

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS TRUSTEES MEETING
MAY 12 & 13, 2005
FARMINGTON MARRIOTT, FARMINGTON, CONNECTICUT**

A) Welcome-Bob W. Chairman BOT

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 P.M. on Thursday, May 12, 2005 by Bob W., Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He welcomed everyone starting with introductions of the members at the head table and then asked all new Trustees to stand and introduce themselves. Procedures for the meeting were explained including points of order and points of information. Eight proxy's were received and handed out as follows: Area 2 – from Amin M. given to Sandy T.; Area 5B – from Emile T. given to Andre G.; Area 8D- from Unchong K. given to John F.; Area 15 – from Mike R. given to Chuck R.; Area 18- from Andy D. given to Ian S. and from Phil B. given to Herb B.; Area 18A – from Russell K. given to Dennis M. and Area 22 – from Louie M. given to David F.

B) Remembrance of our departed members – Marshall R

Marshall R. read a list of our members who had recently passed away. Their time of abstinence and where they were from was also mentioned. A moment of silence was observed in their memories. Joe B. from North Carolina volunteered to send emails out to the Trustees informing them when a member passes away. Please let Joe know if you hear about someone in your area.

C) Reading from “A Day at a Time Book”-David S

David S. read the Reflection for the Day for May 12th.

D) Reading of the “12 Steps of Unity”-Dennis M

Dennis M. read the 12 Steps of Unity.

E) Roll Call-Karen H. International Executive Secretary

Karen H. took roll and presently there are 106 votes to start the first session.

F) Approval of Minutes from New Orleans

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held September 9 & 10, 2004 in New Orleans were unanimously approved as submitted.

G) Committee Reports

1 - New Orleans final Report-Denis M

Leanne W. read a letter from Area 7 thanking everyone. The final Conference report follows:

2004 Southern Conference Final Expense Report

	Expense	Income
Entertainment Friday & Saturday Nights	2,500.00	
Conference Set Up – Copying, mailing	2,303.00	64.00
Goody Bags/Booklet – Printing of booklet		
Giveaways for guest bags	2,760.13	35.00
Decorations and Signs Decorations for		
Ballroom tables and various signs	749.70	125.00
Name Tags/Opening & Closing Ceremonies		
Printing & Supplies for name tags &		
Floats for parade	543.00	
Hospitality – Snacks and supplies	1,388.32	
Tee-Shirts/Doo Rags – Screen print and		
Purchase of shirts	1,897.50	3,245.00
Donations – Cash Donations & supplies		
for Hospitality		1,377.74
Packages – See below (299 Total)		103,430.64
Refunds – Cancellations & Hotel Rooms	3,174.00	
Hotel Rooms – Radisson	40,412.58	
Food & Beverage – Radisson	43,457.90	
New Orleans Hotel Res.		
Overflow Hotel Rooms	3,795.09	
Refund of Seed Money – I.S.O.	1,000.00	1,000.00
Cell Phone Bills	365.33	
Swamp Tours - 80 @ 25.00	1,925.00	2,000.00
Golf Outing – 20 @ 55.00	825.02	1,100.00
Refund of Golf Outings – 5 @ 55.00	275.00	
TOTAL	\$107,371.57	\$112,377.38
Check to I.S.O.	2,753.20	
Check to Gam-Anon	2,252.61	
Ending Balance	0.00	

2- Connecticut Conference Report- Michelle J

Michelle J. gave the report on the above Conference. Everything has been complied with and they are expecting a successful Conference.

3- San Diego Conference Report-Denis M

Denis M. gave the report on the above Conference to be held at the Marriott Mission Valley October 7 – 9, 2005. David F. talked about some of the events that will take place. They are ready for a great Conference.

4- Boston Conference Report-Michelle J

Michelle J. gave the report on the above Conference to be held April 21 – 23, 2006 at the Boston Marriott Quincy. She stated that everything is going as planned.

5- Florida Conference Report-Denis M

Denis M. gave the report on the above Conference to be held October 20 - 22, 2006 at the Bonaventure Resort and Spa in Fort Lauderdale. He stated that Richie S. should be here at this Conference to submit the required information that is needed.

6- ISO/Lifeline Report- Karen H

Karen H. gave the above report and handed out a graph that shows the past two years activity of monthly donations received. She thanked everyone for their continued support in getting the word out about Lifeliners. The Board of Regents were also thanked for their contribution this year with the flyer that went out to all the groups with the March Lifeline Bulletins. As usual Marshall R. reiterated the importance of being a Lifeliner.

7- Connecticut Walkathon Report-Marc L

Michele C. gave the Walk-A-Thon report stating that the walk will take place between 6:30 - 7:30 A.M. on Saturday morning and it will be a three-mile walk around the grounds of the Hotel.

8- Literature Committee Report- Chuck R

Chuck R. reported that there is no pending literature at this time. If anyone has any new literature for consideration please let Chuck know.

9- Prison Committee Report- Jean-Marc L(Canada), Rick B (USA)

Rick B. gave the Prison Committee report for the United States while Andre G. reported on the Prison Committee for Canada. It seems all is going well with opening Prison meetings in both Canada and the United States.

10- Literature on Tape Committee Report- Jimmy D

Marc L. gave the report for Jimmy D. who is unable to be here, stating that Jimmy should have a tape for review at the next meeting in San Diego.

11- Gamblers Anonymous Website Guidelines Committee Report- Michele R

Michele R. handed out a National Hotline Committee report with several objectives and considerations for Gamblers Anonymous websites. The committee hopefully will be presenting their final guidelines for Gamblers Anonymous websites in San Diego.

12- Website Revision Committee Report-David M

David M. gave the above report stating some ideas to update our current site. The recent addition of the Shopping Cart is a good start. A visual presentation in San Diego is planned.

13- Hotline Committee Report-Gary S

Gary S. gave the hotline report handing out flyers with the steps for the transition of the Hotline once it is approved. The report follows:

Area Steps for TRANSITION

- 6 to 8 month transition period.
- Would not connect to National system until area's opted are up and trained.
- Would setup each area as their information is completed.
- During this time each area would remain independent from NATIONAL.
- Each area's cost would be the same as they are currently paying.

Work in Progress

- A True Structure can be establish
 - Call Volume
 - Cost
 - Areas that need I.S.O. assistance.
 - National missing areas w/out present hotlines
 - National Guidelines for Volunteers
 - Ensuring enough volunteers to handle a National Hotline for seasonal levels.

Requirements for Areas

- Required Information from Area's
 - Excel/word file of Volunteers
 - First Name and Last Initial
 - Phone Number
 - Scheduled time to get calls
 - Excel/word file on Meetings
 - Meeting Name, Day, and Time.
 - Location
- Recommend 2 hotline admins with email.

Website Hotline Administration

- SSL encrypted with password security.

View Volunteer Information

- Change schedules, numbers, etc.

Change Volunteer Schedules

- Simply change volunteer availability.

Manage Meetings Online

- View meeting name, day, time, zip, etc.

14- Pressure Relief Pamphlet Financial Forms Committee- David M

David M. gave a report stating that this committee is not for the above line item but actually is an Online Pressure Relief Group Committee. Due to circumstances prior to this meeting it would have been difficult to make a presentation. Therefore a presentation will be made in San Diego.

15- Public Relations Committee Report-Norm B

Norm B. is no longer the Chair of this committee. The new Chair, Howie C., gave the above report.

16- Trustee realignment Committee Report- Marc L

Marc L. gave the above report stating that a new Co-Chair would be appointed and there should be a report in San Diego.

17- Map Committee Report-Dan B

Dan B. gave the above report going over all the Areas that need to be updated. As soon as the updates are made the current maps will be sent to all Trustees.

18- GA/Gam-Anon Conference Responsibility Committee Report-Larry B

Larry B. gave the report saying that the committee states that no changes need to be made.

19- South America/Spain Report- George G

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Passed 1st Vote In New Orleans

1-Combo Book-page 17-guideline # 6:Change the word “may” to “will” in the last line. Last line would read: ”Adherence to it will aid in your recovery.”

Larry B-Area 15

Passed

(2nd Vote)

2-Combo Book-page 12: Add the word “Bankruptcy” before the word “borrowing”. Sentence would read: “Bankruptcy, borrowing and / or lending of money (bailouts) in Gamblers Anonymous is detrimental to our recovery and should not take place.”

Larry B-Area 15

Approved 55 Against 35

Passed

(2nd Vote)

3-Combo Book-page 17,number 3, Add the words “Internet gambling” after the words “this includes”. The sentence would read: This includes Internet gambling, the stock market, commodities, options...

Howie C-Area 3D

Passed

(2nd Vote)

4-Guidance Code change: page 9, number 25 to read, “An item that is passed or defeated cannot be brought up for a vote for a period of two (2) years.”

Howie C-Area 3D approved first vote 57-26

Approved 20 Against 65

Failed

5-Guidance Code change, Article XVI, section 8: Delete last sentence and replace with “His/her expenses to these meetings shall be paid by the I.S.O.”

Denis M-Area 12 approved first vote unanimous

Passed unanimously

(2nd Vote)

6-Group Handbook, page #2 under secretary, item #3, at the end “...that a new person is given copies.” Add “and also an updated phone list for the meeting room and an updated meeting list for the area.”

Allan S-Area 8

Failed

TABLED FROM NEW ORLEANS

7-Motion to approve an R.S.O. for Quebec

Richard M thru David M-Area 5B

Motion to grant permission for French Quebec to establish a Regional Service Office.

Passed unanimously.

8-Motion to adopt a national help-line as presented by the National Help Line Committee. Motion is pending.

Passed

Please refer to # 13 of Committee Reports for more information. Anyone with questions regarding the new National Hotline can also email Gary S. at gs2255@mac.com

NEW BUSINESS

1-Nomination and election of the International Executive Secretary.

Nomination during first session and election during last session.

Karen H. was nominated and by a show of hands, elected for a two-year term.

2-Nomination and election of Chairman, 1st Co-Chair and 2nd Co-Chair BOT.

Nomination during first session and election during last session.

Nominations for Chairman were submitted and an election was held. After the final votes by secret ballot were counted, Denis M. from New Jersey was elected to serve as Chairman for a two-year term.

Nominations for 1st and 2nd Co-Chairmen were submitted and an election was held. After the first vote by secret ballot was counted, Michelle J. from Kansas City was elected to serve as 1st Co-Chair for a two-year term. Several other votes took place and after the final votes were counted, Chuck R. from Connecticut was elected to serve as 2nd Co-Chair for a two-year term.

3-Election of the Board of Regents-Ballots will be counted by 3 former BOR or BOT members. Bob W-Chairman BOT

Seventy-six Ballots were turned in during the first session and prior to the end of the same session Bob W. asked 3 past members of the Board of Trustees to count them. A tie for 8th & 9th place and also 10th and 11th place resulted in the Trustees voting to break the two ties at the end of the first session. The results in alphabetical order are as follows: Arnie B. (Chicago), Benni F., John C., Liz N. (Las Vegas), Phil K., Russ H., Tom L., Tom M. and Wendy B. First on the replacement list from out of the 200 mile area is Allan S. from Chicago and first on the replacement list for within the 200 mile area is Marvin F.

REQUESTS FOR COMMITTEES

1-Form a committee to rewrite the GA blue book.

Charlean S-Area 7

Motion to form a Committee to rewrite the G.A. Blue Book.

Motion to table to San Diego.

Passed

Motion is pending.

2-Agenda item for discussion

- .The writing of new GA literature;
- .The approval process for GA Literature;
- .The role of the Literature Committee;
- .The formation of a committee to address these issues.

Larry B-Area 15

A committee for the above item was formed with Larry B. serving as Chairman. The committee members are David F., Howie C., David S., Gary B., Roy W., Mike Y., Mary Ann B., Chuck R. and Phyllis H.

3-Form a committee to address the following:

- 1) Past Trustee decisions and how they should be handled.
- 2) Should past Trustee decisions be considered GA policy?
- 3) Should past Trustee decisions be considered suggestions only?
- 4) How do we determine which are policy and which are suggestions?

Bob W-Chairman BOT

A committee for the above item was formed with Dan B. serving as Chairman. The committee members are Bill B., Joe B., Leanne W., Keith M., Steve K., Al O. and Marc L.

4-To form a committee to make another G.A. 30 minute film based on, and very similar to the Big Steve film (or video).

Howie C-Area 3

A committee for the above item was formed with Howie C. serving as Chairman. The committee members are Bob W., James B., Ted K., Matt B., Jan A. and Howie C.

5-Discussion regarding the intervention of GA members with the pending court trial of another GA member, either through sworn statements, testimony, pre-trial intervention or any other dealings with the legal system involving one or more GA members. Request for a committee to formulate guidelines for conduct in this area.
David M-Area 12

Discussion only.

A request for a committee was declined after a straw vote was taken.

STEPS

**6-In the 12 steps of recovery, change the 12th step to read as follows:
"Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to other Compulsive Gamblers, and to practice these principles in all our affairs "**

Scott D-Area 8 & Rick B Area 6B

Motion to accept above changing "a" to "the" as follows "spiritual awakening as a result" to "spiritual awakening as the result".

Approved 46 Against 50 Failed

7-CHANGE STEP 11 IN THE UNITY PROGRAM. IT SAYS ATTRACTION RATHER THAN PROMOTION. I WOULD LIKE IT CHANGED TO ATTRACTION AND PROMOTION.

Dave J-Area 14

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to eliminate semi-colon after promotion and add the word "but" after promotion.

Failed

On the motion.

Approved 22 Against 68 Failed

8-Change Step 6 of Recovery Program from: Were entirely ready to have these defects of character removed.

Change to: Were entirely ready to have God (of our understanding) remove all these defects of character.

Marc L-Area 1

Motion to accept above.

Approved 21 Against 78 Failed

COMBO BOOK

9-Pg 2 of the Yellow Combo Book

First paragraph reads today: GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from a gambling problem. I want the new paragraph to read as follows:

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from a gambling problem, ONE DAY AT A TIME.

Sal S-Area 16

Motion to accept above.

Failed

10- At the bottom of page 16 Most compulsive gamblers will answer yes to at least seven of these questions. Should Change to read:

Most compulsive gamblers will answer yes to a few of these questions.

Lloyd A-Area 6

No discussion.

11-Top of page 15 in the Combo Book -Twenty Questions: Replace with NEW MEMBERS SHOULD BE ASKED THESE 20 QUESTIONS AT THEIR FIRST MEETING.

Lloyd A- area 6

No discussion.

12-Combo Book page 12 Paragraph 1

Insert the word spiritual into the 1st sentence.

old: No, compulsive gambling is an emotional problem.

new: No, compulsive gambling is an emotional and spiritual problem.

Ian S-Area 6D

Motion to accept above.

Failed

13-Change page 17, #1 of Combo Book - Currently reads: 1. Attend as many meetings as possible, but at least one full meeting per week. MEETINGS MAKE IT. Proposed Change will read: 1. Put as much time into meetings as you did your gambling. Attend as many full meetings per week as possible. MEETINGS MAKE IT!

Glenda B-Area 7

Motion to accept above.

Failed

14-To insert on Page 3 of Combo Book after the last paragraph, which ends with certain principles in our daily affairs the following:

The Principles Behind the Steps of Recovery

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|-------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 1. Honesty | 5. Integrity | 9. Self Discipline |
| 2. Hope | 6. Willingness | 10. Perseverance |
| 3. Faith | 7. Humility | 11. Awareness of A Higher Power |
| 4. Courage | 8. Brotherly Love | 12. Service |

Marshall R. -Area 12

Motion to insert on page 3 of the Combo Book after the last paragraph the following:
The Principles Behind the Steps of Recovery

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|------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1. Honesty | 4. Courage | 7. Humility | 10. Perseverance |
| 2. Hope | 5. Integrity | 8. Love | 11. Spirituality |
| 3. Faith | 6. Willingness | 9. Self-Discipline | 12. Service |
- Failed

15-Change the heading on page two of the Combo Book from GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS to PREAMBLE and change line two of the table of contents on the inside of the front cover from Gamblers Anonymous to Preamble.

Fred O., Area 10B

Motion to accept above.
Failed

16-Page 2 of the Combo book add above the heading WHAT IS, then the heading will read : WHAT IS GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS also make the change to the Table of Contents

Joe B-Area 6C

Motion to accept above.
Approved 41 Against 47 Failed

17-Page 17 Item 1: Change sentence "Attend as many meetings as possible but at least one full meeting per week. Meetings make it." to "Attend as many meetings as possible during the week. Meetings make it."

Steve K & Ara H-Area 1

Motion to change page 17, item 1 of the Combo Book from "Attend as many meetings as possible but at least one full meeting per week. Meetings make it" to "Attend as many meetings as possible during the week. MEETINGS MAKE IT" (bold caps)

Amendment to change "during the week" to "per week".

Passed

On the motion.

Passed (1st Vote)

18-Combo Book page 8,3rd paragraph: Change last word from illness to disease.

James D-Area 13B

Motion to accept above.
Failed

19-Combo Book page 16 after the 20 questions add, "How did you find out about GA?"

Ron W & Michele C-Area 17

Motion page 16 of the Combo Book to add, after most compulsive gamblers will answer yes to at least seven of these questions, "How did you find out about Gamblers Anonymous?"

Failed

20-Combo Book page 17 Remove 2nd and 3rd line “Particularly The New Gamblers Anonymous Members”

Ron W & Michele C-Area 17

Motion to accept above.

Failed

21-Combo Book opposite page 1

Change I sought my brothers and sisters to I sought my brothers or sisters.

Ron W & Michele C-Area 17

Motion to accept above.

Failed

22-Combo Book page 13 bottom 3 lines Replace “To gamble, risking progressive deterioration” to “To continue to gamble losing everything”

Ron W & Michele C-Area 17

Motion to accept above.

Failed

23-Page 17 Combo Book:

Change item 5 from: Read the Recovery and Unity steps often and continuously review the Twenty Questions. Follow the steps in your daily affairs. These steps are the basis for the entire Gamblers Anonymous Program and practicing them is the key to your growth. If you have any questions, ask them of your Trusted Servants and Sponsors.

Change to: Read the Recovery and Unity steps often and continuously review the Twenty Questions. Follow the steps in your daily affairs. These steps are the basis for the entire Gamblers Anonymous Program and practicing them is the key to your growth. Get involved and be of service. If you have any questions, ask them of your Trusted Servants and Sponsors.

Marc L.-Area 1

Motion to accept above with “Recovery” and “Unity” to remain in bold capital letters.

Passed

(1st Vote)

GUIDANCE CODE

24-Change Article VII – Section 4. To Read -

Abstinence from gambling in the prior 12 months and commitment to our Fellowship as witnessed by the group is required for all pinnings and all successive anniversaries. Date of abstinence starts from your first meeting after your last bet.

Lou W-Area 3B

Motion to accept above.

Amendment was made. The Chair called the amendment out of order and the Chair was then challenged. The vote on the challenge fails therefore the Chair is in order and the amendment is out of order.

On the motion.

Failed

25-Guidance Code, Page 5, Article VII, Section 3, 2nd line-after, elect a Secretary, delete the hyphen and replace with the word “and” then delete after Treasurer “(can be the same person)”. David F-Area 3A

Motion to accept above.

Failed

26-Guidance Code, Page 5, Article VII, Section 3., 14th line-after “new group” add: If a group has a checking and/ or other bank account at least two (2) signatures shall be required.

David F-Area 3A

Motion to accept above.

Failed

27-Guidance Code, Page 5, Article VII, to become Section 6 Gamblers Anonymous members shall keep their Anonymity on the Internet as well as all other public domains.

David F-Area 3A

Motion to add Section 6 to Article VII, Gamblers Anonymous members shall keep their anonymity on the Internet as well as all other public domains.

Amendment to add to Guidance Code, Page 4, Article VI, Section II.

Passed

On the motion.

Failed

28-Guidance Code, Page 13, Article X, to become Section 13

All information posted on any Gambler’s Anonymous Websites shall be in compliance with the 12 Steps of Recovery and the 12 Steps of Unity.

David F-Area 3A

Motion to accept above.

Motion to table to San Diego.

Passed

Motion is pending.

MISC. LITERATURE

29-Action vs. escape gamblers, the differences and similarities between them.

Howie C-Area 3

No discussion.

30-Motion to include the Pressure Relief Group Meeting flyer in the new member packet

Joe B-Area 6C

Motion to add to inside cover of the Information Packet, following “A Newcomer Asks”, and before “Area Meeting Directory” Pressure Relief Group Meeting Flyer, Suggestions

for Coping with Urges to Gamble, Young Gamblers in Recovery, Your First Meeting.
And to add to the front cover under *Includes* "Suggested New Member Packet".
Passed (1st Vote)

31-Discuss formal involvement of Gamblers Anonymous in cooperating and or assisting others in completing surveys and or other research projects. Also, if this is not a violation of our Guidance Code should our involvement require a majority vote of the Board of Trustees?

Denis M-Area 12

Discussion only.

NEW LITERATURE

32-Allow Towards 90 Days & Beyond 90 Days booklets to be put on audiotapes and sold by ISO.

Joe B-Area 6C

Motion to accept above.

Motion to table to San Diego.

Passed

Motion is pending.

33-New Key Chain-Motion is made to add a new Key Chain with the words WELCOME BACK. This key chain would be the same as current 30, 60, 90-day key chains with a color to be chosen at order placement.

Purpose -To let those members who have returned, after gambling, know that our doors are always open and they are WELCOME BACK

Steve K-Area 1 for John C-Area 1

Motion to accept above.

Failed

BOT PROCEDURES

34-Request for Brazil to become an area with two Trustees

Karen H-IES for group in Brazil

Motion to have Brazil become new Area 23 with 2 Trustees.

Passed

35-Upon introduction of a discussion item or motion on the floor and after there have been two (2) consecutive speakers either in favor or not in favor of the item, the Chair should query the remaining speakers on the list to determine if it is even necessary to proceed with further discussion; otherwise there should be a call for the vote. However, if there is any speaker with an opposing view, that speaker should be moved up on the speaker list and allowed to present his/her opposing view. This process would allow a speaker with an opposing view to be heard without losing the opportunity to speak before the end of a discussion period.

Sandy T-Area 2

Motion that upon introduction of a discussion item or motion on the floor and after there have been two (2) consecutive speakers either in favor or not in favor of the item the Chair should query if there is any other speaker on the speaker list with an opposing view. If there is, that speaker should then be moved up on the speaker list. This procedure will ensure that at least one (1) opposing view would be heard before the end of a discussion period.

Passed

GROUP PROCEDURES

36-Is there any kind of meditation tape that can be used in a step/meditation meeting? Music only or music with voice.

Straw vote requested both ways.

Jan A-Area 3

A straw vote was taken and it is the consensus of this Board that allowing music without voice during a meditation meeting is acceptable.

37-Is it appropriate to read a locally written history of the GA meeting room periodically at the meeting?

Straw vote please

Joel K-Area 3A

A straw vote was taken and it is the consensus of this Board that it is not appropriate to read a locally written history of the G.A. meeting room periodically at the meeting.

38-Discuss ways to handle crisis situations that may arise in a meeting.

Steve R-Area-2B

Discussion only.

39-Does the individual G.A. Group forfeit its right to autonomy on all items listed in the "Booklet of Past Trustee Decisions"? Dan B., Area 2

A straw vote was taken and it is the consensus of this Board that the individual G.A. group does not forfeit its right to autonomy on all items listed in the "Booklet of Past Trustees Decisions".

40-What is the definition of the term "new member" and should all returning members be read the twenty questions again? Dennis M-Area 14

A straw vote was taken and it is the consensus of this Board that returning members should not be read the twenty questions again.

ISO PROCEDURES

41-Meeting starter kits to be sent to all counselors that request them to start new meetings at no charge. Arnie W-Area 12

Discussion only.

CONFERENCES

42-To allow the fall of 2007 Conference (GA's 50th anniversary) to place their flyer in the ISO Bulletin as soon as possible. Lanny R-Area 1

Motion to allow the 50th Anniversary Convention in L.A. in October of 2007 be allowed to place a flyer in the I.S.O. Bulletin as soon as possible.

Failed

43-For discussion: How best to implement the following past trustee's decision: All National Conferences shall 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. From Harrison Hot Springs, 2002 Larry B-Area 15

A committee for the above item was formed with Larry B. serving as Chairman. The committee members are Richie S., Lanny R., Ian S., Sam S., Howard C., Dennis M. and John H.

44-Change 5th page 6th paragraph of Hosting a National Conference from 60 days to 90 days. The paragraph will now read: At the close of the Conference, the hotel balance will have to be paid off and a complete financial report must be submitted to the Board of Trustees and Board of Regents. This financial report must be submitted within 90 days. A copy of the final hotel bill showing "paid in full" must also be provided.

Leanne W-Area 7

Motion to accept above.

Passed

(1st Vote)

45-After reviewing Unity Step #6, second paragraph of page 2 of our Combo Book, should religious services and/or other Fellowship meetings be on our National Conference Agenda?

Andre G for Sylvain L-Area 5B

A straw vote was taken and it is the consensus of this Board that it is appropriate to have religious services and/or other Fellowship meetings on a G.A. National Conference Agenda.

46-Gambler's Anonymous Conferences of two (2) or more days duration, held in the United States shall not be scheduled within one month (before or after) the two annual International Conferences held in the United States.

David F-Area 3A

Motion to accept above.

The Chair was challenged that this motion is out of order. The vote on the challenge fails therefore the Chair is in order and so is the motion.

Amendment to delete "held in the United States".

Passed

On the motion.

Failed

47-In the year, 2007,Gambler's Anonymous Conferences of 2 or more day's duration shall not be scheduled within two months (before or after) the 50th Anniversary International Conference held in Los Angeles in October,2007.

David F-Area 3A

No discussion.

MISC.

48-A member pays a registration fee to run in a road race or enters a scrabble tournament where he may win cash or trophies and the member considers these leisure, entertainment or health activities which he considers these not gambling, is this considered gambling? Straw vote requested. Ron W & Charlie M-Area 17

A straw vote was taken and it is the consensus of this Board that the above item is gambling.

49-If a member as part of a paid job administers a Trust in which he pays an income to a beneficiary and also in consultation with a broker makes decisions on buying and selling stocks and bonds for that Trust which produces the income for the beneficiary, is that gambling? Straw vote requested.Ron W &Charlie M-Area 17

A straw vote was taken and it is the consensus of this Board that the above item is not gambling.

50-Gamblers Anonymous is a registered Charity in the United States. Authorize the formation of Gamblers Anonymous Canada to proceed with registering Gamblers Anonymous as a registered Charity. Richard C-Area 2A

Discussion only.

51- A Regional Service Office known as Gamblers Anonymous Canada be established to be the central point for Canadian groups to purchase English language literature and individuals and groups make donations to Gamblers Anonymous. Richard C-Area 2A

Motion that a Regional Service Office known as Gamblers Anonymous Canada be established as a central point for Canadian groups to purchase English language literature and a venue for making donations to Gamblers Anonymous.

Passed

52-Board of Trustee Committee Chairs must be current Trustees. A G.A. member who has never been a Trustee can be appointed as a Co-Chair of a committee. If a committee chair is no longer serving as a current Trustee, then one of the Chairs of the Board of Trustees will request a new one to volunteer that is a current Trustee from within the existing members of the committee first, and if there are no volunteers, then from the rest of the members of the Board of Trustees. In this situation, the existing Chair will have the option to remain as the Co-Chair or member of the committee. David M., Area 12

No discussion.

53-Conference Bid for the Spring 2007 Conference-Open for bid by any Mid-Western Intergroup. Chairman BOT

Chicago was the only area presenting a bid for the above Conference.

Motion to accept the above bid for the Conference to be held May 18 – 20, 2007 at the Wyndham Hotel in Itasca, Illinois.

Passed

54-Any items omitted from this agenda. Chairman BOT

55- Good and Welfare - Chairman BOT

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer on May 13th at approximately 6:55 P.M. The collection for the four (4) sessions was \$1,024.00.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held October 6, 2005 in San Diego, California.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen H., International
Executive Secretary

ROLL CALL

AREA		SESSIONS	AREA		SESSIONS
1	James B.	4	8A	Roger S.	4
	Lanny R.	4		Joan L.	4
	Marc L.	4	8B	Michelle J.	4
	Steve K.	4		Joni B.	4
	Ted K.	4	8C	Pauline M.	4
	Valerie D.	4	8D	John F.	4
2	Amin M.	Absent *		Unchong K.	Absent *
	Chris C.	4	9	Daryl R.	4
	Sandy T.	4		Jim M.	4
	Guadalupe V.	4	9A	David P.	4
2A	Denise W.	4	10	John H.	4
	Michael Y.	4	10A	Norm B.	4
	Richard C.	4		Jim P.	4
2B	Steve R.	4		Sammy S.	4
	Joyce M.	4	10B	Gary B.	4
2C	Debbie W.	4		Fred O.	4

2E	Alan S.	4	11	Paul K.	4
2G	Sharon W.	4		Roy W.	4
2H	Popeye	4	12	Bob W.	4
3	Gail L.	4		Michele R.	4
	Jan A.	4		Carol L.	4
	Mike P.	4		Gary S.	4
3A	David F.	4		Steven K.	4
	Ray B.	4		John D.	4
	Dan C.	4	13	Dave S.	4
3B	Lou W.	4		John B.	4
	Matt B.	3		Ron C.	4
3C	Cory K.	Absent	13A	Jim D.	4
	Penny S.	Absent		Kevin O.	4
3D	Tom P.	4	13B	Andy G.	4
	Phyllis H.	4		Gary M.	4
4	Elaine D.	4	13C	Guy A.	4
	Klaus K.	4	14	Dennis M.	4
5	Herb B.	4		Joel K.	4
5A	Ken D.	4		Al O.	4
5B	Andre G.	4		Mitch M.	4
	Emile T.	Absent *	15	Chuck R.	4
5C	Mary Ann B.	4		Bill B.	4
6	Howie C.	4		Jerry L.	4
	Harvey C.	4		Howard C.	4
6A	Nick S.	4		Steve B.	4
	Fred N.	4		Marty D.	4
6B	Rick B.	4		Mike R.	Absent *
	Dina P.	4		Larry B.	4
6C	Joe B.	4		Alan J.	4
	Joyce J.	4		Marino S.	4
	Dennis A.	4	16	John N.	4
	Gary G.	4		John V.	4
6D	Ian S.	4	17	Walt H.	4
7	Leanne W.	4		Ronnie W.	4
	Glenda B.	4	18	Andy D.	4
7A	Alex B.	4		Phil B.	4
8	Bob O.	4	18A	Russell K.	4
	Rene B.	4		Richard H.	Absent
	Brian B.	4	19	Luis R.	Absent
	Scott D.	4		Manuel G.	Absent
			21	Andres P.	Absent
				Manuel G.	Absent
Chair B.O.T. - Bob W.		4	22	Louis M.	4
1 st Co-Chair - Denis M.		4			
2 nd Co-Chair - Michelle J.		4			
Chair B.O.R - Tom M.		4			
I.E.S. - Karen H.		4			

* Proxy Received

