

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS TRUSTEES MEETING
OCTOBER 4 & 5, 2007
MARRIOTT LOS ANGELES AIRPORT HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

A) Welcome –Tom M. Chairman, Board of Trustees

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. on October 4, 2007 by Tom M., Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Everyone was welcomed and all members new to the Board were asked to stand and introduce themselves. Points of order and points of information were explained along with stating that Roberts Rules of Order will be followed to the best of our ability and the meeting will be conducted as orderly as possible. Procedures of the meeting were explained stating after two consecutive speakers either in favor or not in favor of the item speak the Chair will then look for another speaker with an opposing view. If there are no speakers with an opposing view then they will proceed with the vote.

Seven proxy's were received and read to be voted as follows: Area 5A – from Marlene O. given to Joe B.; Area 6B – from Juan A., given to Dina P.; Area 6D – from Ian S., given to David M.; Area 9A, from Patricia O., given to Paul K.; Area 12 – from Carol L., given to John D.; Area 14 – from Maury C., given to Michael A and Area 14 - from Tom K., given to Brad B. Three absentee ballots were received as follows: Area 18 – from Dave McA., given to Ted K., Area 18A – from Yvonne R., given to Richard C. and Area 18A – from Trevor S., given to Popeye to be voted as per instructions on their respective ballots.

B) Remembrance of our departed members- Marshall R.

Marshall R. read a list of our members who have passed away since our last Trustees meeting held in Chicago, Illinois. 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”

Alan S. from Winnipeg read the Reflection for the Day for October 4th.

D) Reading of the “12 Steps of Unity”

Don D. from Northern California read the 12 Steps of Unity.

E) Roll Call-Karen H. International Executive Secretary

Karen H. took roll and there are presently 102 votes to begin the first session.

F) Approval of Minutes from Chicago

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held in Chicago were unanimously approved as submitted

G) ISO / Lifeliner - Karen H.

Karen H. gave a report on Lifeliners handing out a chart showing 40 states and 4 countries along with the number of members (403) who contributed over the past year. The total for this year is \$61,699.06, which is an increase over last year's total of \$58,299.31. An

explanation of what a Lifeliner is and how it can help was given. Marshall R. stressed the importance of becoming a Lifeliner. Everyone was thanked for their continued support.

H) Conference Reports:

Chicago Conference Spring '07 - Richie S.

Richie S. reported on the above Conference stating that everything went well. The 2007 Spring National Conference Financial Report follows.

2007 SPRING NATIONAL CONFERENCE	PROFIT AND LOSS
TOTAL MONEY RECEIVED:	\$ 130,944.89
EXPENSES:	
P.O. BOX (2 YEARS)	110.00
PRINTING AND POSTERS	2,521.42
BAND AND DJ	3,000.00
DJ	2,000.00
GOLF OUTING	2,690.00
DECORATIONS	1,909.82
REGISTRATION/POSTAGE/PHONE	427.75
GAM-ANON REPRESENTATIVE EXPENSES	758.80
GIVEAWAYS	3,621.08
SUPPLIES	1,333.08
SATURDAY LUNCH/HOSPITALITY ROOM	10,750.52
HOTEL/ROOMS AND MEALS	75,855.85
REFUNDS/PLAN CHANGES	3,120.00
SEED MONEY RETURNED	1,000.00
UNCOLLECTABLE FUNDS	626.79
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 109,725.11
TOTAL PROFIT	21,219.78
GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS SHARE 55%	11,765.88
GAM-ANON SHARE 45%	9,453.90
BALANCE LEFT	\$ 0.00

Los Angeles Conference Fall '07 - Herb B.

Herb B. reported on the above Conference stating everything looks good. The Hotel has already been given \$107,000.00. Bob W. and Tom M. both spoke welcoming all to the 50th Anniversary Conference of Gamblers Anonymous. Over 1,000 people will be in attendance.

Several things are planned and they are confident that this will be a Conference to be remembered for a long time.

Portland Conference Spring '08 - Richie S.

Richie S. gave the report on the above Conference to be held April 11 – 13, 2008 at the Red Lion on the River Jantzen Beach in Portland, Oregon. All Committee reports have been received on time. Kathleen J. and Bob F. both spoke and are looking forward to hosting everyone at the Spring Conference in April.

Houston Conference Fall '08 - Richie S.

Richie S. gave the report on the above Conference to be held October 24 – 26, 2008 at the Marriott Westchase in Houston Texas. All reports have been submitted on a timely basis.

Kansas City Spring '09 - Herb B.

Herb B. reported on the above Conference to be held May 1 – 3, 2009 at the Hilton Hotel-Kansas City Airport in Kansas City, Missouri stating that he has not received any reports as of today. Michelle J. reported that the bank account has not been opened yet but that all of the Officers for the Conference have been elected.

D) Committee Reports

All Committee reports that were submitted prior to the Trustee Website deadline are inputted exactly as received immediately after the Mission Statement.

90 Day Room Committee:

**Committee Chair – Andy D. – Area 12 Co-Chair Liaison - Richie S.
Mission Statement - To compile suggestions for a successful 90 day room.**

The 90 Day Room Committee will ask to be disbanded after the October conference.

Our “Suggestions for a Successful 90 Day Room“ booklet was given to the Literature Committee. They have suggested that instead of a separate piece of literature they would add it to the existing literature “G.A. Group Handbook“.

This will be voted on at the conference .I hope everyone finds it a useful tool in our recovery. I hope you will vote yes as to include this into our literature.

**Andy D. – 90 Day Room Committee Chair
Area 12**

Andy D. gave the above report stating that the Committee has decided to disband as their suggestions have been given to the Literature Committee.

Big Steve Film Committee:

**Committee Chair – Howie C. – Area 3 Co-Chair Liaison – Herb B.
Mission Statement - To update the new 'Big Steve' film to reflect modern times.
This Committee has disband. This item should not have been on the agenda.**

Blue Book Committee:

Committee Chair - Gary B. – Area 10B

Co-Chair Liaison – Herb B.

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.

Dear Trustees,

Thank you for the additional stories that the committee has received since the Chicago Conference. Ten stories were submitted. However only two were submitted from current Trustees. We need more input from you, the Trustee's. So far a deadline has not been given for story submissions. The committee would like to see all submissions be turned in by the conference in Houston (Fall 2008) ... approximately one year from now. Once again the committee members believe that the stories should be a guide as to the direction of how this book should be formatted. Please contact us with your personal story, stories from members in your Area and any input on ideas how the committee can get members involved in submitting stories.

Once again, I would like to thank the ISO for their help in getting the word out about our endeavor of a new Blue Book by periodically placing our flyer for request for stories in the ISO Bulletin. The committee will be in touch and would like to work with the international relations committee in efforts to obtain stories from outside of the US and Canada. As of now, we have no international stories. Please contact us with any ideas or input you may have in helping us reach our goal.

Thanks for your consideration to this report.

Respectfully yours,

Gary B., Blue Book Review Committee

Gary B. gave the above report. The Committee will close submissions after the Fall 2008 Conference. Committee members were updated as follows: Chair - Gary B., Area 10B; Co-Chair – Scott M., Area 10B; Committee members - Alan S., Area 8; and David McA., Area 18.

International Relations Committee:

Committee Chair – Steve R. – Area 2B

Co-Chair Liaison – Herb B.

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

Fellow Trustees,

More than 200 International emails have been relayed to the International Relations Committee since we all met in Chicago last May. We average about three a day. The breakout of countries in these emails was as follows; Bahamas, Brazil, Bulgaria, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ethiopia, Finland, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New

Zealand, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Romania, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Taiwan, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Venezuela and Vietnam. A number of these requests came from the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, N. Ireland and Wales). These were referred to the United Kingdom NSO Secretary and website email by the I.R.C.

The I.R.C. has placed four items on the Los Angeles agenda for consideration involving Guidance Code changes. They are as follows:

Items 39 and 42 - Involve Trustee election procedures for a newly approved Geographical Area of the B.O.T.

Item 40 - Involves a procedure of translating approved GA literature to another language.

Item 43 – Involves a requirement procedure before a new geographical area can submit for representation on the B.O.T.

The I.R.C. feels very strongly that a brand new geographical area that has had no prior representation on the Board of Trustees does not fall into the same category as reapportionment requests. Re-apportionment moves an existing area or part of to another existing area or changes the number of Trustees in an area etc. It is our opinion that it makes no sense making a new country wait as much as a year and a half to get representation on the Board because the re-apportionment meeting is the last meeting in each Executive Board’s schedule. We sincerely hope the feeling of this Board will be the same.

Item 61 – Is placed on the Los Angeles Agenda at the request of Italy so that they can join the Board of Trustees as a new Area with two Trustees. Italy comprises 116 square miles with 26 groups and 33 meetings a week. Their membership is approximately 450 members. The main contact in Italy is a former Trustee from Area 2 in California who now lives there.

As always the International Relations Committee extends a hearty welcome to anyone who wishes to lend a hand in our work.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve R., Chairman, Gamblers Anonymous International Relations Committee

Prior to Steve R. giving the above report he was thanked by Tom M. for the History Book. Steve introduced Mika L., a new Trustee from Area 24 who spoke about the 12 weekly meetings being held in Sweden. Committee members were updated as follows: Chair – Steve R., Area 2B; Committee members - Lanny R., Area 1; Ara H., Area 1; Guadalupe V., Area 2; Don D., Area 2; Klaus K., Area 4; Herb B., Area 5; Andre G., Area 5B; Robert I., Area 5B; Rick B., Area 6B; Chris K., Area 6B; Bill B., Area 15; George G., Area 15; David McA., Area 18; Leo R., Area 19 and Alex K., Germany.

Literature Committee:

Committee Chair - Gary B. – Area 10B

Co-Chair Liaison – Herb B.

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

Dear Trustees,

Our Literature Committee is grateful for a positive response to our request for

new literature committee members. We have added two new committee members, Ed E. from Area 1 and Laura B. from Area 9. We are always looking for new members to join us!

The following is a report on pieces of literature that are still in working process from the last conference. Work is continuing on the Step-Study workbook given to us by Area 3A. We are in the step phase of this book and will have it completed by the Portland Conference. We do want to stress to members submitting books to the Literature Committee that it may take anywhere from one to several conferences to complete the work. We believe that our role as the Literature Committee is to bring forth pieces of literature to the GA body that will improve our literature library, so please be patient.

We also received a Unity Step Booklet from Trustee Chris C. in Area 2 at the Chicago Conference. The committee is currently working on formatting the book and will give a progress report in Portland if the book is not ready by then. We also received work from the 90 day room committee per the Trustee's at the Chicago conference. The work has been completed and is on the California agenda for your consideration.

The committee was contacted from Trustee Tom C. from Area 7A concerning a Pressure Relief book to be put on the California agenda, feedback was given to the Trustee and the book is on the agenda for the CA conference.

These are the current projects that the committee has and is working on. Please contact us with your input and with any questions or work you may have for us. The committee is here to serve your literature needs.

Thanks for your consideration to this report.

Gary B. - Literature Committee Chair

Gary B. gave the above report. Committee members were updated as follows: Chair - Gary B., Area 10B; Co-Chair – Scott M., Area 10B; Committee members – Ed E., Area 2; Alan S., Area 8; Kevin O., Area 13A; Larry B., Area 15; David McA., Area 18 and Laura B.

Literature on CD Committee:

Committee Chair - Jimmy D.– Area 1

Co-Chair Liaison – Herb B.

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

Since Chicago we have successfully completed the Combo Book and it is for sale via ISO.

We are trying to schedule time at Steve K's studio so Tom, Cliff, Steve and I can finish the New Member packet.

We have to re-record the new changes to the Young Gamblers pamphlet and record the Q & A pamphlet then edit the entire disc before sending it off to Karen.

I am also talking with the Braille Institute library in Los Angeles to see the feasibility and costs if any to record our two big books.

The committee's next disc to work on will consist of the Twelve Steps of Recovery and the fourth step book.

I would like to personally thank all committee members for their great work in

helping me see this dream become a reality and I hope the fellowship is buying and using the discs in there recovery.

Once again, thank you all.

Your brother, Jimmy D

Joe B. gave the above report in Jimmy's absence. The fourth item, the New Member Packet has been completed in preparation to go to I.S.O. for recording to be done. Committee members were updated as follows: Chair – Jimmy D., Area 1; Co-Chair – Joe B.; Area 6C; Committee members – Cliff H., Area 1; Steve K., Area 1; Tom H., Area 3 and Linda S., Area 3A.

Past Trustee Decisions Committee:

Committee Chair – Ed E.. – Area 2 Co-Chair Liaison – Tom 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.

Purpose and Goal

□ The questions and basis upon which this committee were formed are:

- o How should “Past Trustee Decisions” be handled?**
- o Should “Past Trustee Decisions” be considered G.A. policy?**
- o Should “Past Trustee Decisions” be considered suggestion only?**
- o How do we determine which “Past Trustee Decisions” are policy and which are suggestions?**
- Our goal has been to recommend a mechanism that provides a clearer distinction among all the decisions -- keeping in mind the precepts of the G.A. Guidance Code, 12 Steps of Recovery and 12 Steps of Unity -- particularly Unity Step 4 that “Each group should be self-governing except in matters affecting other groups or Gamblers Anonymous as a whole.”**

“Past Trustee Decisions”

- The “Past Trustee Decisions” is a collection of recorded decisions from BOT meetings, which a former BOT Chairman painstakingly culled from Board minutes beginning in 1967 and bound as a booklet in the ‘90s.**
- The listing of past trustee decisions is divided into the following categories: Board of Trustees; Conferences; Gambling; Groups & Intergroups; ISO and Board of Regents; and Literature.**
- The listing has been updated subsequently after each concluded BOT meeting and publication of the minutes by the International Executive Secretary.**
- o This listing has been updated through the second half of '06 (inclusive of Florida).**

Current Situation

- The listing of past trustee decisions contains a varied assortment of decisions, some of which relate to matters affecting other groups or G.A. as a whole.**

- Other decisions relate to individual groups' self-governing rights, Board meeting and other organizational or procedural guidelines, while others are purely suggestions and historical or paper-trail in nature.
- The listing contains decisions resulting from majority or straw vote by Board members present at the particular meeting in which an issue was raised.
- The listing contains decisions based on original assumptions or events that may no longer be valid or applicable to our Fellowship.
- The listing contains no decisions prior to 1967. It has not been reviewed by the Literature Committee or challenged for its accuracy or completeness.
- The listing is published and distributed for the use of current Trustees. While its contents are not confidential or restricted to the Board, the listing is not made available to the general G.A. membership in the same manner that approved G.A. literature is offered.

Our Strategy and Approach

□ Since the time this committee was formed at the Connecticut Conference in April 2005, we have reviewed and analyzed each of the past trustee decisions through the Florida BOT and classified each of them into categories that better characterize the intent of the decision, namely:

- o Matters affecting other groups or G.A. as a whole
- o Matters related to individual groups' self-governing rights
- o Matters that are board meeting and procedural in nature
- o Matters that are purely suggestions and paper-trail in nature
- o All other matters

□ In the process of classifying the decisions into the above categories:

- o Whether we agree or disagree with a past trustee decision is irrelevant.
- o We attempt to determine the intent of the Board when it reached consensus on a particular issue and documented its decision.

Summary

- To date the committee has reviewed, debated and voted upon over 225 decisions of the listing through the Florida BOT.
- The committee has identified over 20 decisions, which we believe are “matters affecting other groups or G.A. as a whole”.
- At the Florida BOT, we selected 7 decisions for the Board's consideration were motioned for inclusion to the Guidance Code; subsequently, 3 decisions were passed by the Board on the first voting, and 2 of these 3 decisions passed on the second voting in Chicago.
 - o Since these 2 past decisions are now included in the G.A. Guidance Code, they “carry more clout” as to their authority, in particular, because of their passage by two-thirds of the votes cast at 2 consecutive conference meetings, and not just by simple majority or straw vote.
- Although the committee deemed many of the past decisions as “matters affecting other groups or G.A. as a whole”, we believe not all belong in the Guidance Code due to redundancy, and/or ineffective wording or sentence structure.
 - o To this end, the committee had determined an alternate way to have these decisions carry the same level of “clout” that Guidance Code guidelines possess.
 - o Specifically, we modified the wording of 8 past decisions that we had classified as

“matters affecting other groups or G.A. as a whole” without having changed the intent or meaning of a past decision’s intent.

o While we believe our interpretations were accurate, none of these decisions motioned for placement in the Guidance Code were passed in Chicago.

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

o To this end we provided a booklet entitled “A Reference Guide on Past Trustee Decisions

1967-2007” to each of the Trustees.

o Subsequently, the committee motioned that any and all past Board of Trustee decisions are only a reference of voting history, which the Board disapproved.

• We believe our strategy and approach to addressing the basis upon which this committee was formed have been viable and closely aligned to the committee’s mission and purpose.

• However, based on Board consensus over the past 2 board meetings in Florida and Chicago -- through disapproval of the committee’s motions to have selected past decisions included in the Guidance Code and the Board’s rejection to have any and all past decisions considered only a reference of voting history -- our committee has concluded that its purpose has been fulfilled.

• Therefore at the 2007 Fall Conference in Los Angeles, the Past Decisions Committee will seek to have the Chairman of the Board of Trustees validate the committee’s decision and formally disband the committee.

Ed E. read the above report. The members who served on this Committee were thanked. It was asked that the Committee now be disband.

Pressure Relief Online Financial Forms Committee:

Committee Chair – David M. – Area 12 Co-Chair Liaison – Richie S.

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.

The committee has not done anything since the 1st vote was passed unanimously in Chicago. The Los Angeles Trustee meeting will be the 2nd vote on this application, which will hopefully pass with the same level of support.

A hard copy version of the various pages of information on the application was included as part of the attachments from the official Los Angeles Trustee agenda. It is only there to serve as a reminder of the depth and comprehensiveness contained within the actual application.

If approved as GA literature, ISO will hopefully put this application onto a CD and market it for a price that will allow for the desired level of profit determined by the Board of Regents.

Upon approval with the 2nd vote in Los Angeles, the committee will be dissolved, as the specific purpose for which it was initially organized will have been completed.

A further enhancement to the application may end up being a very detailed instruction set of details to not only explain more about the individual pages and the information contained within, but also to help counsel the pressure relief group members how to more accurately use the application to help the compulsive gambler. This is not part of the committee's assignment and is only mentioned as a possible add-on to this package, if someone desires to take on that project.

David M –Pressure Relief Online Financial Forms Committee Chair

Area 12

David M. gave the above report. After the approval of Item # 1 the Committee has now done its work. The Committee has now been disband.

Prison Committee, US:

Committee Chair – Mike M. – Area 3D Co-Chair Liaison – Herb B.

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.

Mike M. gave the Prison Committee report for the U.S. They will be putting together a list of Prison meetings throughout the United States. Committee members were updated as follows: Chair – Mike M., Area 3D; Committee members – Al F., Area 1; Lou W., Area 3B; Rick B., Area 6B; Sammy S., Area 10A and Jerry L., Area 15.

Prison Committee, CANADA:

Committee Chair – Andre G. – Area 5B Co-Chair Liaison – Herb B.

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.

Dear Trustees,

It is a pleasure to address you and presenting the report on prison meetings and intitutions in Canada.

Over the last 6months, from what has been reported to me, 2 new prison meetings have been opened in the province of Manitoba, A meeting in a therapy house is to be open in Montreal at the end of September on tuesday each week detail will be provided as soon as. Few have been close for different reason ; implication is one,no fond from the government to supervise or facilitate the entry in prison of our members ... ,any how you will find the list in attachement of active meetings. Finally, at the 50th

anniversary of Gamblers Anonymous in Montreal on September 15, a work shop was held on prison meeting, 20 members were present and few of them wanted to be involved in going to help other compulsive gamblers in prison.

If at any time any you need to have details on the list of meetings, I will be glad to answer your questions by e-mail or by phone. Attached you will find, non-members names, addresses, phone numbers of each person responsible for all these institutions.

Many thanks for opportunity that been given to me to serve in that committee.

Jean Marc L.

Andre G., read the above report. A complete list of 10 Prison meetings was also submitted. The Committee is asking that any areas in Canada that know of any JIP meetings please let the Committee know. Committee members were updated as follows: Chair – John-Marc L., Area 5B; Co-Chair – Andre G., Area 5B; Committee member – Ken D., Area 5A.

Public Relations Committee:

Committee Chair – Dina P. – Area 6B Co-Chair Liaison – Richie S.

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.

There was very little communication from this committee. From the little bit that has been discussed it seems that this committee would like to try and produce some type of pamphlet that will help all areas with public relations. The idea of the pamphlet would focus more on the positives (the do's) of public relations rather than the negatives (don'ts). This committee is working under the guidelines of the program and the 12 steps of unity remembering that "public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion."

I would like to ask the board if there are volunteers that are willing to do the work that this committee is trying to accomplish? I am also asking all trustees, if your area is doing something in regards to public relations and it is working well to please email me what it is that your area is doing.

Dina P. – Public Relations Committee Chair

Dina P. gave the above report asking for anyone that is interested in helping with this Committee please contact Dina as more help is really needed. Five new committee members were then added. Therefore the Committee will continue. Committee members were updated as follows: Chair – Dina P., Area 6B; Committee members – Ara H., Area 1; Ed E., Area 2; Andre G., Area 5B; Richie S., Area 6; Sammy S., Area 10A; Gary G., Area 6C and Matt H., Area 16.

Translator Assistance Committee:

Committee Chair – David F. – Area 3A Co-Chair Liaison – Tom M.

Mission Statement - To assist all conference committees in finding translators for the non-English speaking attendees of the International Conferences as required.

Committee Members: David F. Area 3A, San Diego; Herb B. Area 5, Montreal; David M. Area 12, New Jersey; Marvin F. Area 1, Los Angeles; Steve R. Area 2B, Sacramento; John V. Area 16, Syracuse.

This Committee has had a Conference Call meeting and several telephone conversations between the Chair-person of the Committee and its members. The Chairperson has also been in contact with Bob W. and Tom M., Co-Chairpersons of the 50th Anniversary Conference and Wendy L., the Reservations Chairperson.

Thanks to the efforts of Marvin F. there are arrangements for translations assistance if required in the following languages: Spanish, Korean, and Hungarian. We have been informed that most of the others attending from other countries do speak English.

The Committee would like to recommend that future Conferences include the following line on the Conference Registration Form, "Do you need translation assistance? _____ Language _____"

This will allow us time to prepare for those attending who do need help with translation.

Respectfully submitted,

David F., Chairperson

Translation Assistance Committee

David F. gave the above report stating that this new Committee met several time via the telephone. They have some people available for translation at this Conference. Please contact David if you would like to be on this Committee. Committee members are listed above.

Trustee Alignment Committee:

Committee Chair – Debbie W. – Area 2C Co-Chair Liaison – Tom 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.

Committee Chair had to step down. Committee has been disband.

Trustee Meeting Rules and Procedures Committee:

Committee Chair - Herb B. – Area 5 Co-Chair Liaison – Tom M.

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

The Rules and Procedures Committee has been updating its progress towards producing a manual on the Trustee web site at least 2 or 3 times monthly since Chicago. This progress can be viewed by all the Trustees (and all members of GA) at anytime. It is our intention to introduce this manual to the BOT at the Portland conference. We have received some input and comments from a few Trustees, but, not enough. Your ideas and suggestions are really needed to help us finalize this work. We emphasize that the work in progress and the eventual manual is a "living document". Individual items can be altered or changed completely at any time before we meet in Portland. When we have completed

our work we will be asking the BOT to accept the manual as presented because any item can be changed at any BOT meeting with an agenda item, a motion, a challenge of the Chair and a majority vote of the BOT and any passed change will go into effect immediately after a successful vote. Your comments will be much more productive if made to the committee prior to presentation in Portland. Changes after that will need to be done via the agenda. In other words, please do not vote against this very important and needed manual, even if you disagree with some of the items. Help us to understand your opinions and use the Trustee Website process to make it better.

Herb B. - Chairman of Rules and Procedures Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Herb B. reported on the up to date progress of this Committee. They hope to be ready with a manual to be presented in Portland. Other Committee members spoke.

Committee members were updated as follows: Chair – Herb B., Area 5; Co-Chair – Bill B.; Area 15; Committee members – David F., Area 3A; Carol K., Area 9; David M., Area 12.

Trustee Website Guidelines:

**Committee Chair – David M. – Area 12 Co-Chair Liaison – Tom M.
Mission Statement - To set guidelines and oversee the Trustee website.**

The committee members will be speaking in detail about 11 topics and this task will be done following the subject outline listed below.

1-Trustee Line --- David M.

2-Agenda Item Responses --- David M.

3-Walk-A-Thon Ideas --- Leanne W.

4-Walk-A-Thon Schedule --- Leanne W.

5-Intergroup Trustee Funding --- Leanne W.

6-Trustee Registration --- Ed K.

7-Adding a Forum --- Ed K.

8-BOR Minutes --- Lloyd A.

9-ISO Bulletin --- Lloyd A.

10-Website for Conference Registrations --- David M.

11-Addition of Attachment Link for the Submit Item Function --- David M.

**David M. – Trustee Website Committee Chair
Area 12**

David M. began the above report with all of the other members listed above speaking on different facets of the Trustees Website. Committee members were updated as follows: Chair – David M., Area 12; Committee members – Ed K., Area 1; Richard C., Area 2A; Alan S., Area 2E; Lloyd A., Area 6; and Leanne W., Area 7.

Walkathon Committee:

Committee Chair – Jim P. – Area 10A Co-Chair Liaison – Richie S.

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.

Jim P has given me (Richie S. – Co-Chair liaison) a verbal report regarding the walk-a-thon committee:

For L.A. Jim reports that the walk a thon committee for the L.A. conference was not needed as the conference has organized its own walk

For Portland he reports that he was contacted by the Portland Committee and he helped answer all questions they had about setting up a successful walk.

Jim P. gave the above report. The Walk-A-Thon for this Conference will be held on Saturday at 3:00 P.M. Committee members were updated as follows: Chair – Jim P., Area 10A; Committee members – John H., Area 10; Gary S., Area 12 and Marshall R., Area 12.

Website Revision Committee:

Committee Chair – David M. – Area 12 Co-Chair Liaison – Tom 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.

As of the Chicago Trustee meeting, it was decided that the Board of Regents had requested competing bids against the original proposal that had been approved by the BOT for a visually redesigned ISO website, incorporating only GA approved literature and a redesigned shopping card.

During the last 5 months, 3 other web development firms were given the task of competing for the task. The firms were given the original site to review and asked to come up with their own designs. The results have been very unimpressive sites and prices that have exceeded the maximum \$9,500 allocated by the BOR, as per the motion passed by the Board of Trustees. None of the submissions were taken to the next step and submitted to the BOR for approval and deployment.

Additional time is requested to secure some other firms to try and come up with better designs at lower prices. Unfortunately, this will now have to wait until the Portland Trustee meeting. Hopefully, the matter will be resolved and approved in one form or another by the Board of Regents prior to the next BOT conference. The final outcome may end up being that the original proposal is the lowest price and best design, but no assurances can be implied at this time.

**David M. – Website Revision Committee Chair
Area 12**

David M. gave an update on the above Committee. Will hopefully be able to show the Board of Regents something prior to Portland. Committee members were updated as follows: Chair – David M., Area 12; Committee members – Richard C., Area 2A; Popeye, Area 2H; Paula C., Area 3C; Robert I., Area 5B and Ian S., Area 6D.

Unfinished Business

1. David M. – Area 12

Accept the Pressure Relief Group Online Financial Form Excel application as submitted as approved literature.

See LA Attachment – 1

Approved 101 Against 2
Passed

2nd Vote

2. **Gary B. – Area 10B**

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

See LA Attachment – 2

Approved 102 Against 0
Passed

2nd Vote

3. **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 1st 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.

Approved 93 Against 4
Passed

2nd Vote

4. **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.

Approved 80 Against 16
Passed

2nd Vote

5. **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?’

Approved 71 Against 21

Passed

2nd Vote

6. **John V. for Matt H. – Area 16**

In the book A NEW BEGINNING, in the first paragraph of page 24 at the 4th 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’.

Approved 89 Against 1

Passed

2nd Vote

7. **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: If we continue to gamble, over any considerable period of time we get worse never better.

Approved 23 Against 70

Failed

8. **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 the sponsored be the same gender.

Approved 90 Against 5

Passed

2nd Vote

9. **Larry B. – Area 15**

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

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

Current Version: There is no class of sponsors in Gambler 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 Gambler 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 the sponsored be the same gender.

Approved 90 Against 4

Passed

2nd Vote

10. 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 5th paragraph: ‘It is advisable, whenever possible, that the sponsor and the sponsored be the same gender.’

Current 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 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 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 the sponsored be the same gender.

Approved 90 Against 6

Passed

2nd Vote

11. 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.

Approved 92 Against 6

Passed

2nd Vote

12. 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.

Approved 102 Against 6

Passed

2nd Vote

13. 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.

Approved 105 Against 2

Passed

2nd Vote

14. 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.

Approved 84 Against 16

Passed

2nd Vote

New Business

15. Bob W. as BOR Chairman – Area 1

It is requested that the Board of Trustees agrees for the International Service Office to sell the “Day At A Time Meditation Book” which will be translated into Spanish and published by Hazelden.

Motion to table to Portland.

Approved 58 Against 16

Passed

16. David M. – Area 12

Add new item 6 to the Literature Committee guidelines.

New literature coming from B.O.T. approved committees will only have to submit their item to the literature committee for editing changes involving spelling and grammar, providing the item passes the 1st of 2 votes.

Motion to accept above.

A point of order was raised that the item is out of order. The Chair ruled the item is in order and the Chair was then challenged. The vote on the challenge fails (37 – 15) therefore the Chair is in order and so is the item.

Amendment to add “However, after passing the 1st vote any Board of Trustee member may within 30 days, suggest any changes to the authoring committee. The authoring committee will always have the final say concerning any proposed changes.”

Approved 31 Against 58
Failed
On the motion.
Approved 51 Against 29
Passed

Only one vote required

17. **Herb B. – Area 5**

A Trustee making on an agenda item should clearly indicate where in our literature, or, in the GA program this item should be placed or implemented, if it is passed by the BOT.

Discussion only.

18. **Tom D. for Arnie B. – Area 8**

The GA National Conference Committee is not responsible to cover the cost of airfare and hotel rooms for the Gamanon ISO Secretary. These expenses should be paid by the Gamanon ISO just as the GA ISO pays for their International Secretary.

Motion made that any International Conference is not responsible for and will not undertake the cost of Gam-Anon's I.S.O. Secretary or Representative to attend any International Conference; costs such as airfare, room nights, Conference Packages or any other cost associated with the Conference.

Approved 70 Against 21
Passed

Only one vote required

19. **David M. – Area 12**

Straw votes or consensus votes conducted during Trustee meetings will not be part of any publication of Past Trustees Decisions.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 44 Against 30
Passed

Only one vote required

20. **Mike R. – Area 15**

Report on ideas of forming a definitive way of handling credit card debt.

See LA attachment – 20

Discussion only.

21. **Mike S. – Area 2**

Discussion: The appropriate purchasing of stocks (e.g., as a participant in a 401K Plan) by a member of Gamblers Anonymous in recovery, particularly through the vehicle of a lifecycle mutual fund or a broadly based stock and bond index fund, for the purposes of accumulating assets for a long-term future goal like retirement is not gambling.

See LA attachment – 21

Discussion only.

Combo Book

22. David M. – Area 12

Revise 13 of the 20 questions 1, 3, 5-10, 12-14, 17 and 19.

See LA attachment – 22

Motion to accept above.

Approved 10 Against 92

Failed

23. Tom D. for Bill S. – Area 8

Combo Book, Page 2, Sentence 2

Eliminate the words ‘to stop gambling’ and replace with the words ‘not to gamble’.

The sentence would read ‘The only requirement for membership is a desire not to gamble’.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 5 Against 84

Failed

24. Bill B. – Area 6

FOR DISCUSSION: SHOULD WE ADD INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 16 AFTER THE 20 QUESTIONS TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS WITH A “YES” OR “NOT YET” INSTEAD OF OUR VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS OF “YES” OR “NO”?

Discussion only.

25. Ed K. for Steve K. – Area 1

Combo Book, Page 1.

Delete the word ‘chance’ from the first sentence.

The new sentence reads: The fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous is the outgrowth of a meeting between two men during the month of January in 1957.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 7 Against 91

Failed

26. Ara H. for TC – Area 1

Combo Book, Page 8, second paragraph, last line.

Withdraw the words ‘gambling or’ where it says ‘other men and women with a gambling or compulsive gambling problem.’

Proposed Version of this sentence would be.

Gamblers Anonymous concept is that compulsive gamblers are really very sick people who can recover if they will follow to the best of their ability a simple program that has proved successful for thousands of other men and women with a compulsive gambling problem.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 6 Against 98

Failed

27. Ara H. for Jimmy D. – Area 1

COMBO BOOK, Page 16, Question 11.

Add the following: ‘or consider selling anything to finance gambling.’

So the Question would read as follows: ‘Have you ever sold or considered selling anything to finance gambling.’

Motion to add the following “or considered selling anything to finance gambling”.

So question would now read as follows: “Have you ever sold or considered selling anything to finance gambling”.

Approved 13 Against 86

Failed

28. Ara H. for Jimmy D. – Area 1

COMBO Book, Page 16 bottom sentence

REMOVE AND replace with the following: These 20 questions are a guide for you to determine if you believe you are a compulsive gambler.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 11 Against 81

Failed

29. Gary S. for Matty C. – Area 12

Combo Book, Page 17, #5

Remove: Continuously review the twenty questions.

Add: Follow the 12 steps of recovery, these steps are the basis for your recovery and practicing them is the key to your growth.

Current Version: 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.

Proposed Version: Read the recovery and unity steps often and follow the 12 steps to recovery in your daily affairs. These steps are the basis for the entire GA Program. Practicing them is the key to your growth. If you have any questions ask your trusted servants and sponsors.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 1 Against 98

Failed

30. Norman B. – Area 10A

Combo Book, Page 17, #3

Current version: ...or entering the office sport pool.

Proposed version: ...or entering any sport pool.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 19 Against 80

Failed

31. Ed K. – Area 1

Combo book, Page 11.

Replace the entire section ‘What is the dream world of the compulsive gambler?’ with the proposed attachment.

See LA attachment – 31

Motion to accept above as follows:

What is the dream world of the compulsive gambler?

The dream world of the compulsive gambler is not restricted to any age or gender. It is not based on the length of time one has been a compulsive gambler. The dream world of a compulsive gambler often consists of at least one of these fantasies: escape, riches, being cool, numbing of the senses or simply not wanting to face the responsibilities or pressures of everyday life.

Many compulsive gamblers have fantasies that are driven by past occasional winnings, or the winnings of others, to the point that they believe another win is just one bet away. This fantasy of easy riches is the basis for planning the many wonderful things they will give themselves. They may also dream of the special gifts they will give to their families or friends as soon as they make that “Big Win”.

Other compulsive gamblers are driven by the need to escape the pressures of daily life. Their fantasy is best described as: “Everything will be better after I numb myself, from this or that problem, with a few hours of gambling”.

For a compulsive gambler, these fantasies almost always lead to financial ruin, as well as physical and emotional breakdowns. Even then, many try again and again to turn these fantasies into reality. For without their dream world, life is unbearable.

Amendment to add the word “as” after “at least one of”.

Approved 35 Against 20

Passed

On the motion.

Approved 9 Against 79

Failed

32. Scott M. for Red A. – Area 10B

Combo Book, page 3, 2nd paragraph, 2nd sentence

Remove the word ‘real’.

Current version: We know that no real compulsive gambler ever regains control.

Proposed version: We know that no compulsive gambler ever regains control.

Item ruled out of order as it does not meet the two year rule.

33. Scott M. for Red A. – Area 10B

Combo Book, page 17, #3

Add an ‘s’ to the end of ‘sport’.

Current version: This includes Internet gambling, the stock market, commodities, options, buying or playing lottery tickets, raffle tickets, flipping a coin or entering the office sport pool.

Proposed version: This includes Internet gambling, the stock market, commodities, options, buying or playing lottery tickets, raffle tickets, flipping a coin or entering the office sports pool.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 21 Against 68

Failed

34. Scott M. for Kathy G. – Area 10B

Combo Book, page 16, question 17

Add ‘or waking’ to the end.

Current version: Did gambling cause you to have difficulty in sleeping?

Proposed version: Did gambling cause you to have difficulty in sleeping or waking?

Motion to accept above.

Approved 1 Against 100

Failed

35. Scott M. for Kathy G. – Area 10B

Combo Book, page 16, question 15

Add ‘or other difficulties’ to the end

Current version: Have you ever gambled to escape worry or trouble?

Proposed version: Have you ever gambled to escape worry , trouble or other difficulties?

No discussion.

36. Jim E. for Dean S. – Area 2H

Combo Book, page 17, item #5, first sentence

Current version: ... only the two words ‘unity’ and ‘recovery’ are in bold.

Proposed version: put in bold print all four words ‘Unity and Recovery Steps’.

Motion to accept above.

Motion ruled out of order.

Guidance Code

37. Joe B. – Area 6C

Guidance Code Change: BOT, Article 8, Section 17

Add the following: ‘Other than, Committee Reports, Procedures, Conference Bids, and Elections, no item may appear on the BOT agenda that does not also have where that item is to be placed in approved GA literature, unless it is to change existing approved GA literature or to create new literature.’ after first sentence ending with...sixty (60) days prior to the opening date of the meeting.

New version: It shall be the responsibility of the Chairman to prepare the agenda for the BOT meeting. Items may only be submitted to the Chairman through a current member of the BOT and must be done so no later than sixty (60) days prior to the opening date of the meeting. Other than, Committee Reports, Procedures, Conference Bids, and Elections, no item may appear on the

BOT agenda that does not also have where that item is to be placed in approved GA literature, unless it is to change existing approved GA literature or to create new G.A. literature. 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.

Approved 34 Against 57

Failed

38. Carol K. – Area 9

Guidance Code, Article VIII, Section 21

Modify the third sentence as follows:

Proxies from Board of Trustees members from areas outside of the U.S. and Canada will count as attendance at the Board of Trustees physical meetings.

Current version: Any Trustee who misses two (2) consecutive Board meetings is automatically removed from the Board of Trustees, and the area in which he or she serves shall be duly notified to elect a new Trustee. A quick response meeting will count for attendance at the Board of Trustees meeting. Absentee ballots by overseas members of the Board of Trustees will count as attendance at the Board of Trustees physical meetings.

New version: Any Trustee who misses two (2) consecutive Board meetings is automatically removed from the Board of Trustees, and the area in which he or she serves shall be duly notified to elect a new Trustee. A quick response meeting will count for attendance at the Board of Trustees meeting. Proxies from Board of Trustees members from areas outside of the U.S.A. and Canada will count as attendance at the Board of Trustees physical meetings.

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to add “Absentees Ballots” before “Proxies” from Board of Trustees in the last sentence.

A point of order was raised that the amendment is out of order. The Chair ruled the amendment in order and the Chair was then challenged. The vote on the challenge fails (40 – 21) therefore the Chair is in order and so is the amendment.

On the amendment.

Approved 57 Against 4

Passed

On the motion.

Approved 74 Against 7

Passed

1st Vote

39. Steve R. – Area 2

Guidance Code, Page 6, Article VIII, Add a new section 5A

The election process explained in Article VIII, Section 5 above will also apply to a new geographical area that has just been approved by the Board of Trustees.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 66 Against 12

Passed

1st Vote

40. Steve R. – Area 2

Guidance Code, Page 7, Article VIII, Section 13

Add a new Section 13A to Article VIII moving the existing A & B down to B & C accordingly. The new section 13A to establish some instructions for translating approved G.A. literature into another language.

Proposed new Article VIII, Section 13A:

Procedures for translation of approved Gamblers Anonymous literature into other languages will be as follows:

- 1) Obtain approval of the Board of Trustees to translate the literature.**
- 2) Translation must be as close to ‘Word for Word’ as possible.**
- 3) Once the literature is translated, copies of each piece must be sent to the International Service Office.**

Motion to accept above.

A point of order was raised that the Chair was not following the procedures of two speakers either in favor or not in favor of the item then looking for another speaker with an opposing view. The Chair was then challenged. The vote on the challenge passes (34 – 34) therefore the Chair is out of order.

A roll call vote was requested because of the closeness of the vote. Abstentions will be counted in order to properly record the vote.

If you think the Chair is in order, vote yes. If you think the Chair is not in order, vote no.

Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote
1	Al F.	AB	6A	Denny Z.	AB	12	John D.	No
	Ara H.	Yes	6B	Dina P.	No		Andy D.	No
	Marvin F.	Yes		Dina P.	No		David M.	No
	Ted K.	Yes		Kevin M.	AB		Bob W.	No
	Valerie D.	AB	6C	Joe B.	No	13	Dave S.	Yes
	Ed K.	Yes		Dennis A.	AB		John B.	Yes
2	Ed E.	Yes		Kevin D.	AB		Ron C .	Yes
	Don D.	Yes		Gary G.	AB	13A	Kevin O.	Yes
	Chris C.	No	6D	David M.	No		Gina S.	Yes
	Guadalupe V.	Yes	7	Leanne W.	Yes	13B	Andy R.	Yes
2A	Denise W.	AB		Laine P.	Yes	14	Brad B.	No
	Bob C.	No	7A	Alex B.	Yes		Michael A.	No
	Richard C.	Yes		Tom S.	AB		Michael A.	No
2B	Steve R.	No	8	Tom D.	No		Brad B.	No
2E	Alan S.	AB		Kathy H.	No	15	Chuck R.	No
2G	Kathleen J.	Yes		Jim M.	No		Bill B.	Yes
2H	Popeye	Yes		Dolores R.	AB		Jerry L.	No
3	Jan A.	AB	8A	Mark P.	Yes		Howard C.	Yes
	Karen L.	AB		Jeanne B.	AB		Mike R.	Yes
	Gladys C.	Yes	8B	Michelle J.	Yes		Alan J.	No
3A	Dan C.	Yes	8C	Deni M.	Yes		Abe C.	Yes
	Linda S.	Yes	8D	John F.	Yes		George G.	No
	Pearl J.	Yes	9	Carol K.	No		Joe L.	Yes
3B	Lou W.	No		Paul K..	Yes		Stanley C.	Yes

3C	Paula C.	Yes	9A	Paul K.	Yes	16	John V.	No
3D	Phyllis H.	Yes	10	John H.	No		Matt H.	Yes
	Mike M.	Yes	10A	Sammy S.	No	17	Walt H.	Yes
4	Klaus K.	AB		Jim P.	No		Ron W.	Yes
5B	Andre G.	No	10B	Scott M.	No	19	Leo R.	No
	Robert I.	No	11	Tom S.	Yes		Manuel G.	No
5C	John L.	Yes		Bob B.	Yes	21	Andres P.	No
6	Lloyd A.	Yes	12	John D	No	23A	Vera T.	No
	Ralph O.	Yes		Gary S.	Yes	24	Mika L.	No

Approved 47 Against 37 Abstained 15

The vote on the challenge fails therefore the Chair is in order.

On the motion.

Approved 73 Against 7

Passed

1st Vote

41. Steve R. – Area 2

Guidance Code, Page 9, Article IX, Section 1

Document a requirement for two years of abstinence to serve in the case of a non-trustee.

Current version: The officers of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a Chairman, #1 – Co-Chairman, #2 – Co-Chairman and such other officers as may be appointed by the Board of Trustees. They are required to be a member of Gamblers Anonymous.

Proposed version: The officers of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a Chairman, #1 – Co-Chairman, #2 – Co-Chairman and such other officers as may be appointed by the Board of Trustees. They are required to be a member of Gamblers Anonymous and must have two years abstinence from gambling to be eligible to serve.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 95 Against 2

Passed

1st Vote

42. Steve R. – Area 2

Guidance Code, Page 22, Article XVII, Section 1

Add a section 1A to article XVII to allow the new area’s participation and trustee election to happen as soon as possible.

Proposed new Article XVII Section 1A

When there is a request for a new geographical area from which Trustee(s) shall be elected, an election will be held as soon as possible. This term to run until the following even year ending on June 30th. The new area will provide the I.S.O. the newly elected Trustee(s) contact information as soon as it is available.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 40 Against 46

Failed

43. Steve R. – Area 2

Guidance Code Change, Page 22, Article XVII, Section 2

Add a Section 2A to Article XVII to provide requirements for submitting a new area request to the B.O.T.

Proposed new Article XVII, Section 2A:

To request a new geographical area the following information needs to be sent to the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.

- 1) **The number of Gamblers Anonymous meetings in the proposed geographical area.**
- 2) **The approximate number of Gamblers Anonymous members in the proposed geographical area.**
- 3) **The geographical size of the proposed area.**
- 4) **The number of Trustee(s) requested for the proposed geographical area.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 82 Against 5

Passed

1st Vote

44. Ara H. for Jimmy D. – Area 1

GUIDANCE CODE ADD 3 DEFINITIONS UNDER THE SECTION GROUPS AND OR MEETINGS.

1ST ITEM, OPEN MEETING.

AN OPEN MEETING WILL BE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS; WHEN TWO OR MORE GAMBLER ANONYMOUS MEMBERS GET TOGETHER AT AN ESTABLISHED PLACE ON A WEEKLY BASIS, ANYONE MAY JOIN THEM. HOWEVER THE ONLY PARTICIPANTS ARE THE MEMBERS OF G.A.

2ND ITEM, CLOSED MEETING.

CLOSED MEETING TO BE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS; WHEN TWO OR MORE MEMBERS OF GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS GET TOGETHER AT ESTABLISHED PLACE, ON A WEEKLY BASIS. THE ONLY PEOPLE ALLOWED INTO THE MEETING ARE MEMBERS OF G.A. WITH ONE EXCEPTION, A RECONIGED PINNING OR ANNIVERSARY. THEN THE GROUP MAY CHANGE THE MEETING TO AN OPEN MEETING or COMBINED MEETING.

3RD ITEM, COMBINED MEETING.

BE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS, WHEN TWO OR MORE MEMBERS OF GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS GET TOGETHER AT AN ESTABLISHED PLACE, ON A WEEKLY BASIS, AND FAMILY and friends of gamblers join them for therapy, and or topic and or speaker meetings, and all are able to participate, though meeting would be conducted under the rules of G.A.

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to add “on page 5, Article VII, Sections 6, 7, 8” after and or meetings.

Approved 46 Against 4

Passed

On the motion.

Approved 6 Against 89

Failed

45. Ed E. – Area 2

Guidance Code, Article VIII

Insert new section immediately after Section 13

The Board of Trustees will have the right to approve the translation to a foreign language any written approved Gamblers Anonymous literature it deems necessary to meet the needs of our entire International Fellowship.

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to add the words “audio, video or” before “written approved Gamblers Anonymous.....”

Approved 71 Against 2

Passed

Amendment that the previous motion to eliminate the word “entire”.

Approved 11 Against 73

Failed

On the motion.

Approved 61 Against 16

Passed

1st Vote

46. Ed E. – Area 2

Guidance Code, Article XVI

Insert new section immediately after Section 11

The International Executive Secretary will be responsible for coordinating the translation to a foreign language any written approved Gamblers Anonymous literature deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees to meet the needs of our entire International Fellowship, and for ensuring that said literature are updated periodically to be consistent with any and all changes made in the English format.

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to take out the word “written” so it would read “translation to a foreign language any approved Gamblers Anonymous literature.....”

Approved 107 Against 0

Passed

On the motion.

Approved 9 Against 82

Failed

Intergroup Procedures

47. Tom D. for Rene B. – Area 8

Discussion regarding whether it is appropriate for an Intergroup to donate money to a family to help with expenses. What do other Intergroups do?

Discussion was held. Several members shared ideas from their respective Areas.

48. Bill B – Area 6

FUTURE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES BEGINNING WITH THE _____ (MONTH), _____ (YEAR) CONFERENCE WILL INCLUDE IN THE REGISTRATION FORM A CHECK OFF BOX FOR AFFILIATION, GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS, GAM-ANON OR NONAFFILIATED. EACH INDIVIDUAL REGISTERED WILL BE AT A FEE OF \$10.00. FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL KEEP ACCURATE RECORDS AND SEND THE TOTAL GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS REGISTRATION FEES TO THE GAISO AND THE TOTAL GAM-ANON REGISTRATION FEES TO GAM-ANON UNITY. ALL NONAFFILIATED FEES WILL BE USED BY THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE TO OFFSET NORMAL CONFERENCE EXPENSES. SAID \$10.00 FEE IS IN ADDITION TO THE NORMAL REQUIRED REGISTRATION FEE FOR NORMAL CONFERENCE EXPENSES.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 3 Against 86
Failed

49. Mike A. for Dave S. – Area 14

For Discussion – How does your area handle pressure relief meetings when there are numerous credit cards/debts, since the new laws came into effect and credit card companies are now legally allowed to charge interest rates as high as 30%.

Discussion was held. A committee was appointed with Lou W., being named as Chairman. After asking for people wanting to be part of this committee, Andy R., Bill B. (Florida), Larry B., Andy R., Gina S., Al G., Sammy S., John H., Walt H., Joe B., Ralph O. and Kevin D. all volunteered and are now on this committee.

50. Tom D. for Bob K. – Area 8

Discussion: Do any Intergroups in the US file 990 or 990T forms with the Internal Revenue Service?

Discussion only.

New Literature

51. Tom S. – Area 7A

Approve Pressure Relief New Literature

See LA attachment – 51

Motion to send this piece of literature to the Literature Committee.

Approved 97 Against 0
Passed

52. Ralph D. – Area 6A

CD entitled ‘Introduction to the Twelve Steps’

Motion to accept the “Introduction to the Twelve Steps” CD as is.

Motion ruled out of order.

Motion to send the CD entitled "Introduction to the Twelve Steps" to the Literature on CD committee for consideration as new literature.

Motion ruled out of order.

Motion to send the CD entitled "Introduction to the 12 Steps" to the Literature Committee to be considered as new literature.

Approved 80 Against 13

Passed

53. Ara H. for Jimmy D. – Area 1

New piece of Literature 'Welcome to GA Letter' to be put in new member packet.

See attachment – 53

Motion to submit new literature "Welcome to G.A. Letter" to Literature committee for consideration as new literature with suggestion to be put in new member packets.

Approved 38 Against 42

Failed

54. Ara H. for Jimmy D. – Area 1

**DISCUSS THE FEASIBILITY OF HAVING AN OUTSIDE ENTITY
CREATE COMPACT DISC OF OUR TWO BOOKS. THE OUTSIDE
ENTITY WOULD BE THE BRAILLE LIBRARY FROM LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA.**

Motion to table to Portland.

Approved 93 Against 6

Passed

55. Michelle J. for Kathy O. – Area 8B

Phone Card – See LA attachment – 55

Motion to submit the proposed "Phone Card" to the Literature Committee for consideration as new literature.

Approved 46 Against 35

Passed

Other Literature

56. Mike M. for Kurt K. – Area 3D

Have GA offer keychains for the additional months of abstinence during the first year for the following: 4 months, 5 months, 7 months, 8 months, 10 months and 11 months.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 0 Against 105

Failed

57. Norman B. – Area 10A

Add to 'Hosting an International Conference' Pamphlet as the last sentence in the Registration Section:

No person shall be permitted to register for and/or attend an International Conference until all prior financial obligations to any prior International Conference have been satisfied.

This language should also be inserted as a Past Trustees Decision.

Motion to accept above without “This language should also be inserted as a Past Trustees Decision.”

Approved 74 Against 25

Passed

1st Vote

58. Scott M. – Area 10B

Insert the following description of a 90 day room into the Group Handbook, under the section on meetings.

See LA attachment – 58

Item ruled out of order.

59. Linda M. – Area 1

Approve the updating of all Spanish language Gamblers Anonymous literature in order for them to be consistent with any and all changes made to date in the English format. The pieces of written literature are:

- **G.A. Red Book – A New Beginning**
- **Questions and Answers About Gambling**
- **G.A. Combo Book**
- **G.A. Group Handbook Guide Booklet**
- **G.A. Pressure Relief Group Meeting Pamphlet & Financial Forms**
- **Towards 90 Days Booklet**

Item was ruled out of order as it is already being done.

60. Linda M – Area 1

Approve translation into Spanish of the booklet “Beyond 90 Days” in order to meet the needs of our International Fellowship.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 69 Against 3

Passed

Overseas Area

61. Steve R. – Area 2

Create a new geographical Area for the country of Italy and allot them two Trustees for representation in the Board of Trustees.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 100 Against 1

This will now be Area 25.

Steps

62. Tom D. for Bill S. – Area 8

Unity Step 3

Eliminate the words ‘to stop gambling’ and replace with the words ‘not to gamble’.

The step would read ‘The only requirement for Gamblers Anonymous membership is a desire not to gamble’.

No discussion.

63. Ron W. – Area 17

Unity Step 11, delete entirely.

Unity Step 11, to be replaced with: “ We must always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films and television when doing Public Relations work.’

Motion to accept above.

Approved 8 Against 83

Failed

Conference Bids

64. The Fall ’09 Western Conference is open for bids.

No bid was presented therefore this item will be on the Portland agenda and will be open to any Area wanting to present a bid.

Unheard Items

Any items omitted from the agenda

65. Joe B., Area 6C for Kim M.

If a trusted servant receives a report of abuse they are to contact the areas 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.

Joe B. wanted to read a letter after stating that he wanted to table this item. The Chair would not let the letter be read and the Chair was then challenged. The vote on the challenge fails (60 – 11) therefore the Chair is in order and the letter was not read.

Motion to table to Portland.

Approved 93 Against 1

Passed

66. I.S.O. Bulletin on the Trustees Website.

Motion made that the I.S.O. Bulletin be posted to the Trustee Website.

Approved 4 Against 78

Failed

The I.S.O. Life-Line Bulletin will no longer be on the Trustee Website.

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at 3:50 P.M. The collection for the five (5) sessions was \$681.00.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held April 10, 2008 in Portland, Oregon.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen H.

Karen H., International Executive Secretary

		ROLL CALL			
AREA	SESSIONS	AREA	SESSIONS		
1	Al F.	5	8A	Mark B.	5
	Ara H.	5		Jeannie B.	5
	Marvin F.	5	8B	Michelle J.	5
	Ted K.	5	8C	Deni M.	5
	Valerie D.	5	8D	John F.	5
	Ed K.	5	9	Carol K.	5
2	Ed E.	5		Paul K.	5
	Don D.	5	9A	Pat D.	Absent *
	Chris C.	5	10	John H.	5
	Guadalupe V.	5	10A	Norm B.	5
2A	Denise W.	5		Jim P.	5
	Bob C.	5		Sammy S.	5
	Richard C.	5	10B	Scott M.	5
2B	Steve R.	5	11	Tom S.	5
2C	Debbie W.	1		Bob B.	5
2E	Alan S.	5	12	Carol L.	Absent *
2F	Joan H.	4		Gary S.	5
2G	Kathleen J.	5		John D.	5
2H	Popeye	5		Andy D.	5
3	Jan A.	5		David M.	5
	Karen L.	5		Bob W.	5
	Ron S.	5	13	Dave S.	5
	Gladys C.	5		John S.	5
3A	Dan C.	5		Ron C.	5
	Linda S.	5	13A	Kevin O.	5
	Pearl J.	5		Gina S.	5
3B	Lou W.	5	13B	Francis E.	4
	Peggy B.	5		Andy R.	5

ROLL CALL (Con't)

AREA	SESSIONS	AREA	SESSIONS
3C	Paula C. 5 Penny S. Absent	14	Brad B. 5 Michael A. 5
3D	Phyllis H. 5 Mike M. 5		Maury C. Absent * Tom K.. Absent *
4	Marguerite P. 5 Klaus K. 5	15	Chuck R. 5 Bill B. 5
5	Louis G. 4		Jerry L. 5
5A	Marlene O. Absent *		Howard C. 5
5B	Andre G. 5 Robert I. 5		Mike R. 5 Alan J. 5
5C	John L. 5		Abe C. 5
6	Harvey C. 4 Lloyd A. 5 Ralph O. 5		George G. 5 Joe L. 4 Stanley C. 5
6A	Denny Z. 5 Leavy T. Absent	16	John V. 5 Matt H. 5
6B	Dina P. 5 Kevin M. 5 Juan A. Absent *	17	Walt H. 5 Ron W. 5
6C	Joe B. 5 Dennis A. 5 Kevin D. 5 Gary G. 5	18	Dave McA. 5
6D	Ian S. Absent *	18A	Yvonne R. 5 Trevor S. 5
7	Leanne W. 5 Laine P. 5	19	Leo R. 5 Manuel G. 4
7A	Alex B. 5 Tom S. 5	21	Andres P. 5 Manuel G. Absent
8	Tom D. 5 Kathy H. 5 Jim M. 5 Dolores R. 5	23	Juan Carlos Absent
		23A	Vera T. 5
		24	Mika L. 5
		Chairman BOT –	Tom M. 5
		1st Co-Chair BOT –	Richie S. 5
		2 nd Co-Chair BOT -	Herb B. 5
		Chairman BOR –	Bob W. 5
		I.E.S. -	Karen H. 5

* Proxy Received