Deborah R.	4	13	James D.	4			
	Larry D.	4		Neil F.	Absent *			
3B	Keith M.	4		David S.	Absent			
3C	Marcene W.	4		Terri F.	Absent *			
	Sam C.	Absent *	13A	Kevin O.	4			
3D	Gerry M.	4		Jim D.	Absent *			
	Tom P.	4	14	Dennis M.	4			
4	Marguerite P.	4		David J.	4			
	Preston H.	4		Brad B.	4			
5	Larry G.	4		Mike A.	4			
5A	Marlene O.	4	15	Chuck R.	Absent *			
	Mark D.	Absent		Bill B.	4			
5B	Andre G.	4		Marty D.	Absent *			
	Jean Marc L.	4		George G.	4			
6	Richie S.	4		George A.	Absent			
	Sandy L.	4		Ray H.	Absent			
6A	Jerry A.	Absent		Joseph O.	Absent			
	Frank M.	Absent		Mike R.	4			
6B	Lenny L.	4		David M.	Absent *			
	Rick B.	4		Abe C.	4			
6C	Regina H.	Absent *	16	John N.	Absent *			
	Toni M.	Absent *		Sal S.	4			
	Joyce J.	Absent *	17	Walt H.	4			
	Thom M.	4		Ron W.	4			
7	Charlean S.	4	18	Carol S.	4			
	Kathy S.	4		Andy D.	4			
7A	Richard B.	4	18A	Jenni K.	4			
	Chuck S.	Absent *		Richard H.	Absent			
8	Allan S.	4	22	Louis M.	Absent			
	Scott D.	4						
	Arnie B.	4						
	Frank K.	4						

* Proxy Received