

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS TRUSTEES MEETING  
OCTOBER 6 & 7, 2005  
MARRIOTT MISSION VALLEY, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

**A) Welcome – Denis M., Chairman, Board of Trustees**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 6, 2005 by Denis M., Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Denis gave his opening remarks explaining procedures for the meeting. All new Trustees were asked to go to the microphones and introduce themselves and all Trustees were welcomed. Prior to beginning the meeting Denis asked that we begin today's meeting a little differently with everyone remaining in their seats and saying the Serenity Prayer.

Twenty-three proxy's were received and read to be voted as follows: Area 2A – from Richard C. given to Denise W.; Area 2B – from Joyce M., given to Steve R.; Area 3 – from Jan A., given to Liz N.; Area 3D – from Tom P., given to Phyllis H.; Area 4 – from Elaine D., given to Michelle J.; Area 5C – from Mary Ann B., given to Larry G.; Area 6 – from Harvey C. given to Richie S.; Area 6A – from Nick S., given to Rick B.; Area 6C- from Gary G., given to Dennis A.; Area 6D – from Ian S., given to Ron W.; Area 8B – from Joni B. given to Michelle J.; Area 12 – from Bob W. given to Andy D.; Area 13A – from Jim D. given to Guy A.; Area 13B – from Gary M. given to Michelle J.; Area 15 from Marty D., given to Mike R. and from Marino S., given to Bill B.; Area 16 – from John N., given to John V.; Area 18 – from Andy D., given to Eddie L., and from Phil B., given to George G.; Area 18A – from Russell K., given to Ed E. and from Richard H., given to David M.; Area 21 – from Andres P., given to Denis M. and Manuel Y., given to Denis M.

**B) Remembrance of our departed members – Marshall R.**

Marshall R. read a list of our brothers and sisters who have passed away since our last Trustees meeting held in Connecticut. Their time of abstinence and where they were from was also mentioned. A moment of silence was observed in their memories.

**C) Reading from “A Day at a Time Book” – Daryl R.**

Daryl R. read the Reflection for the Day for October 6<sup>th</sup> and then again when the meeting reconvened on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

**D) Reading of the “12 Steps of Unity” – Pauline M.**

Pauline M. read the 12 Steps of Unity.

**E) Roll Call – Karen H. International Executive Secretary**

Karen H. took roll and there are presently 95 votes to begin the first session.

**F) Approval of Minutes from Connecticut**

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held on May 12 & 13, 2005 in Connecticut were approved as submitted.

## **G) Committee Reports**

- 1. Connecticut Conference Springs '05 – Michelle J.**  
Michelle J. reported on the above Conference stating that the final report is not ready. The committee is looking into issues concerning the Hotel bill. Michelle says that she will be staying on top of this.
- 2. San Diego Conference Fall '05 – Chuck R.**  
Chuck R. reported on the San Diego Conference saying that the committee has been exemplary at meeting all of the requirements. Malcolm B. welcomed everyone and stated they hope to give everyone the best time they have ever had.
- 3. Boston Conference Spring '06 – Michelle J.**  
Michelle J. gave the report on the above Conference to be held April 21 - 23, 2006 at the Boston Marriott Quincy stating that everything seems to be going well. Jim C. spoke encouraging everyone to get their reservations in.
- 4. Florida Conference Fall '06 – Chuck R.**  
Chuck R. gave the report for the above Conference to be held October 20 – 22, 2006 at the Bonaventure Resort and Spa in Fort Lauderdale stating he has received the initial financials and committee reports. Richie S. stated they are working hard to give everyone a great Conference and weekend.
- 5. Chicago Conference Spring '07 – Michelle J.**  
Michelle J. gave the report on the above Conference to be held May 18 – 20, 2007 at the Wyndham Hotel in Itasca. The committee has had two meetings so far. All Midwest Areas are going to be participating. Flyers for this Conference are now available.
- 6. Los Angeles Conference Fall '07 – Chuck R.**  
Chuck R. reported on the above Conference to be held October 5 – 7, 2007 at the Marriott Los Angeles Airport. Tom M. stated that four committee meetings have been held so far and 25 reservations have been received even though the Conference is two years away. This is a Western Conference with all Western Areas participating.
- 7. ISO/Lifeline – Karen H.**  
Karen H. gave her semi-annual report on Lifeliners handing out a chart showing the States and number of members who contributed from July 2004 through June 2005. The handout showed an increase of over \$4,100.00 from last year's total of \$47,883.04 to this year's total of \$51,991.50. An explanation regarding of what a Lifeline is and how it can

help was given. Marshall R. stressed the importance of becoming a Lifeliner. Everyone was thanked for their continued support.

**8. San Diego Walk-A-Thon – Marc L.**

Marc L. reported that the Walk-A-Thon would be a 5K walk, which equals three miles and will start at 6:45 A.M. on Saturday morning.

Just prior to the reports from the following committees, Denis M. gave a statement regarding the Board trying to make some changes and one of those includes updating the following Committees. All committee Chairs were contacted and asked to include a mission statement for each of their individual committees. Also to improve the process for these committees, the three Board of Trustees Chairs will divide the committees and each will be a liaison between the Board of Trustees and the individual committee. All committee Chairs are being asked to report to their liaison on a monthly basis on what's happening with the committee.

**9. Literature Committee: To encourage the creation of new Gamblers Anonymous literature as needed and to revise, edit and or update existing Gamblers Anonymous literature. Larry B.**

Larry B. gave the above report, stating that since the last Board of Trustees meeting the committee has come up with some guidelines and the primary purpose is to encourage the creation of new Gamblers Anonymous literature and to revise, edit and update our existing literature. A 160 page Blue Book was received from our membership in Australia. It is being grammatically corrected and it is the hope to present this book for approval in Boston.

Motion was made to accept 5 Steps for bringing forth and adopting new G.A. literature.

1. Any member wishing to submit a new piece of literature must have the literature placed as an item on the B.O.T. agenda.
2. Every Trustee serving on the B.O.T. is to receive a copy of the said literature at least 30 days before the B.O.T. convenes.
3. At the B.O.T. meeting the Trustees will vote to approve or disapprove the merit of proceeding with literature.
4. Upon approval at B.O.T. meeting each Trustee has 30 days to advise literature committee of his or her recommendations to improve the literature.
5. The literature committee will edit and produce a final version and submit the literature to the subsequent B.O.T. meeting for a final 2 vote passage.

Motion to table.

Failed

On the motion.

Passed

Motion to approve \$2,500.00 for the translation of the Big Book into Spanish.

Motion was called out of order.

Chuck R. will be the liaison between the Board of Trustees and the Literature Committee.

- 10. Prison Committee: To provide telephone, email, “snail mail”, and an in person resource (as feasible) to the trustees or their designees for the purpose of assisting when a prisoner or institutional staff member is requesting to start an “inside” meeting, or an Intergroup and its committee are outreaching to prisons, jails, etc. Also, to compile in the ISO office an unpublished JIP meeting directory as a much needed resource for federal state, and local judges, defense attorneys, prosecutors, probation and parole officers, and clinicians. Jean Marc L.**

Jean Marc L., was not in attendance, therefore Rick B. stated that he would Chair a meeting for the Prison Committee on Saturday at 4:30 P.M. Michelle J. will be the liaison between the Board of Trustees and the Prison Committee.

- 11. Literature on Tape Committee: Jimmy D.**

Jimmy D. gave the above report stating that the mission statement is to create audio tapes or compact disc recordings of pertinent Gamblers Anonymous approved Literature so all members have access. Upcoming action items are:

Studio and Production Time – November 2005 through January 2006

Mailings to all B.O.T. members, I.S.O and B.O.R. – January 2006

Chuck R. will be the liaison between the Board of Trustees and the Literature on Tape Committee.

- 12. Gamblers Anonymous Website Guidelines Committee: To present guidelines for local areas to structure a GA website consistent with and within the framework of the Fellowship. Michele R.**

Michele R. gave an extensive report on the Website Guidelines handing out a 6 page outline that gave an overview, including information appropriate for the general public, information intended only for G.A. members, Website administration, features that violate the Unity Program, website structure, and FAQs for the many anticipated inquires that will be asked. The committee will continue. Chuck R. will be the liaison between the Board of Trustees and the Website Guidelines Committee.

- 13. Website Revision Committee: To review new designs, features, enhancements and any other changes that would be demonstrated to the Board of Trustees for approval and deployment to any website approved by the Board of Trustees. David M.**

David M. gave the above report along with a PowerPoint presentation to show possibilities for upgrading our website. Denis M. will be the liaison between the Board of Trustees and the Website Revision Committee.

**14. North American Telephone Hotline Committee: Gary S.**

Gary S. gave a report on the Telephone Hotline. A PowerPoint presentation was also given showing how the system will work. The end of the presentation showed the National telephone number that we have been assigned when we are ready to go Nationally. The number after dialing the toll free area code is 424-3577, which spells out GA HELPS. Please don't call this number because it is not yet available. Michelle J. will be the liaison between the Board of Trustees and the North American Telephone Hotline Committee.

**15. Pressure Relief Pamphlet Financial Forms Committee: To convert the financial calculation parts of the Pressure Group Meeting Pamphlet and Financial Forms into a digital format using a spreadsheet application. This will allow users to input and adjust items on a computer and then creating the ability for members of each pressure relief committee to better coordinate the changes which are inherently part of the pressure relief process. David M.**

David M. gave a visual presentation showing how the above would work. Motion to accept committee report as is and put on G.A. Website to be accessed or printed to be used for Pressure Relief...

The Chair was challenged that they were out of order for accepting a motion during a Committee report. The vote on the challenge fails therefore the Chair is in order and so is the motion.

On the motion.

Failed

A point of order was made when the Chair stated that time had expired. At that time the Chair stated that although there is no time limit on Committee Reports, there is a 15 minute time limit on a motion. The Chair was then challenged that the time limit is out of order. The vote on the challenge fails therefore the Chair is in order and the time limit stands. Chuck R. will be the liaison between the Board of Trustees and the Pressure Relief Pamphlet Financial Forms Committee.

**16. Public Relations Committee: To write a booklet on the "proper way" for Gamblers Anonymous members who are working on Public Relations to handle things. Some do's and don't's, and explanations on anonymity. Howie C.**

Howie C. gave the above report stating that the committee is working on the above. Michelle J. will be the liaison between the Board of Trustees and the Public Relations Committee.

**17. Map Committee: Dan B.**

Dan B. gave the above report. Each Area present was given their Areas map and asked to give Dan any changes. The changes will be made and updated copies will be sent to all Trustees. Denis M. will be the liaison between the Board of Trustees and the Map Committee.

**18. South America Report: George G.**

George G. gave the above report outlining the following statistics: Brazil has been in existence for 8 to 10 years with spaces for 2 Trustees. Columbia, Peru and Venezuela all recently contacted Argentina for assistance.

Uruguay currently has 13 groups.

Leo R., Trustee from Argentina reported on the progress in Argentina.

They currently have an Intergroup, 1 Regional Service Office and 105 groups. Everyday they receive requests. Trademark for Jugadores Anonimos has been approved by the Federal Government of Argentina.

Three hundred members attended the first National Conference 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**19. Walkathon Committee: To help coordinate each Conference's Walk-A-Thon. Marc L.**

Marc L. gave the above report. Michelle J. will be the liaison between the Board of Trustees and the Walkathon Committee.

**20. Past Trustee Decision Committee: Dan B.**

Dan B. gave a very detailed PowerPoint presentation on the above. The committee has been working hard and will continue working on this very lengthy process. Denis M. will be the liaison between the Board of Trustees and the Past Trustee Decision Committee.

**21. Big Steve Film Committee: To update the new 'Big Steve' film to reflect modern times. Howie C.**

Howie C. gave the above report. The Committee is planning to do a Video/CD modern version of Big Steve and Even Up The Odds. A more complete report will be given in Boston. Chuck R. will be the liaison between the Board of Trustees and the Big Steve Film Committee.

**22. Conference Evaluation Committee: To create an evaluation survey to be completed by participants at national conferences. This survey, addressing all aspects of the conference, is to be used by future host committees to assist in their planning. Larry B.**

Larry B. gave the above report handing out a current survey that was designed to be used by future Host Committees. After the current committee disband a new Committee was formed with committee members Joel K., Bob W. and Sammy S. A new Chair will be appointed.

Michelle J. will be the liaison between the Board of Trustees and the Conference Evaluation Committee.

**23. Trustee Alignment Committee: To enhance the effectiveness of the Trustees to service their Areas and the Board of Trustees as well as achieve an appropriate allocation of Trustees within an Area in order to fairly represent the Fellowship as a whole. Marc L.**

Marc L. gave the above report detailing some results from 11 Areas that were polled regarding their Trustee Areas. The Committee will continue. Steve K. will be the Co-Chair. Denis M. will be the liaison between the Board of Trustees and the Trustees Alignment Committee.

**Passed 1<sup>st</sup> Vote In Farmington**

**1. 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 per week. MEETINGS MAKE IT” (bold caps).**

Passed (2<sup>nd</sup> Vote)

**2. Marc. L. – Area 1**

**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.**

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

Passed (2<sup>nd</sup> Vote)

**3. 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Vote)

**4. Leanne W. - Area 7**

**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.**

Passed (2<sup>nd</sup> Vote)

**5. Charlean S. - Area 7**

**Form a committee to rewrite the GA blue book. Motion to form a Committee to rewrite the G.A. Blue Book.**

**Motion is pending.**

Motion to table.

Passed

**6. David F. - Area 3A**

**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.**

**Motion to accept above.**

**Motion is pending.**

For 75 Against 1 Passed (1<sup>st</sup> Vote)

**7. Joe B. - Area 6C**

**Allow Towards 90 Days & Beyond 90 Days booklets to be put on audio tapes and sold by ISO.**

**Motion to accept above.**

**Motion is pending.**

Motion to refer above motion to the Tape committee.

Ruled out of order as this can't be done.

Amendment to delete the word tapes.

Passed

On the new amended motion, which reads, Allow Towards 90 Days & Beyond 90 Days booklets to be put on audio and sold by ISO.

Passed

It was determined that this item only needs one vote because it is not new literature.

**Requests For New Committees**

**8. Michele R. for Irwin S. - Area 12**

**Form a committee to review feasibility of a single Annual National Conference and accompanying physical Trustee Meeting starting in 2008.**

Motion to accept above.



Failed

**9. Michele R. for David M. - Area 12**

**Form a committee to formulate procedures to compile, maintain and amend a manual that will outline the Rules and Procedures for the Trustee Meetings of Gamblers Anonymous.**

The Chair formed a committee for the above item. Committee members are Herb B., David M., Gary S., Bill B., Howie C. from Las Vegas, Walt H., Sammy S., Carol K., David F. with the Chair of the committee being Fred O. The liaison between the Board of Trustees and this committee is Michelle J.

**10. Marc L. - Area 1**

**Form a committee to set guidelines and oversee the Trustees website.**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The Chair appointed a committee to oversee the Trustees website. David M. and Marc L. will be on the committee. The liaison between the Board of Trustees and this committee is Chuck R.

**Steps**

**11. Marc L. - Area 1**

**Change Step 5 of the Recovery Program to read: Admitted to our Higher Power, to ourselves, and to another being the exact nature of our wrongs.**

Motion to change Step 5 of the Recovery Program to read: Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Failed

**Combo Book**

**12. Joyce J. - Area 6C**

**Combo book first sentence page 9.**

**Change 'gambling has them licked.' to 'gambling has defeated them.'**

This item was handled under Item 21.

**13. Valerie D. for Grant M. as co-author - Area 1**

**Combo book, page 17, item 3.**

**To change last sentence by removing the word 'or' and placing a comma (,before entering the office sports pool) and remove '.' at end of paragraph and add the wording: and compulsively keeping track of scores in Newspaper, on TV, and all other related Medias.**

**New version: Don't test or tempt yourself. Don't associate with acquaintances who gamble. Don't go in or near gambling establishments. DON'T GAMBLE FOR ANYTHING. This includes Internet gambling, the stock market, commodities, options, buying or playing lottery tickets, raffle**

**tickets, flipping a coin, entering the office sports pool and compulsively keeping track of scores in Newspaper, on TV and all other related Medias**  
Motion to change page 17 item 3 of Combo Book; last sentence by removing the word "or" and placing a comma (, before entering the office sport pool) and add the corrected wording, "compulsively keeping track of scores and don't watch programs that gives you the urge to gamble".

Failed

**14. Sandi T. for Nora #1 - Area 2**

**Change pronoun use in the Combo Book. Wherever the use of men or man (referring to people in general) be changed to us, we, our, etc.**

This is already being done.

**15. Marc L. - Area 1**

**Combo Book - Page 10**

**Change the entire sentence beginning with: Also, a compulsive gambler to now read:**

**Also, many compulsive gamblers seem to have a strong inner urge to be a big shot and need to have a feeling of being all powerful, while others gamble to escape problems in their lives.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 37 Against 46 Failed

**16. Marc L. for Jimmy D. - Area 1**

**Combo Book - Page 17 - Number 1**

**Change to the following: Attend as many meetings per week. Meetings make it.**

No discussion. This was handled in Item 1.

**17. Marc L. for Jimmy D. - Area 1**

**Combo Book - Page 17 - Number 2**

**Change to the following: Between meetings use the telephone and email list as often as possible. Use the list as you may save a life.**

Motion to change Combo Book, page 17, number 2 to "Between meetings use the telephone and email list as often as possible. Use the list as you will save a life".

Failed

**18. Valerie D. for Grant M. - Area 1**

**Combo book, page 2**

**First paragraph add the word 'so' before that they.**

**New version: GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience strength and hope with each other so that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from a gambling problem.**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

**19. Marc L. for Jimmy D. - Area 1**

**Combo Book - Page 14**

**Change the definition of gambling to the following: Any betting, wagering, or risk taking of any kind, for self or others, where the outcome is unknown constitutes gambling for the compulsive gambler.**

Discussion only.

**20. Alan J. - Area 15**

**Combo Book - Page 17 - Number 6**

**Change the word 'may' to 'will'. Proposed change would read: A Pressure Relief Group Meeting will help alleviate legal, financial, employment and personal pressures. Adherence to it will aid in your recovery.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 45 Against 43 Passed 1<sup>st</sup> Vote

**21. Alan J. for Andy M. - Area 15**

**Combo Book - Page 8**

**Change, 'Most people turn to Gamblers Anonymous when they become willing to admit that gambling has them licked.' to 'Most people turn to Gamblers Anonymous when they become willing to admit that gambling has defeated them.'**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 46 Against 42 Passed 1<sup>st</sup> Vote

**Guidance Code**

**22. Lou W. - Area 3B**

**Guidance Code, page 5, Article VII, Section 4**

**CHANGE TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

**Abstinence from gambling and regular attendance of Gamblers Anonymous meetings in the prior 12 months is necessary for pinnings and for all successive anniversaries. Date of abstinence starts from your first meeting after your last bet.**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

**23. Andre G. - Area 5B**

**Guidance Code, page 15, Article XI, Section 7**

**add : 12) No trusted servant of a Regional Service Office shall receive compensation for service rendered as a trusted servant of a Regional Service Office.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 74 Against 1 Passed 1<sup>st</sup> Vote

**24. Gary S. for Denis M. - Area 12**

**Guidance Code, page 8, Article VIII, Section 17.**

**Delete current wording and replace with : It shall be the responsibility of the Chairman to prepare the agenda for the Board of Trustees meeting. Items may only be submitted to the Chairman through a current member of the Board of Trustees and must be done so no later than sixty (60) days prior to the opening date of the meeting. The chairman will confirm receipt of the item no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the opening date of the meeting.**

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to add: As well as past Trustees. The item would now read, "It shall be the responsibility of the Chairman to prepare the agenda for the Board of Trustees meeting. Items may only be submitted to the Chairman through a current member or past member of the Board of Trustees and must be done so no later than sixty (60) days prior to the opening date of the meeting. The Chairman will confirm receipt of the item no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the opening date of the meeting.

Passed

On the motion.

Approved 54 Against 27 Passed 1<sup>st</sup> Vote

**25. Gary S. for Denis M. - Area 12**

**Guidance Code, page 8, Article 8, Section 17.**

**Change section 17 to 17 (a) and insert the following : (b) Only current and or former members of the Board of Trustees and current members of the Board of Regents shall be permitted to speak at a trustee meeting. Exceptions to this section shall be made for discussions on conference site selection and when a Gamblers Anonymous member authors an agenda item and wishes to speak on that item.**

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to add "or past" member of the Board of Regents.

Failed

Amendment to include the current International Executive Secretary. The amendment was ruled out of order.

On the motion.

Approved 70 Against 8 Passed 1<sup>st</sup> Vote

**26. Lanny R. for Bob W. - Area 1**

**Guidance Code page 9 , Article VIII**

**add a section 27 that states. "Only present and past Trustees have a voice in the Trustee meeting. Exception can be made at the Chairman's discretion.**

The above item was ruled out of order.

**27. Lanny R. for Bob W. - Area 1**

**Guidance Code page 8, Article VIII, Section 17**

**Change to read Trustee or former Trustee (both places). Would now read: Any item(s) a Trustee or former Trustee wishes to submit to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees must be submitted to the Chairman at least sixty-five (65) days prior to the opening date of the Conference. The Chairman must return the item(s) to the Trustee or former Trustee with confirmation at least forty-five (45) days prior to the opening date of the Conference.**  
The above item was ruled out of order.

**28. Ian S. for Keith M. - Area 6D**

**CHANGE ARTICLE IX OF THE GUIDANCE CODE SECTION 1 TO READ: THE OFFICER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL CONSIST OF A CHAIRMAN, #1 CO-CHAIRMAN, #2 CO-CHAIRMAN AND SUCH OFFICERS AS MAY BE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. THEY ARE REQUIRED TO BE A MEMBER OF GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS.**

Motion to table to Boston.

Passed

**29. Ian S. for Keith M. - Area 6D**

**ADD TO ARTICLE IX OF THE GUIDANCE CODE NEW SECTION 8: IT WILL BE REQUIRED THAT ALL OFFICERS (CHAIRMAN, #1 CO-CHAIRMAN, #2 CO-CHAIRMAN AND ANY OTHER OFFICER) OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ATTEND 39 MEETINGS A YEAR**

Motion to table to Boston.

Passed

**Other Literature**

**30. Chris C. - Area 2**

**A NEW BEGINNING (Red Book, Page 11, last sentence of first paragraph, change to read "Groups that hold these types of meetings do so on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis if they choose to."**

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to delete "bi-weekly or monthly basis if they choose to."

The Chair ruled the motion and amendment out of order.

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

**31. Mike P. for Howie C. - Area 3**

**In the Beyond 90 Days booklet, page 3, 1st paragraph:**

**Take out the last sentence (You may or may not be free of gambling at this time, but let's assume that you are.) After the word "mark, change the period to a comma, add the word "therefore", make Life a small l, and after the word "better", add the word "and". That would read: We assume that you have passed the "90 day" mark, therefore, life is a little bit better; and the pain that brought you to GA is beginning to ease.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 38 Against 40 Failed

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

Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote
1	James B	Yes	6A	Rick B.	Yes	11	Paul K.	Yes
	Lanny R.	Yes	6B	Rick B.	Yes		Roy W.	Yes
	Marc L.	Yes		Dina P.	Yes	12	Andy D.	Yes
	Steve K.	Yes	6C	Joe B.	No		Carol L.	Yes
	Ted K.	Yes		Joyce J.	No		Gary S.	No
	Valerie D.	Yes		Dennis A.	No		John D.	Yes
2	Amin M	No		Dennis A.	No		Andy D.	Yes
	Chris C.	No	6D	Ron W.	Yes	13	John B.	No
	Sandy T.	No	7	Leanne W.	Yes		Ron C.	No
	Guadalupe V	No		Glenda B.	Yes	13B	Michelle J.	No
2A	Denise W.	No	7A	Alex B.	Yes	14	Joel K.	Yes
	Denise W.	No		John G.	No		Al O.	No
2B	Steve R.	No	8	Bob O.	No	15	Chuck R.	Yes
	Steve R.	No		Rene B.	Yes		Bill B.	No
2G	Sharon W.	Yes		Tom D.	Yes		Jerry L.	Yes
2H	Popeye	Yes	8A	Roger S.	No		Mike R.	Yes
3	Gail L.	No		Joan L.	No		Mike R.	Yes
	Liz N.	No	8B	Michelle J.	No		Larry B.	Yes
	Mike P.	Yes		Michelle J.	No		Alan J.	Yes
3A	David F.	No	8C	Pauline M.	No		Bill B.	No
	Ray B.	No	8D	Unchong K.	No	16	John V.	Yes
	Dan C.	No	9	Daryl R.	No		John V.	Yes
3B	Lou W.	Yes		Jim M.	No	17	Ronnie W.	Yes
4	Michelle J.	No	10	John H.	No	18A	Ed E.	Yes
	Klaus K.	Yes	10A	Norm B.	Yes		David M.	No
5	Herb B.	No		Sammy S.	Yes	21	Denis M.	No
5B	Andre G.	No		Jim P.	Yes		Denis M.	No
5C	Larry G.	No	10B	Gary B.	Yes			
6	Howie C.	No		Fred O.	Yes			
Approved	42	Against	43	Failed				

### **32. Mike P. for Howie C. - Area 3**

**Sponsorship manual, take the word "Suggested" out on page 3, third line under WHAT DOES A SPONSOR DO? Also on the 16th line same page and in the 11th line up from the bottom of page 5.**

Motion to accept above.

Passed 1<sup>st</sup> Vote

### **33. Joe B. - Area 6C**

**Group Handbook, Pg. 7, under SUGGESTED MEETING FORMAT, from #6 remove the words before any therapy and add as #7...Chairperson calls another member to read the reflection for the day from the Gamblers**

**Anonymous, A DAY AT A TIME, meditation book before any therapy. All remaining items numbers change on Pages 7 & 8**

Motion to accept above.

Passed 1<sup>st</sup> Vote

**34. John D. for Ed Z. - Area 12**

**Serenity Prayer. Add the following three lines to the end :**

**Living one day at a time.**

**Enjoying one moment at a time.**

**Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace.**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

**35. Mike P. for Howie C. - Area 3**

**Sponsorship pamphlet, page 2 HOW DOES SPONSORSHIP HELP THE OLDER MEMBER? Second paragraph, 3rd sentence, make the word "with", without. The full sentence would then read "In some mysterious manner, the act of sharing the Fellowship seems to make it easier for a member to live without gambling".**

This is a typographical error and will be corrected at the next printing.

**36. Leanne W. for Sal S. - Area 7**

**In the Gamblers Anonymous Working The Steps Pamphlet, Step One.**

**In the 3rd paragraph at the beginning of the second sentence, insert 'When working the steps'.**

**The second sentence would then read: When working the steps use the '20 Questions' as a guide.**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

**37. David F. - Area 3A**

**Towards 90 Days Booklet - Page 22, Under Section: IF YOU GAMBLE, GET TO A MEETING OR USE THE PHONE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

**11th line: Remove the words 'slip and'**

**Sentence now reads: If you slip and go back to gambling (and we seriously hope you don't), get to a meeting or phone another member as quickly as possible.**

**After Change: Sentence will now read;**

**If you go back to gambling (and we sincerely hope you don't), get to a meeting or phone another member as quickly as possible.**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

**38. David F. - Area 3A**

**Beyond 90 Days Booklet - Page 19, Under Section:**

**Gam-Anon Resentment 13th line:**

**Remove sentence 'Those darn busybodies!'**

Motion to accept above.

Passed 1<sup>st</sup> Vote

**39. Alan J. for Larry B. - Area 15**

**In the G.A. Pressure Relief Group Meeting. Financial Form, Item 20 on the order form:**

**Next to the category - Children's Activities - add "per attached list see page 10".**

**Next to the category - Clothing - add "see page 10".**

**Next to the category - Entertainment - add "per attached list see page 11".**

**Next to the category - Holiday Gifts - add "see page 11".**

**Next to the category - Birthdays - add "see page 11".**

**Add pages pages 10 & 11 to Item 20 on the order form.**

The Chair is referring the above item to the I.E.S. and the Chairman of the Literature committee to make the appropriate changes.

**Board of Regents Procedures**

**40. Michele R. for David M. - Area 12**

**By-Laws**

**Article VII - Directors, Powers, and Meetings**

**New Section 8**

**Authorization and use of any Gamblers Anonymous intellectual property can only be given in writing by the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents will be responsible, and will employ its best efforts, to pursue any and all remedies available to it in order to protect any of its intellectual property, and guard against the unauthorized use of such material.**

After some discussion, a point of order was made that this item was inappropriate for the Board of Trustees to be discussing. The Chair called the item out of order as not under the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees. The Chair was then challenged that the item is in order. The vote on the challenge fails therefore the Chair is in order and the item out of order.

**41. Richard C. - Area 2A**

**By-Laws**

**Article III - Directors - Section 8**

**Change: Board of Regents members shall be limited to two (2) elected terms served consecutively, but may be re-elected after one (1) year of non-service on the Board of Regents.**

**To: Board of Regents members may be elected to serve an unlimited number of consecutive terms.**

The above item was ruled out of order.

**42. Richard C. - Area 2A**

**By-Laws**



**Article III - Directors - Section 6**

**Change to read:**

**Five (5) members of the Board of Regents shall constitute a quorum. A proxy cannot be used to determine presence at a meeting unless such Regents' permanent residence is in excess of 200 miles from the Gamblers Anonymous International Service Office. If a Board member resides more than 200 miles from the International Service Office, physical or telephone attendance constitutes presence. A maximum of three (3) Regents residing outside of 200 miles the International Service Office who do not physically attend meetings can be seated at one time. One (1) of these Regents who resides outside 200 miles of the International Service Office must reside outside the Continental United States.**

The above item was ruled out of order.

**43. Ian S. for Keith M. - Area 6D**

**DISCUSSION ITEM: THE MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS MONTHLY MEETING HAVE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION SINCE THE BOARD OF REGENTS ANSWERS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.**

Motion to table to Boston.

Passed

**Board Of Trustees Procedures**

**44. Gail L. for Howie C. - Area 3**

**Extend the 50th G.A. (Golden Anniversary) conference, scheduled for October of 2007, to a 4 day conference, as was done in Chicago for the 20th anniversary in 1977. The trustee meeting would start on Wednesday, October 3rd, if this is approved.**

A straw vote was taken on the above item and the vote was evenly split. The committee will check into the feasibility of doing this.

**45. Michele R. for David M. - Area 12**

**The Area hosting any National Conference in which a Board of Trustee meeting is held, will have the option to retain up to 25% of the profits of the conference. The remaining balance will then be split between Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon in the percentage outlined by the Board of Trustees.**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

**46. Ian S. for Keith M. - Area 6D**

**DISCUSSION ITEM: SINCE THE LOCAL GROUPS OF GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS FOLLOW THE ROTATION PRINCIPLE, THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHOULD HAVE TO FOLLOW THE SAME GUIDELINES. THEY SHOULD BE LIMITED TO TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS.**

Straw vote requested

Motion to table to Boston.

Passed

**Group Procedures**

**47. Alan S. - Area 2E**

**Should a GA member in a closed GA meeting be allowed to take personal notes during therapy?**

**Straw vote requested**

No discussion.

**48. John D. for Marshall R. - Area 12**

**Discussion on "Texas Hold'em". What measures are being taken by Gamblers Anonymous Groups around the country to combat this problem?**

Discussion only.

**49. Herb B. - Area 5**

**While giving therapy during a GA open or closed meeting, a member is able to discuss his experiences during a weekend 12 step spiritual retreat, as long as he relates his own impressions without promoting the retreat or trying to recruit members to attend.**

A straw vote was requested and it is the consensus of this Board that while giving therapy during a G.A. open or closed meeting, it is O.K. for a member to discuss their experiences during a weekend 12 step spiritual retreat, as long as they relate their own impressions without promoting the retreat or trying to recruit members to attend.

**Overseas Areas**

**50. Leo R. - Area 19**

**Propose creation of an International Relations Committee.**

Motion for the creation of an International Relation Committee.

Passed

A Committee was appointed with the following members: Bill B., Herb B., Andre G., Klaus K., Leo R., Guadalupe V., Lanny R., Steve R. and George G. as Chairman. The mission statement for this committee is to facilitate communication with I.S.O, co-ordinate Conferences, co-ordinate literature distribution and to maintain Unity. Chuck R. will be the liaison between the Board of Trustees and the International Relations Committee.

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer on October 7th at 3:00 P.M. The collection for the four (4) sessions was \$659.00. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on April 20, 2006 in Quincy, Massachusetts.

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. Absent *
	Ted K. 4	8C	Pauline M. 4
	Valerie D. 4	8D	John F. 4
2	Amin M. 4		Unchong K. 4
	Chris C. 3	9	Daryl R. 4
	Sandy T. 4		Jim M. 4
	Guadalupe V. 4	9A	David P. Absent
2A	Denise W. 4	10	John H. 4
	Michael Y. Absent	10A	Norm B. 4
	Richard C. Absent *		Jim P. 4
2B	Steve R. 4		Sammy S. 4
	Joyce M. Absent *	10B	Gary B. 4
2C	Debbie W. Absent		Fred O. 4
2E	Alan S. Absent	11	Paul K. 4
2G	Sharon W. 4		Roy W. 4
2H	Popeye 4	12	Bob W. Absent *
3	Gail L. 4		Michele R. 4
	Jan A. Absent *		Carol L. 4
	Mike P. 4		Gary S. 4
3A	David F. 4		John D. 4
	Ray B. 4		Andy D. 4
	Dan C. 4	13	Dave S. Absent
3B	Lou W. 4		John B. 4
	Matt B. Absent		Ron C. 4
3C	Cory K. Absent	13A	Jim D. Absent *
	Penny S. Absent		Kevin O. Absent
3D	Tom P. Absent *	13B	Gary M. Absent *
	Phyllis H. 4		Alex A. Absent
4	Elaine D. Absent *	13C	Guy A. 4
	Klaus K. 4	14	Dennis M. 4
5	Herb B. 4		Joel K. 4
5A	Ken D. Absent		Al O. 4
5B	Andre G. 4		Mitch M. Absent
5C	Mary Ann B. Absent *	15	Chuck R. 4
6	Howie C. 4		Bill B. 4
	Harvey C. Absent *		Jerry L. 4
6A	Nick S. Absent *		Howard C. Absent
6B	Rick B. 4		Steve B. Absent
	Dina P. 4		Marty D. Absent *
6C	Joe B. 4	15	Mike R. 4

	Joyce J.	4		Larry B.	4
	Dennis A.	4		Alan J.	4
	Gary G.	Absent *		Marino S.	Absent *
6D	Ian S.	Absent *	16	John N.	Absent *
7	Leanne W.	4		John V.	4
	Glenda B.	4	17	Walt H.	3
7A	Alex B.	4		Ronnie W.	4
	John G.	4	18	Andy D.	Absent *
8	Bob O.	4		Phil B.	Absent *
	Rene B.	4	18A	Russell K.	Absent *
	Brian B.	Absent		Richard H.	Absent *
	Tom D.	4	19	Leo R.	4
				Manuel	Absent
	Chair B.O.T. – Denis M.	4	21	Andres P.	Absent *
	1 <sup>st</sup> Co-Chair - Michelle J.	4		Manuel G.	Absent *
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Co-Chair – Chuck R.	4	22	Louis M.	Absent
	Co-Chair BOR-John C.	4			
	I.E.S. - Karen H.	4			

\* Proxy Received