

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS TRUSTEES MEETING  
MAY 17 & 18, 2007  
WESTIN CHICAGO NORTHWEST, ITASCA, ILLINOIS**

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

The meeting was called to order by Denis M., Chairman of the Board of Trustees at approximately 1:15 P.M. on May 17, 2007.

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

Marshall R. read a list of names of our brothers and sisters who had passed away since our last Trustees meeting held in Fort Lauderdale.

**C) Reading from “A Day at a Time Book”- Dave S.**

Dave S. read the Reflection for the Day for May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**D) Reading of the “12 Steps of Unity”- Jim E.**

Popeye read the 12 Steps of Unity.

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

During the first session, roll call was taken by Michelle J., 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chair of the Board of Trustees. Twelve proxy's were received to be voted as follows: Area 2 - from Guadalupe V. given to Ed E.; Area 2B – from Joyce M. given to Steve R.; Area 2H – from Doris S., given to Popeye E.; Area 3A – from Pearl J. given to Linda S.; Area 3E - from Matt B., given to Ian S.; Area 6C – from Kevin D., given to Joe B.; Area 9 – from Paul K., given to Carol K.; Area 13B – from Francis E., given to John B.; Area 13C – from Guy A., given to Jim P.; Area 18A – from Trevor S., given to Dave M.; Area 19 – from Leo R., given to Bill B.; Area 21 – from Andres P., given to Joe L. and Area 23A – from Vera T., given to George G. Two absentee ballots were received as follows: Area 18 – from Dave McA., given to Ted K. and Area 18A – from Yvonne R., given to Herb B. to vote as per instructions on their respective ballots.

**F) Approval of Minutes from Florida**

Minutes from the above meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

Approved: 88      Against: 0

**G) Elections :**

**Board of Regents Members**

Seventy-eight Ballots were turned in during the first session and during the second session Denis M. asked 3 past members of the Board of Trustees to count them. A tie for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> place resulted in the Trustees voting to break the tie. The results in alphabetical order are as follows: Bob W., Chris G., Daryl R. (Michigan), Gary G., John C., Lanny R., Liz N. (Las Vegas), Steve K. and Tom P. 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 Samuel F.

### **International Executive Secretary**

Karen H. was nominated and elected for a two-year term.

### **Chair, Board of Trustees**

Nominations for Chairman were submitted during the 1<sup>st</sup> session and the election was held during the 2<sup>nd</sup> session. After the final votes by secret ballot were counted, Tom M. from Northern California was elected to serve as Chairman for a two-year term.

### **Co-Chairs, Board of Trustees**

Nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Co-Chair's were submitted and an election was held. After the vote by secret ballot was counted, Richie S. from Fort Lauderdale was elected to serve as 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chair and Herb B. from Montreal was elected to serve as 2<sup>nd</sup> Co-Chair for a two-year term.

## **H) Committee Reports**

### **1 - Past Trustee Decisions Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Ed E. – Area 2                      Co-Chair Liaison – Denis M.**

**Mission Statement - The Past Decisions Committee is committed to providing viable recommendations to the BOT regarding the “Past Trustee Decisions” as to their authority and application within the parameters of G.A.’s Guidance Code, 12 Steps of Recovery and 12 Steps of Unity. The committee shall initiate a long range planning process in conjunction with the Executive Board and review and analyze Trustee decisions for suggested revisions to the Board.**

History was discussed. A number of items have been put on the Agenda. A written report was also submitted.

### **2 - Trustee Alignment Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Debbie W. – Area 2C                      Co-Chair Liaison – Denis M.**

**Mission Statement - 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.**

Report was submitted. Item is also on Agenda.

### **3 – Trustee Website Guidelines Committee:**

**Committee Chair – David M. – Area 12      Co-Chair Liaison – Denis M.**

**Mission Statement - To set guidelines and oversee the Trustee website.**

The committee needs someone who knows website programming. Trustee Line is low on submission rate and is being considered whether to continue. Also discussed Trustee funding. A link has been provided on the website to allow other Trustees to see how other Areas fund their Trustees.

**4 - Gamblers Anonymous Website Guidelines Committee:**

**Committee Chair - VACANT      Co-Chair Liaison – Denis M.**

**Mission Statement - To present guidelines for local areas to structure a GA website consistent with and within the framework of the Fellowship.**

No work is being done. No Chair stepped forward and Committee will disband if there is no interest shown by the end of the Board of Trustees meeting.

**5 - Website Revision Committee:**

**Committee Chair – David M. – Area 12    Co-Chair Liaison – Denis M.**

**Mission Statement - 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. gave the above report. There is no money to do \$9,500.00 website due to Hotline. Another quote for the service will be obtained. Bids to be presented in Los Angeles.

**6 - Boston Conference Spring '06 - Michelle J.**

Michelle J. gave the above report.

**7 - Chicago Conference Spring '07 - Michelle J.**

Michelle J. gave the above report.

**8 – Portland Conference Spring '08 – Michelle J.**

Michelle J. gave the above report. This Conference will be held April 11 – 13, 2008 at the Red Lion on the River Jantzen Beach in Portland, Oregon.

**9 - Pressure Relief Online Financial Forms Committee:**

**Committee Chair – David M. – Area 12    Co-Chair Liaison – Michelle J.**

**Mission Statement - To convert the financial calculation parts of the Pressure Relief 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.**

A motion was made to accept the Pressure Relief Group Online Financial Form Excel application as submitted as approved literature.

Approved:    77      Against:      0

Passed

1<sup>st</sup> Vote

**10 - Public Relations Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Howie C. – Area 3D    Co-Chair Liaison – Michelle J.**

**Mission Statement - To write a booklet on the "proper way" for Gamblers Anonymous members who are working on Public Relations to handle things. Some dos and don'ts, and explanations on anonymity.**

Howie C. resigned as Chair of this committee. Dina P. accepted the Chair of this committee. Committee members are Howie C., Michele R., Ian S., Richie S. and Matt H.

**11 - Walkathon Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Marc L. – Area 1**

**Co-Chair Liaison – Michelle J.**

**Mission Statement - To help coordinate each Conference’s Walk-A-Thon. The proceeds go directly to ISO. It is suggested that each Area should have at least one walker at each event.**

Marc L. is no longer the Chair of this committee. Jim P. will Chair this committee with the following committee members: Marshall R., John H.- Area 10, and Gary S.-Area 12.

**12 – Trustee Meeting Rules and Procedures Committee:**

**Committee Chair - Herb B. – Area 5**

**Co-Chair Liaison – Michelle J.**

**Mission Statement – To compile, maintain and amend a manual that will outline the rules and procedures for the Trustee meetings of Gamblers Anonymous.**

Herb B. gave the above report. This will be presented in Portland, trying to pass as new literature.

**13 – 90 Day Room Committee**

**Committee Chair – Andy D. – Area 12**

**Co-Chair Liaison Michelle J.**

**Mission Statement - To compile suggestions for a successful 90 day room.**

Andy D. gave the above report. A motion was made and then ruled out of order because a motion cannot be accepted for new literature without going to the Literature Committee for approval first. The Chair was then challenged. The vote on the challenge failed, therefore the Chair is in order and it must go to the Committee.

**14 - Florida Conference Fall '06 - Chuck R.**

Report was given. The 2006 Southern Conference Final Financial Report follows:

**INCOME:**

Deposits	\$ 74,086.92
Cash Used, not deposited	635.01
Seed Money from Intergroup	1,000.00

**TOTAL INCOME** **\$ 75,721.93**

**EXPENSES**

Hotel, Food, & Beverages & Audio/Visual	\$ 51,283.20
Return of Seed Money to Intergroup	1,000.00
Printing & Postage	3,708.76
Music	3,650.00
Everglades Trip	834.50
Golf	1,334.30
A Day at a Time Book	10.00
Hospitality	2,090.20
Bags & Badges	2,881.31
Refunds of Registrations & Meal Plans	1,939.00
Hotel Room Funds Collected by Conference	2,993.86
Refund Water Taxi Trip	275.00

2 Checks Returned from Bank	499.00	
Foreign Exchange Fees	24.88	
Bank Service Charges	100.25	
Bank Correction on Deposit	130.00	
Tips at Hotel	450.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 73,204.26</b>
<b>INCOME Over EXPENSES</b>		<b>2,517.67</b>
Disbursed to Gamblers Anonymous 55%		1,384.72
Disbursed to Gam-Anon 45%		1,132.95
<b>Total Final Disbursement</b>		<b>\$ 2,517.67</b>

**15 - Los Angeles Conference Fall '07- Chuck R.**

Report was given with updates. This Conference will be held October 5 – 7, 2007 at the Marriott Los Angeles Airport in Los Angeles, California.

**16 - Literature Committee:**

**Committee Chair - Gary B. – Area 10B**

**Co-Chair Liaison – Chuck R.**

**Mission Statement - To encourage the creation of new Gamblers Anonymous literature as needed and to revise, edit and or update existing Gamblers Anonymous literature.**

Scott M. gave the above report. There are five members on the Committee and they are asking for more input from Trustees. Young Gamblers In Recovery has been updated.

A Motion to approve Young Gamblers In Recovery as written.

Amendment to approve the new Young Gamblers In Recovery as written as submitted by the Literature Committee to replace the current Young Gamblers In Recovery pamphlet.

Approved: 85 Against: 0

Passed

On the motion.

Approved: 93 Against: 2

Passed

1<sup>st</sup> Vote

**17 - Blue Book Committee**

**Committee Chair - Gary B. – Area 10B**

**Co-Chair Liaison – Chuck R.**

**Mission Statement - To undertake a comprehensive review of SHARING RECOVERY THROUGH GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS 'BLUE BOOK'. Acting in concert with the wishes and input of the fellowship, we will recommend the adoption of all revisions, updates, and deletions consistent with the findings of our review.**

Gary B. gave the above report. A flyer has been going in the Life-Line Bulletin asking for stories so we can come up with a “great” new Blue Book.

**18 - Prison Committee, US:**

**Committee Chair - Sharon W. – Area 2G Co-Chair Liaison – Chuck R.**

**Mission Statement - 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.**

Chuck R. reported on the above Committee. Sharon W. is no longer the Committee Chair. Mike M.- Area 3D, will Chair the U.S. Prison Committee. Committee members are Al F. – Area 1 and Sam S. – Area 10A.

**19 - Prison Committee, CANADA:**

**Committee Chair – Andre G. – Area 5B    Co-Chair Liaison – Chuck R.**

**Mission Statement - 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.**

Andre G. gave the above report. A list of meetings that are taking place in Canada was also read.

**20 - Literature on CD Committee:**

**Committee Chair - Jimmy D.– Area 1                      Co-Chair Liaison – Chuck R.**

**Mission Statement – To create compact disc recordings of pertinent Gamblers Anonymous approved literature so all members have access.**

Joe B. reported on the Literature on CD committee. The committee members besides Joe include Steve K., Tom H., Cliff H., and Linda S. The newest piece of literature on CD is the Combo Book. This is currently available for sale through I.S.O. at \$2.00 each.

**21 - Big Steve Film Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Howie C. – Area 3    Co-Chair Liaison – Chuck R.**

**Mission Statement - To update the new 'Big Steve' film to reflect modern times.**

Howie C. gave the Big Steve Film committee report. He has received a wide range of prices, which range from \$9,500.00 to over \$100,000.00.

**22 – International Relations Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Steve R. – Area 2B    Co-Chair Liaison – Chuck R.**

**Mission Statement – To facilitate communication with I.S.O. co-ordinate Conferences, co-ordinate literature distribution and to maintain unity.**

Steve R. asked all Committee members present to stand. He gave the report stating all that is being done to help G.A. members and compulsive gamblers that are still suffering throughout the world. Starter Kits are being sent to many areas. Sub committees are being set up to assist wherever they can. A new Mission Statement for the IRC follows:

The International Relations Committee is committed to assisting the I.S.O. and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees in communicating with groups, meetings and compulsive gamblers worldwide as well as to assist with translation of our Literature and setting up meetings if needed. We strive to promote Unity in Gamblers Anonymous.

Motion to grant Sweden a new Area of Gamblers Anonymous with two (2) Trustees.  
 Approved: 88 Against: 1  
 Passed  
 This will be Area 24.

**23 – ISO / Lifeliner - Karen H.**

Karen H. gave the above report and handed out a graph that shows the past two years activity of monthly donations received. Lifeliners have increased \$4,484.00 over the past year. She thanked everyone for their continued support in getting the word out about Lifeliners. As usual Marshall R. reiterated the importance of being a Lifeliner.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. Election of the Board of Regents**

This item was handled during item G) under Elections.

**2. Election of the International Executive Secretary**

This item was handled during item G) under Elections.

**3. Election of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees**

This item was handled during item G) under Elections.

**4. Election of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Co-Chair of the Board of Trustees**

This item was handled during item G) under Elections.

**5. Ed E. – Area 2**

**The Board of Trustees Past Decisions Committee recommends that the following item: Section 1 – BOT - #10 be considered for incorporation into the Guidance Code in the following place: Article VIII, Section 27  
 Motion to accept above under Past Trustees Decisions #10 – ‘No individual member, group or Intergroup can instruct a National Trustee on how to vote on any issue’ be placed in the Guidance Code under Article VIII, new Section #27 or next available Section.**

**1<sup>st</sup> vote was 65 –15**

A motion was made that 2/3 of the vote cast would determine how the 2/3 vote would work.

Approved 85 Against 1

Passed

On the original motion.

Approved 65 Against 35 (2/3 Yes Vote Needed - Guidance Code Change)  
 Failed

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

Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote
1	Al F.	No	6	Lloyd A.	Yes	12	John D.	No
	Ara H.	Yes		Ralph O.	Yes		Andy D.	No

1	Marvin F.	Yes	6A	Leavy T.	Yes	12	David M.	Yes
	Ted K.	Yes	6B	Dina P.	Yes		Bob W.	No
	Valerie D.	No		Juan A.	Yes	13	Dave S.	Yes
	Ed K.	Yes		Kevin M.	No		John B.	Yes
2	Ed E.	Yes	6C	Joe B.	Yes		Ron C.	Yes
	Don D.	Yes		Dennis A.	Yes	13A	Kevin O.	Yes
	Chris C.	No		Joe B.	Yes		Gina S.	Yes
	Ed E.	Yes		Gary G.	Yes	13B	John B.	Yes
2A	Denise W.	No	6D	Ian S.	No	14	Brad B.	Yes
	Richard C.	Yes	7	Leanne W.	Yes		Michael A.	No
2B	Steve R.	Yes		Laine P.	Yes		Maury C.	Yes
	Steve R.	Yes	7A	Alex B.	No	15	Chuck R.	Yes
2C	Debbie W.	Yes		Tom S.	No		Bill B.	Yes
2E	Alan S.	No	8	Tom D.	Yes		Jerry L.	No
2G	Kathleen J.	No		Kathy H.	Yes		Mike R.	Yes
2H	Popeye	No		Jim M.	Yes		Alan J.	Yes
	Popeye	No		Steve S.	Yes		Abe C.	Yes
3	Jan A.	Yes	8A	Mark P.	No		George G.	Yes
	Karen L.	Yes	8B	Michelle J.	No		Joe L.	Yes
	Ron S.	Yes	8D	John F.	No		Stanley C.	No
	Gladys C.	Yes	9	Carol K.	No	16	John V.	No
3A	Dan C.	Yes		Carol K.	No		Matt H.	No
	Linda S.	Yes	9A	Pat D.	No	17	Walt H.	No
	Linda S.	Yes	10	John H.	No		Ron W.	No
3B	Lou W.	No	10A	Norman B.	Yes	18	Dave McA. *	Yes
3C	Paula C.	Yes		Sammy S.	Yes	18A	Yvonne R. *	Yes
3D	Phyllis H.	Yes		Jim P.	Yes		David M.	Yes
	Mike M.	Yes	10B	Scott M.	No	19	Bill B.	Yes
3E	Ian S.	No		Jeff B.	No	21	Joe L.	Yes
4	Klaus K.	No	11	Tom S.	Yes	23A	George G.	Yes
5	Louis G.	No		Bob B.	Yes			
5A	Marlene O.	Yes	12	Carol L.	No			
5B	Andre G.	Yes		Gary S.	No			
	Robert I.	Yes						

\* Absentee Ballot Vote

Approved 66 Against 37 (2/3 Yes Vote Needed -  
Failed Guidance Code Change)

6. **The Board of Trustees Past Decisions Committee recommends that the following item: Section 1 – BOT - #38 be considered for incorporation into the Guidance Code in the following place: Article X, Section 13 Motion to accept above under Past Trustees Decisions #38 – ‘An Intergroup does not have the right to set stricter guidelines pertaining to the elections of Trustees other than those that are contained in the Guidance Code’ be placed in the Guidance Code under Article X, Section #5, new #13 or next available paragraph.**



**1<sup>st</sup> vote was 76 – 8**

Approved 75 Against 10  
Passed

2<sup>nd</sup> Vote

7. **The Board of Trustees Past Decisions Committee recommends that the following item; Section 4 – Groups & IG - #1 be considered for the incorporation into the Guidance Code in the following place: Article VII, new Section #6**

**Motion to accept above under Past Trustees Decisions #1 – ‘Only members of Gamblers Anonymous may be trusted servants of groups or Intergroups’ to be placed in the Guidance Code under Article VII, new Section #6.**

**1<sup>st</sup> vote was 62 - 9**

Approved 90 Against 2  
Passed

2<sup>nd</sup> Vote

8. **Joe B. – Area 6C**

**If a member demonstrates any inappropriate actions, whether physical or verbal, in or outside of the meeting room, please tell a Trusted Servant and/or a Sponsor. We all have the right to feel SAFE in the program.**

**Motion to accept above and place in the ‘Information Packet’ on the Suggested Meeting Format page after #8 and all other #'s change.**

**1<sup>st</sup> vote was 70 – 14**

Approved 95 Against 0  
Passed

2<sup>nd</sup> Vote

9. **Linda S. – Area 3A**

**Page 17, #2, Place in bold print: USE THE TELEPHONE LIST to match other items on page 17.**

**1<sup>st</sup> vote was 56 – 39**

Approved 77 Against 19  
Passed

2<sup>nd</sup> Vote

10. **George G. – Area 15**

**Motion to change the term ‘National Trustee’ to ‘International Trustee’ wherever it appears in any of our literature.**

**1<sup>st</sup> vote was 56 - 39**

Approved 99 Against 0  
Passed

2<sup>nd</sup> Vote

11. **Alan J. – Area 15**

**Change the workshops part of ‘Hosting a National Conference’ booklet. Text included in attachment. Attachment E from Fort Lauderdale**

**1<sup>st</sup> vote was 60 –22**

**This will now be called “Hosting A International Conference”.**

Approved 54 Against 35  
Passed

2<sup>nd</sup> Vote

**12. George G. – Area 15**

**Guidance Code, Article VII, Section 3.**

**Add the following at the end of the section: Furthermore, members should only be officers of just one (1) group. This fosters the rotation of service responsibilities that has proven to be an effective means for keeping emphasis where it belongs – on the principles.**

**1<sup>st</sup> vote was 64 – 17**

Approved      18      Against      70

Failed

The above items passing a 2<sup>nd</sup> vote will be made when literature is again reprinted as the Information Packet, Guidance Code and Combo Book were all reprinted in April 2007. Hosting A International Conference is being changed and printed now.

**13. Howie C. – Area 3**

**Insert to Combo Book, new page 18.**

**‘FOR PEOPLE WHO WORK IN OR AROUND GAMBLING, OR GAMBLING RELATED ESTABLISHMENTS’ – Text included in attachment. Attachment C from Fort Lauderdale**

**Tabled from Florida**

No discussion.

**CONFERENCE BIDS**

**14. The Fall '08 Conference, originally designated as an Southern Conference, received no bids during the Fall '06 Trustee meeting. Therefore the Conference is open to bids from any areas.**

Houston and Kentucky presented bids for the above Conference.

A vote was taken by secret ballot and the Conference was awarded to Houston to be held October 24 – 26, 2008 at the Marriott Houston Westchase in Houston, Texas.

**15. The Spring '09 Midwestern Conference is open for bids.**

Kansas City was the only area presenting a bid for the above Conference. Motion to accept the above bid for the Conference to be held May 1 – 3, 2009 at the Hilton Hotel-Kansas City Airport in Kansas City, Missouri.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**16. Alan J. – Area 15**

**Discuss dispensing with the requirement for hand counts on votes to extend discussion time.**

Motion to dispense with the requirement for hand counts on votes to extend discussion time.

Approved      85      Against      5

Passed

**17. Alan J. – Area 15**

**Page 17 – Combo Book - #1. Add after the word possible, ‘but at least one full meeting.’**

**Proposed change would read as follows:**

**Attend as many meetings as possible, but at least one full meeting per week.**

**MEETINGS MAKE IT.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 35 Against 54

Failed

**18. Kathleen J. – Area 2G for Larry R.**

**Pg 12 – Combo Book – 3<sup>rd</sup> line. Change the word ‘insolvable’ to ‘unsolvable’.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 2 Against 83

Failed

**19. Ara H. – Area 1**

**Combo book, page 8. Second line of the second question, add the word ‘almost’ after ‘will’ and before ‘always’. Then new version will now read...**

**Our experience has shown that the Gamblers Anonymous program will almost always work for any person who has a desire to stop gambling...**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 1 Against 95

Failed

**20. David M. – Area 12**

**Guidance Code, Article XVIII, Section 5, Election of Trustees.**

**Intended purpose of item: To change the timing of the election of officers from odd years to even years, and to define their term.**

**Current version: Election for Chairman of the Board of Trustees and any other officer of the Board of Trustees will take place at the first physical meeting in the odd year. Current trusted servants carry on until trusted servants are elected.**

**New version: Election for Chairman of the Board of Trustees and any other officer of the Board of Trustees will take place at the first physical meeting in the even years. The term of office will be consistent with that of the Trustees.**

Motion to place in Guidance Code, Article XVIII, Section 5, Election for Chairman of the Board of Trustees will take place at the first physical meeting in the even years. The term of Office will be consistent with that of the Trustees.

Amendment to have the election start for Chairman & Co-Chairman to begin in the year 2010.

Approved 7 Against 80

Failed

On the motion.

Approved 48 Against 42 (2/3 Yes Vote Needed -  
Failed Guidance Code Change)

**21. Herb B. – Area 5**

**Discussion and Straw Vote. Should individual G.A. meetings be keeping substantial cash balances either in a bank account or with the meeting treasurer? What is the procedure in your area?**

A straw vote was requested and taken asking “Should individual G.A. meetings be keeping substantial cash balances either in a bank account or with the meeting Treasurer?” It is the consensus of this Board (85 – 0) that individual G.A. meetings should not be keeping substantial cash balances either in a bank account or with the meeting Treasurer.

**22. Herb B. – Area 5**

**Identical agenda items on the Steps of Recovery and/or the Steps of Unity that have either passed or failed as a motion cannot be presented again for four (4) years.**

**Guidance Code Change: Becomes Article VIII (new) Section 26. Current Article VIII, Section 26 becomes Section 27.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 47 Against 44 (2/3 Yes Vote Needed -  
Failed Guidance Code Change)

**23. Herb B. – Area 5**

**Current or past Trustees who return to gamble and subsequently come back to G.A. should not have a voice at the BOT meeting until they have 2 years of abstinence. The same qualification as becoming a Trustee.**

**Guidance Code Change: Article VIII Section 4.**

**Insert after 1<sup>st</sup> sentence and before sentence defining gambling.**

**New item Article VIII Section 4 will now read: Any Trustee is automatically removed from office for gambling by his/her own admission. Current or past Trustees who return to gambling and subsequently come back to G.A. should not have a voice at the BOT meeting until they have 2 years of abstinence.**

**The same qualification as becoming a Trustee.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 83 Against 11

Passed

1<sup>st</sup> Vote

**24. Howie C. – Area 3**

**Sponsorship manual, page 4, the section that reads ‘CAN A SPONSOR BE TOO FIRM WITH A NEW MEMBER?’ The last sentence in the first paragraph.**

**Remove the following: If a still-gambling individual does not reach an immediate decision to join Gamblers Anonymous, this type of sponsor does not usually proceed.**

Discussion only.

**25. Joe B. – Area 6C**

**Guidance Code, Article VII, Section 4. Remove everything but the last sentence:**

**Current version: Abstinence from gambling and regular attendance of at least thirty-nine (39) Gamblers Anonymous meetings in the prior 12 months is required for pinnings and for all successive anniversaries. Date of abstinence starts from your first meeting after your last bet.**

**New version: Date of abstinence starts from your first meeting after your last bet.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved	55	Against	45	(2/3 Yes Vote Needed -
Failed				Guidance Code Change)

**26. David M. – Area 12**

**Guidance Code, Article VII, Section 1**

**Existing version: Whenever two or more persons with a desire to stop gambling meet together on a regular, weekly scheduled basis to discuss their gambling problem, they will be known as a group, only if they apply themselves to follow Gamblers Anonymous' Guidance Code and limit their use to only approved Gamblers Anonymous literature. They are also to notify the International Service Office (I.S.O.) of their existence.**

**Replace the word 'apply' with 'commit' and add the following: ... display and distribution ... and appropriate ...**

**New version: Whenever two or more persons with a desire to stop gambling meet together on a regular, weekly scheduled basis to discuss their gambling problems, they will be known as a group, only if they commit themselves to follow Gamblers Anonymous' Guidance Code and limit their use, display and distribution to only approved and appropriate Gamblers Anonymous literature. They are also to notify the International Service Office (I.S.O.) of their existence.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved	69	Against	18	
Passed				1 <sup>st</sup> Vote

**27. Ara H. – Area 1**

**Combo Book, page 5, Step 9. Change the word 'injure' to 'hurt'.**

**New version would read... Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would hurt themselves or others.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved	3	Against	86
Failed			

**28. Dan C. – Area 3A for Ben G.**

**Group Handbook, page 7 under Suggested Meeting Format.**

**Change items 8 to 9, 9 to 10, etc. down... Make item #8 to read.. G.A.**

**Meetings, for the most part, are held in buildings which otherwise are used primarily by various religious groups. Even we pay them rent, we are there through the generosity of that group. Therefore, to avoid the perception of impropriety, the use of religious prayers, hymns, and symbols of a different religion during a member’s therapy should not take place. Because of the diverse religious beliefs of our membership and to maintain unity, the use of prayers, hymns, and symbols of any religion during a member’s therapy is highly discouraged.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 8 Against 79

Failed

**29. Gary S. – Area 12**

**To designate the month of September as, “International Gamblers Annual Walk-a-Thon Month”. All areas worldwide will be encouraged to host a walk-a-thon fundraiser one day in September of each year through which the International Service Office will use the proceeds to continue its efforts in maintaining service to our Fellowship and increase service and programming that will benefit the entire International community of Gamblers**

**Anonymous.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 90 Against 10

Passed

**30. Howie C. – Area 3**

**Sponsorship Manual. On page 2, under the heading: HOW DOES SPONSORSHIP HELP THE OLDER MEMBER? 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence.**

**Change the word ‘with’ to ‘without’. So the sentence would read: ‘In some mysterious manner, the act of sharing the Fellowship seems to make it easier for a member to live without gambling.’**

As this is a typographical error it will be changed at the next printing.

**31. Herb B. – Area 5 and David M. – Area 12**

**Request for a standing committee to be formed that would assist all conference committees in finding translators for the non-English speaking attendees of the International Conferences as required.**

A Committee was appointed. The committee members are Herb B., David F., Steve R., John V., David M. and Marvin F. The Chairman will be appointed by Tom M., the new Chairman of the Board of Trustees. David F. is the new Chair of this Committee.

**32. Mike A. – Area 14 for Steve T.**

**No meeting having a gambling related name/phrase will be listed on the Gamblers Anonymous International directory of meetings.**

Motion that meetings having a gambling related name/phrase will be removed from the list of the Gamblers Anonymous International Directory of Meetings.

Approved 4 Against 80

Failed

**33. Denis M. – Area 12**

**Discuss the use of ‘online banking’ by conference committees.**

Motion that Conference Committees cannot use online banking.

Approved 80 Against 15

Passed

**34. Denis M. – Area 12**

**Discuss the use of mail meetings.**

Discussion only.

**35. Bill B. – Area 15**

**Remove the 40-year History Book from distribution, sale, and printing.**

Motion to accept above.

When asked if this would require 2 votes the Chair stated it was not a literature change and would only take 1 vote. The Chair was then challenged. The vote on the challenge fails (43 – 32) therefore the Chair is in order and so is the motion.

On the motion.

Approved 28 Against 64

Failed

**36. Marvin F. – Area 1**

**Print page 17 entirely in BOLD LETTERS**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 2 Against 91

Failed

**37. Marvin F. – Area 1**

**Propose that every new member MUST read 20 questions out loud and answer yes or no, unless there is a language or any other problem.**

Motion that every new member should read the 20 Questions out loud - answer yes or no out loud, unless there is a language or any other problem.

Approved 15 Against 68

Failed

**38. Joe B. – Area 6C**

**What can or should a Trustee do when told at an Intergroup meeting, by a Past Trustee, that three rooms that he attends in the area (and there may be more) do not abide by the requirement of the 39 meetings in a 12 month**

**period for pinnings and successive anniversaries? The rooms make their own determination using Unity Step 4 of the Unity Program.**

Discussion only.

**39. Norman B. – Area 10A**

**Change question #15 in the Combo Book (page 16) to read: ‘Have you ever gambled to escape worry, trouble, boredom or loneliness?’**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 65 Against 31

Passed

1<sup>st</sup> Vote

**40. Dan C. – Area 3A for Bob C.**

**Combo Book, page 17, item #3.**

**Delete ‘Don’t associate with acquaintances who gamble.’**

Discussion only.

**41. Richie S. – Area 6**

**Discuss: The differences between approved G.A. literature vs. appropriate G.A. literature, specifically as it pertains to conference books, I.S.O. bulletins, and to related conference materials.**

Motion to make all G.A. Conference Books become appropriate G.A. Literature.

Approved 28 Against 55

Failed

**42. David M. – Area 12**

**Discussion of Co-Chair liaison oversight procedures of international conferences.**

Discussion only.

**43. Larry B. – Area 15**

**Guidance Code: Article VII-Groups, Section 1.**

**Delete the last sentence and add the following two sentences after the word ‘literature.’**

**‘Any Gamblers Anonymous group’s use of non-approved literature constitutes a violation of Step Four of the Gamblers Anonymous Unity Program. All groups are also to notify the International Service Office (I.S.O.) of their existence.’**

**Current version: Whenever two or more persons with a desire to stop gambling meet together on a regular, weekly scheduled basis to discuss their gambling problem, they will be known as a group only if they apply themselves to follow Gamblers Anonymous’ Guidance Code and limit their use to only approved Gamblers Anonymous literature. They are also to notify the International Service Office (I.S.O.) of their existence.**

**Proposed version: Whenever two or more persons with a desire to stop gambling meet together on a regular, weekly scheduled basis to discuss their gambling problem, they will be known as a group only if they apply**



**themselves to follow Gamblers Anonymous' Guidance Code and limit their use to only approved Gamblers Anonymous literature. Any Gamblers Anonymous group's use of non-approved literature constitutes a violation of Step Four of the Gamblers Anonymous Unity Program. All groups are also to notify the International Service Office (I.S.O.) of their existence.**

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to add the words "display and distribution" after the word "use".

Approved 4 Against 66

Failed

On the motion.

Approved 46 Against 42 (2/3 Yes Vote Needed –

Failed Guidance Code Change)

**44. Denis M. – Area 12**

**Discuss approval process for the publication of non-English translations of approved literature.**

Discussion only.

**45. Marshall R. – Area 12**

**Change the definition of Gambling**

**Current version: Gambling for the compulsive gambler is defined as follows:**

**Any betting or wagering for self or others, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or skill, constitutes gambling.**

**After the words 'chance and skill', add the following phrase, 'or any actions that involve the possibility of winning or acceptance of any prizes or money,'**

**Proposed version: Gambling for the compulsive gambler is defined as follows: Any betting or wagering for self or others, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or skill, or any actions that involve the possibility of winning or acceptance of any prizes or money, constitutes gambling.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 4 Against 86

Failed

**46. Karen L. – Area 3**

**A member that participates in activities such as bridge, charity marathons, bowling leagues, and so forth, strictly for the benefit of their health, recreation, and leisure should not be considered gambling.**

A straw vote was requested and taken stating "If a member participates in activities such as bridge, charity marathons, bowling leagues, golf tournaments, strictly for benefit of health, recreation and leisure without acceptance of a prize should not be considered gambling." It is the consensus of this Board (80 – 10) that this is not gambling.

**47. Joe B. – Area 6C**

**Guidance Code, Article X, Section 5, Item 4.**

**Remove the last sentence: A majority of the groups must be represented before a vote can take place.**

**New version: Any newly formed Gamblers Anonymous group shall be able to participate but not vote in the business portion of the Intergroup meetings until being in existence for a period of no less than three (3) months, assuming, of course, that the group meets all requirements of a Gamblers Anonymous group.**

This item was ruled out of order, as it does not meet the two-year rule.

**48. John V. – Area 16 for Matt H.**

**In the book A NEW BEGINNING, in the first paragraph of page 24 at the 4<sup>th</sup> sentence.**

**Delete: ‘Therefore, every area group should have sample scripts, slides and videos before they call upon the station. These are available from the I.S.O. There is no cost for the scripts and the slides and videos are available for a small charge’.**

**Replace with: ‘Therefore, every area or group should have sample scripts before they call upon the station. These are available from the International Service Office. There is no cost for the scripts’.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 75 Against 3

Passed

1<sup>st</sup> Vote

**49. Ed K. – Area 1**

**Combo Book, Page 3.**

**Add ‘As we continue to gamble,’ to the beginning of the last sentence of the next to last paragraph.**

**New version: As we continue to gamble, over any considerable period of time we get worse never better.**

Motion to add, “If we continue to gamble,” to the beginning of the last sentence of the next to the last paragraph in the Combo Book on Page 3. New version: If we continue to gamble, over any considerable period of time we get worse, never better.

While discussing this item someone stated that a motion has to be exactly as it appears on the agenda. The Chair said the motion does not have to be exactly as it appears. The Chair was then challenged. The vote on the challenge fails (82 – 2) therefore the Chair is in order and so is the motion.

On the motion.

Approved 62 Against 30

Passed

1<sup>st</sup> Vote

**50. Ed K. – Area 1**

**Combo Book, Page 11.**

**Change the word ‘accrue’ to ‘stockpile’ in the 5<sup>th</sup> sentence of the section titled ‘What is the dream world of the compulsive gambler?’**

**New version: Compulsive gamblers picture themselves leading a pleasant gracious life, made possible by the huge sums of money the will stockpile form their ‘system’.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 2 Against 80

Failed

**51. Ed K. – Area 1**

**Combo Book, Page 17, Item 6.**

**Capitalize and bold face A PRESSURE RELIEF GROUP MEETING.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 25 Against 59

Failed

**52. Larry B. – Area 15**

**Short Term Group Sponsorship Approach to Helping the New Member – Back Page List.**

**Add the following sentence to item #7: It is advisable, whenever possible, that the sponsor and sponsored be the same gender.**

**Current Version: 7. They will be assigned a short term sponsor within the first two weeks.**

**Proposed Version: 7. They will be assigned a short term sponsor within the first two weeks. It is advisable, whenever possible, that the sponsor and sponsored be the same gender.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 73 Against 11

Passed

1<sup>st</sup> Vote

**53. Larry B. – Area 15**

**Gamblers Anonymous Sponsorship Manual – Page 8 – Can Any Member Be a Sponsor?**

**Add the following sentence to the end of the paragraph: ‘It is advisable, whenever possible, that the sponsor and sponsored be the same gender.’**

**Current Version: There is no class of sponsors in Gamblers Anonymous. Any member can help to advance the basic concept of sponsorship, which is to help the new member make the sometimes difficult transition to a life without gambling in any form.**

**Proposed Version: There is no class of sponsors in Gamblers Anonymous. Any member can help to advance the basic concept of sponsorship, which is to help the new member make the sometimes difficult transition to a life without gambling in any form. It is advisable, whenever possible, that the sponsor and sponsored be the same gender.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 84 Against 5  
Passed

1<sup>st</sup> Vote

**54. Larry B. – Area 15**

**Gamblers Anonymous Information Packet (page 6) – To The New Member – Do I Need A Sponsor?**

**Add the following sentence to the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph: ‘It is advisable, whenever possible, that the sponsor and sponsored be the same gender.’**

**Current Version: Sponsors fall into two groups – nice members and the other kind. Both can do the job, each I their own way. Your option is to select someone in whom you have trust, as you will be confiding to him or her matters which you may not wish to disclose in therapy. To your sponsor you will bring all problems – large or small, to the best of your ability.**

**Proposed Version: Sponsors fall into two groups – nice members and the other kind. Both can do the job, each in their own way. Your option is to select someone in whom you have trust, as you know will be confiding to him or her matters which you may not wish to disclose in therapy. To your sponsor you will bring all problems – large or small, to the best of your ability. It is advisable, whenever possible, that the sponsor and sponsored be the same gender.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 77 Against 4  
Passed

1<sup>st</sup> Vote

**55. Alan J. – Area 15**

**ON PAGE 5 OF GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS PRESSURE RELIEF GROUP MEETING PAMPHLET AND FINANCIAL FORMS.**

**ADD IN UNDER EXPENSES, LIFE-LINER CONTRIBUTIONS BETWEEN LIFE INSURANCE AND LONG TERM HEALTH INS.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 70 Against 3  
Passed

1<sup>st</sup> Vote

**56. Alan J. – Area 15**

**IN THE PRESSURE RELIEF GROUP MEETING HANDBOOK ON PAGE 10 UNDER THE HEADING EXPENSES.**

**ADD LIFE-LINER CONTRIBUTIONS BETWEEN LIFE INSURANCE & LONG TERM HEALTH CARE INS.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 76 Against 5  
Passed

1<sup>st</sup> Vote

**57. David M. – Area 12**

**Guidance Code, Article VII, New Section 6 or first available new section number.**

**Gamblers Anonymous approved literature is any publication or item that has been approved by the Board of Trustees and is sold or distributed by the International Service Office (I.S.O.) and/or any Regional Service Office (R.S.O.). Foreign language translations of Gamblers Anonymous approved literature are deemed to be approved if the final product has followed the necessary steps outlined by the Board of Trustees.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 85 Against 0

Passed

1<sup>st</sup> Vote

**58. David M. – Area 12**

**Guidance Code, Article VII, New Section 7 or first available new section number.**

**Gamblers Anonymous appropriate literature is limited to local area member telephone lists, meeting and direction lists, flyers regarding events sponsored by the local room(s), Intergroup(s), surrounding area(s), or conference committees. Other appropriate material must be designated as such by the Board of Trustees.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 80 Against 12

Passed

1<sup>st</sup> Vote

**59. David M. – Area 12**

**Guidance Code, Article X, Section 5, Functions of the Intergroup, Number 3. Current Version: The Intergroup shall, if it so desires, publish a bulletin or newsletter at regular intervals**

**Proposed Version: The Intergroup shall, if it so desires, publish a bulletin or newsletter at regular intervals, adhering to the Guidance Code of Gamblers Anonymous, the 12 Steps of Recovery and Unity and all Board of Trustees decisions. Bulletins or newsletters, whether local, national or international, are appropriate literature providing the published items are original writings from, or on behalf of the G.A. members submitting them, or items previously approved by the Board of Trustees. Material cannot be used from outside sources, unknown authors or items that are specifically deemed as non-appropriate by the Board of Trustees.**

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to also appear in Article XI, Section 7, Article 4 proposed version, the Regional Office shall etc.....

Approved 80 Against 5

Passed

On the motion.

Approved 42 Against 38

Failed

(2/3 Yes Vote Needed –  
Guidance Code Change)

**60. Carol K. – Area 9 for Mike Y.**

**Sponsorship Booklet. A sponsor should not have sexual relations with their sponsee.**

Discussion only.

**61. Debbie W. – Area 2C**

**Discussion of Trustee Realignment Committee procedure changes.**

Motion to accept as a single motion into the Guidance Code, Article XVII, new sections 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 as written in the Committee Report for Trustee re-alignment procedures.

Approved 15 Against 68

Failed

**62. Denis M. – Area 12**

**Guidance Code, Article VII, New Section 8 or first available new section.**

**A Trustee is obligated to abide by and promote the Guidance Code, the twelve Steps of Recovery, the twelve Steps of the Unity Program, all decisions of the Board of Trustees and all Gamblers Anonymous literature. Not doing so is detrimental to Gamblers Anonymous as a whole.**

Motion to accept above for Article VIII replace section 8.

Amendment was made and ruled out of order.

On the motion.

Approved 13 Against 73

Failed

**63. Ed E. – Area 2**

**The Board of Trustees Past Decisions Committee recommends that the following item: Section 4 – Groups & Intergroups - #19 – Board consensus is that it is not appropriate for a member to celebrate his/her anniversary the day before his/her actual ‘clean date’ be considered for re-wording, without changing its meaning or intent, as follows:**

**A member can celebrate his/her pinning and all successive anniversaries on or after his/her abstinence date, but not before twelve (12) months have passed. and be considered for incorporation into the Guidance Code in the following place: Article VII-Groups, Section 4., new paragraph, immediately following 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph ending with ‘...last bet.’, or next available paragraph.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 35 Against 45

Failed

**64. Joe B. – Area 6C**

**The Board of Trustees Past Decisions Committee recommends that the following item: Section 4 – Groups & Intergroups - #21 Board consensus is that it is appropriate for a member to celebrate his/her ‘pinning’ or anniversary in any group/room. be considered for re-wording, without changing its meaning or intent, as follows:**

**A member can celebrate his/her pinning and all successive anniversaries at any Gamblers Anonymous meeting. and be considered for incorporation into the Guidance Code in the following place: Article VII-Groups, Section 4., new paragraph, immediately following 2nd paragraph ending with ‘...months have passed.’ (#19), or next available paragraph.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 33 Against 45

Failed

**65. Bill B. – Area 15**

**The Board of Trustees Past Decisions Committee recommends that the following item: Section 4 – Groups & Intergroups - #23 – Board consensus is that an Open G.A. meeting does not have the right to discriminate against a certain class of people (i.e., media, students, etc.). be considered for re-wording, without changing its meaning or intent, as follows:**

**Any class of people, such as students or the media, can attend an Open Gamblers Anonymous meeting. and be considered for incorporation into the Guidance Code in the following place: Article VII-Groups, new Section 3, or next available Section.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 31 Against 52

Failed

**66. Don D. – Area 2**

**The Board of Trustees Past Decisions Committee recommends that the following item: Section 4 – Groups & Intergroups - #25 – Board consensus is that a group does not have the right to ask a G.A. member to leave the room if the G.A. member states he or she has no desire to stop gambling. be considered for re-wording, without changing its meaning or intent, as follows:**

**A group cannot request an individual to leave a Gamblers Anonymous meeting if the person states that he/she does not have the desire to stop gambling. and be considered for incorporation into the Guidance Code in the following place: Article VII-Groups, Section 2., new paragraph, immediately following 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph ending with ‘...three (3) month period.’, or next available paragraph.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 0 Against 88

Failed

**67. Leanne W. – Area 7**

**The Board of Trustees Past Decisions Committee recommends that the following item: Section 4 – Groups & Intergroups - #26 – Board consensus is that an Intergroup does not have the right to not support a G.A. room, if that room does not financially support their Intergroup. be considered for re-wording, without changing its meaning or intent, as follows:**

**A group is not required to provide financial support to the Intergroup in order for the group to have the support of the Intergroup. and be considered for incorporation into the Guidance Code in the following place: Article X- Intergroup Guidelines, Section 2., immediately after 1<sup>st</sup> sentence.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 45 Against 31 (2/3 Yes Vote Needed –  
Failed Guidance Code Change)

**68. Lloyd A. – Area 6**

**The Board of Trustees Past Decisions Committee recommends that the following item: Section 4 – Groups & Intergroups - #30 – Board consensus is that it is not appropriate for a Gam-Anon donation can to be passed around at an Open G.A. meeting. be considered for re-wording, without changing its meaning or intent, as follows:**

**It is not acceptable to allow the solicitation of Gam-Anon donations at an Open Gamblers Anonymous meeting. and be considered for incorporation into the Guidance Code in the following place: Article VII-Groups, Section 2., new paragraph, immediately following 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph ending with ‘...stop gambling.’ (#25 above), or next available paragraph.**

Discussion only.

**69. Jan A. – Area 3**

**The Board of Trustees Past Decisions Committee recommends that the following item: Section 4 – Groups & Intergroups - #31 – Board consensus is that tape recording of a G.A. meeting without the consent of the group does affect G.A. as a whole. be considered for re-wording, without changing its meaning or intent, as follows:**

**Tape recording a Gamblers Anonymous meeting, unless consented by group conscience, affects Gamblers Anonymous as a whole. and be considered for incorporation into the Guidance Code in the following place: Article VII-Groups, new Section 7., or next available Section (There is a 1<sup>st</sup> vote passage from Florida pending Section 6.)**

Motion to accept above and place in new Section 8 or next available Section.

Approved 1 Against 83

Failed

**70. Joe B. – Area 6C**

**The Board of Trustees Past Decisions Committee recommends that the following item: Section 4 – Groups & Intergroups - #32 – Anonymity, as a member of Gamblers Anonymous, shall be maintained while on the internet. be considered for re-wording, without changing its meaning or intent, as follows:**

**While using the Internet representing Gamblers Anonymous, anonymity shall be maintained. and be considered for incorporation into the Guidance Code in the following place: Article VI – Members, new section 2., or next available Section.**



Motion to accept above.  
Approved 7 Against 71  
Failed

**71. Kevin O. – Area 13A for Conchetta B.**

**Approve Gambling Prevention Pocket Card as new literature (See Chicago attachment 71)**

No discussion.

**72. Ed E. – Area 2**

**Discuss a plan by the Past Decisions Committee to provide information for past, present and future Trustee decisions not covered in the By-Laws or Guidance Code.**

Motion that any & all past Board of Trustees decisions is only a reference of voting history.

A point of order was made that the motion does not relate to the agenda item. The Chair was then challenged. The vote on the challenge fails (37 –42) therefore the Chair is out of order and the motion is in order.

On the motion.

Approved 38 Against 44  
Failed

**73. Joe B. – Area 6C for Kim M.**

**If a trusted servant receives a report of abuse they are to contact the area's Trustee or Trustee's immediately. Depending on the severity of allegation the accused may be asked to refrain from attending group meeting and events until a dispute resolution meeting has taken place, this said resolution meeting should take place as soon as possible.**

**Continued abuse by a member to another member in or outside the room, after being warned, could result in a banning from the rooms and events of G.A.**

**To be placed in the Information Packet.**

Motion to table to Los Angeles.

Approved 75 Against 2  
Passed

**74. Mike R. – Area 15**

**Discuss the idea of forming a definitive way of handling credit card debt and asking for volunteers to submit an outline of suggestions in October at L.A.**

Discussion was held. Mike R. and Lou W. volunteered to submit an outline of suggestions. Walt H., Bob W. (Area 1) and Stanley C. will also be involved with this item.

**75. Gary S. – Area 12**

**Allow the I.S.O. to do a public relations campaign of ‘AWARENESS’ for 888-GA-HELPS. The release would contain only information about 888-GA-HELPS using information that is in the ‘THERE IS HELP’**

**Pamphlet and other approved G.A. Literature. Cost not to exceed \$1,000 per year.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 73 Against 16

Passed

**76. Gary S. – Area 12**

**How to recommend changing the amount of time the officers are elected to the B.O.R. The Amount of time should be 2 years to coincide with the B.O.T. elections.**

Discussion only.

**77. Mike R. – Area 15**

**SPRING 2010 IS THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF G.A. IN N.Y.C. (MANHATTAN). I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IF WE CAN HAVE A STRAW VOTE TO HAVE THIS CONFERENCE IN N.Y.C.**

Discussion only.

**78. Steve R. – Area 2**

**Clarify the requirements for a country to request to become a new G.A. area with a Trustee.**

Discussion only.

**79. Steve R. – Area 2**

**Discuss the possibility of setting up a ‘summit’ G.A. meeting with representatives from other areas such as the United Kingdom, Germany and others to work through issues that are keeping us from being unified in this fellowship.**

A straw vote was requested and taken discussing the possibility of setting up a forum G.A. meeting with representatives from other areas such as the United Kingdom, Germany and others to work through issues that are keeping us from being unified in this fellowship. It is the consensus of this Board (83 – 0) that this would be a positive thing.

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer on May 18, 2007 at 10:40 P.M. The collection for the five (5) sessions was \$686.00. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on October 4, 2007 in Los Angeles, California.

Respectively submitted,

*Karen*

Karen H., International  
Executive Secretary

**ROLL CALL**

<b>AREA</b>	<b>SESSIONS</b>	<b>AREA</b>	<b>SESSIONS</b>
1	Al F. 5	8A	Mark B. 5
	Ara H. 5		Jeannie B. 4
	Marvin F. 5	8B	Michelle J. 5
	Ted K. 5	8C	Deni M. Absent
	Valerie D. 5	8D	John F. 5
	Ed K. 5	9	Carol K. 5
2	Ed E. 5		Paul K. Absent *
	Don D. 5	9A	Pat D. 5
	Chris C. 5	10	John H. 5
	Guadalupe V. Absent *	10A	Norm B. 4
2A	Denise W. 5		Jim P. 5
	Bob C. Absent		Sammy S. 5
	Richard C. 5	10B	Scott M. 5
2B	Steve R. 5		Jeff B. 5
	Joyce M. Absent *	11	Tom S. 5
2C	Debbie W. 5		Bob B. 5
2E	Alan S. 5	12	Carol L. 5
2F	Joan H. Absent		Gary S. 5
2G	Kathleen J. 5		John D. 5
2H	Doris S. Absent *		Andy D. 5
	Popeye 5		David M. 5
3	Jan A. 5		Bob W. 5
	Karen L. 5	13	Dave S. 5
	Ron S. 5		John B. 5
	Gladys C. 5		Ron C. 5
3A	Dan C. 5	13A	Kevin O. 5
	Linda S. 5		Gina S. 5
	Pearl J. Absent *	13B	Francis E. Absent *
3B	Lou W. 5	13C	Guy A. Absent *
	Peggy B. Absent	14	Brad B. 5
3C	Paula C. 5		Mitch M. Absent
	Penny S. 5		Michael A. 5
3D	Phyllis H. 5		Maury C. 5
	Mike M. 5	15	Chuck R. 5
3E	Matt B. Absent *		Bill B. 5
4	Marguerite P. Absent		Jerry L. 5
	Klaus K. 5		Howard C. Absent
5	Louis G. 5		Mike R. 5
5A	Marlene O. 5		Alan J. 4
5B	Andre G. 5		Abe C. 5
	Robert I. 5		George G. 4
5C	John L. Absent		Joe L. 5
6	Harvey C. 5		Stanley C. 5

**ROLL CALL (con't)**

<b>AREA</b>	<b>SESSIONS</b>	<b>AREA</b>	<b>SESSIONS</b>
6	Lloyd A. 5	16	John V. 5
	Ralph O. 5		Matt H. 5
6A	Denny Z. Absent	17	Walt H. 5
	Leavy T. 5		Ron W. 5
6B	Dina P. 5	18	Dave McA. 5
	Kevin M. 5		Mick P. Absent
	Juan A. 5	18A	Yvonne R. 5
6C	Joe B. 5		Trevor S. Absent *
	Dennis A. 5	19	Leo R. Absent *
	Kevin D. Absent *		Manuel G. Absent
	Gary G. 5	21	Andres P. Absent *
6D	Ian S. 5		Manuel I. Absent
7	Leanne W. 5	22	Louis M. Absent
	Laine P. 5	23A	Vera T. Absent *
7A	Alex B. 5		
	Tom S. 5		Chairman, BOT – Denis M. 5
8	Tom D. 5		1 <sup>st</sup> Co-Chair BOT – Michelle J. 5
	Kathy H. 5		2 <sup>nd</sup> Co-Chair BOT – Chuck R. 5
	Steve S. 5		Chairman BOR – Benni F. 5
	Jim M. 5		Int. Executive Secy – Karen H. 5

\* Proxy Received