

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS TRUSTEES MEETING
APRIL 10 & 11, 2008
RED LION ON THE RIVER JANTZEN BEACH, PORTLAND, OREGON

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

Tom M., Chairman of the Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, April 10, 2008. Everyone was welcomed and all members new to the Board were asked to stand and introduce themselves. Opening remarks included that Roberts Rules of Order will be followed to the best of our ability, as well as points of order and points of information being explained. Procedures of the meeting were explained stating when two people speak in favor of an item then one is opposed, if no one else is opposed (or Visa Versa) then the discussion will continue. Fourteen proxy's were received and read to be voted as follows: Area 3B – from Peggy B. given to Lou W.; Area 5A - from Marlene O. given to Ed E.; Area 6B – from Juan A. given to Dina P.; Area 6C – from Kevin D., given to Joe B.; Area 8 – from Jim M. given to Tom D.; Area 8 - from Dolores R., given to Kathy H.; Area 8A – from Mark P., given to Jeanne B.; Area 8C – from Deni M., given to Michelle J.; Area 11 – from Bob B., given to Tom S.; Area 12 – from Carol L., given to John D.; Area 13A – from Kevin O., given to Gina S.; Area 13B – from Francis E., given to Andy R.; Area 15 – from Jerry L., given to Alan J. and Area 17 – from Ron W., given to Walt H. Two absentee ballots were received as follows: Area 18 – from Dave McA., given to Richard C. and Area 18A – from Trevor S., given to Ara H. to vote as per instructions on their respective ballots.

B) Remembrance of our departed members – Marshall R.

Marshall R. read a list of our brothers and sisters who had passed away since our last Trustees meeting was held. 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”

Matt H. from Upstate New York read the Reflection for the Day for April 10th.
Herb B. from Montreal read the Reflection for the Day for April 11th.

D) Reading of the “12 Steps of Unity”

Andy R. from Southern New Jersey read the 12 Steps of Unity during the first session on April 10th. Bob W., from Southern California read the 12 Steps of Unity to begin the forth session on April 11th.

E) Roll Call – Karen H. International Executive Secretary

Karen H. took roll and there are presently 89 votes to begin the first session.

F) Approval of Minutes from Los Angeles

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held in Los Angeles, California were approved as submitted.

Approved 70 Against 0

G) I.S.O. /Lifeline – Karen H.

Karen H. gave the above report and handed out a graph that showed the past two years of monthly donations received. Everyone was thanked for their continued support in getting the word out about how important it is to become a Lifeline. Marshall R. reiterated the importance of being a Lifeline.

H) Conference Reports:

Los Angeles Conference Fall '07 – Herb B.

Herb B. reported on the above Conference. Tom M. explained the large profit and the reason we made as much money as we did. The final report follows:

CASH INFLOWS

Registrations, net of refunds	\$ 254,696.35
Book Sales	5,155.31
Coin & T-Shirt Sales	7,125.00
Gam-Anon Luncheon	3,975.00
Golf Outing	1,705.00
Hospitality Room Donations	7,387.40
Scholarship Donations	1,925.00
Tour Registrations	4,718.00
TOTAL CASH INFLOWS	\$ 286,687.06

CASH OUTFLOWS

Hotel – Guest Rooms, Food, Audio/Visual, etc.	\$ 203,530.75
Book	10,781.11
Coins & T-Shirts	5,858.97
Decorations	4,016.13
Entertainment	7,988.00
Golf Outing	1,705.00
Goodie Bags	5,643.43
Hospitality Room	10,971.11
Supplies, Bank Charges, P.O. Box	3,074.56
Tour Expenses	4,718.00

TOTAL CASH OUTFLOWS	\$ 258,287.06
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INFLOWS IN EXCESS OF OUTFLOWS	\$ 28,400.00
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Disbursed to Gamblers Anonymous 55%	\$ 15,620.00
Disbursed to Gam-Anon 45%	<u>12,780.00</u>
Total Disbursed	\$ <u>28,400.00</u>

Portland Conference Spring '08 – Richie S.

Richie S. gave the above report stating all reports have been submitted. Bob F. and Kathleen J. welcomed and thanked everyone for being here. All Northwestern Areas were thanked for their participation in this Conference. As of now there are 396 registrations and we should exceed over 400. It also looks as if this Conference will come out in the black.

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. The Committee has been incredibly on time with all reports. It is suggested that if you are planning on attending this Conference, you should register as soon as possible.

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. The Committee has now started meeting on a monthly basis. No banking information has been received as of yet. Michelle J. spoke letting everyone know that the bank account is open and they are in the process of sending the required reports. They are looking forward to having everyone there.

I) Committee Reports

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. The Blue Book Review Committee is continuing in its efforts to collect stories for the new edition of the Blue Book. We would like to thank the fellowship for the submissions that we have received since the last conference in LA. We have received 15 new stories. The committee has made a decision as far as a deadline for any Blue Book submissions of October 15, 2008. We are still in need of international stories. The only stories that we have received outside of the US are from members in Canada and Australia. Gamblers Anonymous is a worldwide fellowship and we believe that the book should be guided by the broadest spectrum of members. The committee has had very few stories submitted by active and past Trustee's. Your experience is invaluable and would greatly enhance the writing of this book. So please send your story as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration to this report. Gary B.

Herb B. gave the above report in Gary B.'s absence. October 15, 2008 is the deadline for submissions to the new Blue Book.

Credit Card/ Debt Intermediation Committee:

Committee Chair – Lou W. – Area 3B

Co-Chair Liaison – Still open

Mission Statement – To be determined.

We as the Credit Card/Debt Intermediation Committee were commissioned to report on Agenda #49 of the October 2007 Los Angeles Board of Trustees meeting. Agenda #49 read as follows:

“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%.”

Since the October 2007 Los Angeles Board of Trustees meeting, our Committee has dialogued, interacted, met as a Committee and *attempted* to determine the “Mission Statement” of our Committee. If you recall at the October 2007 BOT meeting, I, as Chair of this Committee, came before you after the Committee was commissioned by our Chairman to address what I believe was our biggest challenge: To determine the “Mission” of our Committee. During the term of our Committee, this in fact was our biggest challenge! I asked each of the members of this Committee to determine what they believed was the “Mission” of our Committee. As a result, there were as many Mission Statements as there were members of this Committee. It became very evident there was not a clear mandate as to our Mission. Thus, after more interaction, we realized that we were struggling with the meaning of Agenda #49. Agenda #49 in and of itself was not plausible. We had determined that the essence of Agenda #49 would require us to report on information that is not germane to the purpose of our Fellowship. In addition, any reporting of Agenda #49 would be about current laws as well as current and related outside financial information which we as a Committee were not qualified to address. Further, we firmly believed as a Committee that Agenda #49 lead us into many “related areas” of Pressure Relief (“PR”) and it’s “Purpose” but these “related areas” were also not part of the essence of Agenda #49 and, therefore, should be addressed in another manner and at a later time. Therefore, we felt it important enough to the Board of Trustees and our Fellowship that we present below a very brief synopsis of a few of these “related areas” that came from the Committee members during the term of our Committee and hope that this Board takes the time in the foreseeable future to address these “related areas:”

- 1. More fully educate, train, inform and provide support and supervision where needed (similar principle of the use of an Intergroup to support the groups in their area) to our members and each of the area PR group committees in an effort to bring acceptance, cohesiveness, continuity, uniformity, integrity and a higher standard of quality within the PR process including the use and implementation of techniques, tools and strategies;**
- 2. Minimize the liability exposure to our Fellowship and the members of the PR process through the use of a more fully enforceable written legal disclaimer in our literature;**
- 3. Consider a new section in the “blue PR pamphlet” on how to better prepare the member to persevere in dealing with the credit card/other-debt repayment process including the principle of reducing and/or abating any further interest and penalty during the term of debt repayment;**

4. Determine through a study of how and what the members of our Fellowship see as the responsibilities of the members of the PR committee as well as the responsibility of the PR process;

5. We are an international Fellowship and as such there are possibly different laws and issues in each country – thus, we should review, analyze and conclude the ability and effectiveness of using the current PR process in countries outside the United States;

We gratefully thank you for the opportunity to serve our Fellowship –

Committee Members: Bill B (Area 6), Larry B (Area 15), Gina S (Area 13A), Sammy S (Area 10A), John H (Area 10), Joe B (Area 6C), Ralph O (Area 6), Bob C (Area 2A) Tom S (Area 7A), Russell K (Area 18A) Lou W – Chair (Area 3B)

Lou W. thanked the Committee members for all of their help with this. Richie S. is the liaison to this committee. Since there is an item on this Agenda, the committee is no longer needed and will be disbanded. Tom M. thanked Lou for his work.

International Relations Committee:

Committee Chair – Steve R. – Area 2B

Co-Chair Liaison – Herb B.

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

As the G.A. fellowship continues to grow, so does the work of this committee and its dedicated members. Since we last met in Los Angeles at the 50th anniversary celebration we on the IRC have been quite busy.

There have been 400 International emails that have been forwarded by ISO or have come directly to the IRC for response and help. Fifty countries make up those 400 emails, that's an average of almost four a day. The committee has compiled an excel spreadsheet chart that lists by month and country, from November 2006 through March 2008 all the emails that have been received. This chart is attached to this report.

Some of the more noteworthy items of late are as follows:

1. We received a distressing email from a Polish member regarding the way their Intergroup was being conducted. Alex K., one of our members from Germany, visited the Intergroup recently and reported that he saw no irregularities in how they conducted their meetings. Alex will also be traveling to Hong Kong soon and will look into reestablishing contact with the two meetings that were there.
2. We are presently working on establishing meetings in Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Guam, Indonesia, Namibia (South Africa), Thailand, Turkey and Uganda.
3. We continue to maintain a “loner list” for members that are unsupported by meetings in their areas and correspond with them. We also are maintaining an interpreter and contact list internationally.
4. Items 2, 3, and 5 of Unfinished Business on the Portland agenda will be up for their second vote after being presented in Los Angeles. These address procedures for new areas submitting to join the BOT and the translating of our literature. We appreciate your support in making these Guidance Code changes and recognize that this is only the beginning in putting necessary procedures in place as the International Community expands.

5. We are discussing methods of fund raising for the purpose of verifying translations of our literature in to other languages that are done locally and sent in the ISO/IRC for verification. Presently we are maintaining copies of translations that have been sent in.
6. We are discussing the idea of each country having their own “IRC” locally. This in turn would be a stepping stone to having representatives meet together from each area.
7. Last and certainly not least we will be presenting for submission into the BOT the countries of Hungary (1 trustee), Korea (two trustees) and Mexico (two trustees). In addition Australia will be submitting a splitting of Area 18 with Queensland, Northern Territory and Western Australia forming a new Area 18B. The remaining areas of Area 18 will request an additional 2 trustees to make four total, and Area 18B will request 2 Trustees. All of this will take place during the realignment procedure.

As always we appreciate your support in the very rewarding committee work we do. I personally would like to thank the committee for its commitment to service.

Steve R., Chairman, IRC

Steve R. gave the above report.

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.

Our Literature Committee has been working on several old and new pieces of literature since the LA conference. We would like to start with old business. We have been working on a 12 Step Study Workbook submitted to us from members in Area 3A. The work has been completed and the workbook is on the Portland agenda for your consideration. We have also been working on a Unity Step Booklet presented to us from Chris C., Trustee from Area 2. The Committee is still working on the book and should be ready for submission to the Trustees at the next conference in Houston. We have also reworked a piece of literature from the 90 day room committee (A Successful 90 Day Room). The new version has been completed and is on the agenda for your consideration.

New Business

We received a 12 Step Recovery on CD from former Trustee Ralph M. which was presented at the Los Angeles conference. The committee would like to apologize to Ralph and the Board of Trustees as there was a mix-up in getting the information to our committee and we were unable to complete the work by the Portland Conference deadline. We are working on the CD and it will be resubmitted for the conference in Houston. The committee was given a Pressure Relief group pamphlet from Tom C., Trustee from Houston. The committee has worked with Tom and has made agreed changes. The pamphlet is back on the agenda for your consideration. We were also sent a GA pocket card from Michelle J. former co-chair of the BOT. The committee has worked with Michelle and has made agreed changes and the card is back on the agenda for your consideration. Sadly we received no input from

any Trustees concerning these new agenda items given to us from the LA conference. The committee's function is to serve the fellowship and the Trustees. Our literature process was changed in order to receive input from the fellowship and Trustees concerning any new literature items. If this process is unnecessary or not wanted we may want to consider making changes. Please give the committee your feedback. Thank you for your consideration to this report.

Sincerely, Gary B. - Literature Committee Chair

Gary B. resigned as Committee Chair and will no longer be serving on this Committee. Alan S. from Winnipeg is the new Committee Chair. Only Alan and Larry B. from New York are on this committee. Larry spoke on past requirements how literature is changed or approved and the problems. The committee is requesting members who are versed in literary skills. Please contact either Alan or Larry if you are interested in being of service as part of the Literature Committee.

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.

No report.

Prison Committee, US:

Committee Chair – Mike M.

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.

Prisons Committee (US) Report

October, 2007 - April, 2008

To my GA brothers and sisters:

During the above period, the Prisons (US) Committee members worked very hard to accumulate information on existing GA meetings in prisons, jails and institutions. The task is a difficult one, especially due the fact of having only eight committee members and there being fifty states to cover plus the District of Columbia. At the time of this report, we know of 11 active Gamblers Anonymous meetings in US facilities; 5 in Arizona, 1 in California, 1 in Colorado, 2 in New Jersey, 1 in North Carolina, and 1 in Oregon. A list of these is attached to this report. I'm sure there are several others that exist that we just don't know about. Additionally, there are 2 meetings in Pennsylvania that are ready to begin and 1 in California which has been suspended due to overcrowding. There are also at least three meetings which could be started but the facilities have asked for GA volunteers to help them. Getting member volunteers is a big problem, due to both logistics and facility entrance requirements for outsiders.

At the Portland conference, I will be making another plea for additional committee

membership as well as describing a process which will give us a pool of volunteers, by geographic area, who might aid in starting prison meetings. If any Trustee knows, or thinks they know of a prison meeting which is not on the attached list, please contact me or any committee member with as much information as you have and we will do the rest. You don't have to be on the committee to give us this data. Plans for the next period include continuing our information-gathering and beginning to make contact with the proper judicial, prosecutorial, and probation people to let them know our purpose and how to get the information we will make available through ISO.

Respectfully submitted, Mike M (Area 3D) Chairperson

Mike M. gave the above report.

Prison Committee, CANADIAN:

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.

Since our last report in September 2007, there were 2 new Prison meetings and 1 new Institutional meeting added to the list, bringing the Canadian total of J.I.P. meetings to 12. Among the 3 new meetings, there was one opened in a Prison for Women, a first in Canada.

We have included the full listing at the end of this report.

There are only 3 members presently on this Committee and newcomers would be more than welcome. Any member can be part of our Committee, be it a current or past trustee or a member in any Canadian area. If you feel you could help, please do not hesitate to contact either the Chair, Jean-Marc L. or myself, André G., co-chair. There are probably more Jail, Institution and Prison meetings in Canada than what we have on our list. We have asked on several occasions for Canadian trustees to contact us and let us know if there are such meetings in their area but the replies have been somewhat hard to get. Our next step, as a Committee, will be to contact each and every Canadian trustee individually to help finalize the list. To help us, we again ask all Canadian trustees attending the Portland Conference to see me before we all go back home to tell us if there are any such meetings or not in their respective area.

We look forward to keep those meetings running smoothly and to bring a little hope to a compulsive gambler that still suffers either inside the walls or in a shelter or in a therapy house. André G., Co-Chair, Area 5B

Andre G. gave the above report.

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.

Ed E. resigned from this committee. Dina P. resigned as Committee Chair but will still serve on the committee. Matt H. from Upstate New York is the new Committee Chair. They will be presenting a piece of literature for approval.

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.

The Portland Conference committee did not need any assistance for this Conference.

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 of the Board of Trustees has completed the manual on BOT Rules and Procedures that was requested by the Chairman of the BOT.

We have placed this manual on the agenda for the Portland conference and are asking the Board of Trustees to approve this work to take effect immediately upon approval.

The committee took almost 2 years to complete this task and although we are asking you to approve the manual in approx. 15 minutes we wish to remind you that this is a work in progress and any item can be eliminated or improved with an agenda item and a vote of the BOT.

We are asking you to approve the manual even if you may not agree 100% with all the items.

We hope you all had a chance to review each item well before the conference in Portland and will communicate with the committee before the conference with any questions you may have. Herb B. – Chairman, Rules and Procedures Committee

Herb B. gave the above report. Committee members are Carol K., Area 9; David M., Area 12; David F., Area 3A and Bill B., Area 15. A copy of the Meeting Rules and Procedures Manual was handed out. This is under item #16 on the Agenda for approval. The Committee was thanked.

Trustee Website Committee:

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

Mission Statement – To set guidelines and oversee the Trustee website.

David M. gave the above report. Discussion on how we can communicate and share ideas amongst ourselves along with carrying the message was held. Also keeping communication open was emphasized.

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.

Committee is being disband. Karen H. reported the “September International Walk-A-Thon” total received for 2007’s Walk was \$11,957.00. The Los Angeles 2007 Fall Conference Walk-A-Thon total was \$10,458.51 and as of April 7, 2008 the Portland Conference Walk-A-Thon total is \$3,384.70.

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.

David M. gave the above report. Another bid will be received and we should have three competitive bids in Houston.

Unfinished Business

Passed 1st Vote in Los Angeles

1. **Carol K. – Area 9**

Guidance Code, Article VIII, Section 21

Modify the third sentence as follows:

Absentee ballots and 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.

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 as 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.

Absentee ballots and 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.

Approved 82 Against 2

Passed

2nd Vote

2. 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.
 Approved 81 Against 1
 Passed 2nd Vote
3. 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.
 Approved 81 Against 0
 Passed 2nd Vote
4. 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.
 Approved 84 Against 0
 Passed 2nd Vote
5. 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.**

Approved 84 Against 0

Passed

2nd Vote

6. **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 audio, video or written approved Gamblers Anonymous literature it deems necessary to meet the needs of our entire International Fellowship.

Approved 80 Against 1

Passed

2nd Vote

7. **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.

Approved 79 Against 5

Passed

2nd Vote

Tabled From Los Angeles

8. **Joe B. for Kim M.– Area 6C**

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 event of G.A.

To be place din the Information Packet.

A Committee called the Abuse Prevention Committee was appointed with Joe B. being named the Chairman. The committee members are Carol K., Area 9; David M., Area 12; Dina P., Area 6B, J. R., Area 5A; Kim M., Area 5A and Marlene O., Area 5A. Tom M. is the liaison for this Committee.

9. Bob W. as BOR Chairman – Area 1

It is requested that the Board of Trustees agrees or 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 accept above.

Approved 87 Against 0

Passed

9.1 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.

Motion to table to Houston.

Approved 61 Against 3

Passed

New Business

BOR Procedures

10. Joe B. – Area 6C

The ‘awareness’ FOR 888-GA-HELPS public relations campaign need not be every year, it was passed in Chicago May of 2007 as ‘Cost not to exceed \$1,000.00 per year’

New Motion: Cost not to exceed \$1,000.00 ending May 31, 2008.

Motion that “Awareness” for 888 GA HELPS cost not to exceed \$1,000.00 ending May 31, 2008.

Approved 8 Against 69

Failed

Money can still be taken out.

11. Ian S. – Area 6D

Straw Vote – To request the use of recording devices at International Service Office for collection of meeting minutes at monthly Board of Regents meetings. This data to be transcribed and disseminated for all GA members’ use.

A straw vote was requested and taken regarding the above. It is the consensus of this Board (53 – 12) that recording devices at the Board of Regents meetings should not take place therefore this is not going to happen.

BOT Procedures

12. Ed K. – Area 1

Remove all Board of Regents publications from the Trustees website.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 3 Against 80

Failed

13. Gary S. – Area 12

Any and all changes on the TRUSTEE WEBSITE must be voted and approved by the BOT.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 3 Against 86

Failed

14. Tom M. as BOT Chairman – Area 2

Re-alignment of the areas will take place at this conference. Any area requesting re-alignment should come prepared to make their presentation. If you are asking for a new area please have permission of the Intergroup(s) involved.

AREA 1 CENTRAL CALIFORNIA, PALM SPRINGS, LOS ANGELES AREA AND HAWAII – 6 TRUSTEES

Motion to realign Area 1 having it become two separate Areas. Area 1 will consist of Central California, Los Angeles Area, Palm Springs and Hawaii with 5 Trustees and Area 1A will consist of all Orange County with 1 Trustee.

Approved 73 Against 0

Passed

AREA 2 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA – 4 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 2A ALASKA, BRITISH COLUMBIA AND ALBERTA 3 TRUSTEES

Motion to realign Area 2A having it become three separate Areas. Area 2A will consist of Alaska and British Columbia, Area 2J will consist of Northern Alberta and Area 2K will consist of Southern Alberta. Each Area will have 1 Trustee.

Approved 78 Against 0

Passed

AREA 2B GREATER SACRAMENTO – 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 2C MONTANA, CASPER AND NORTHERN WYOMING 1 TRUSTEE

No changes.

AREA 2D SASKATCHEWAN – 1 TRUSTEE

No changes.

- AREA 2E MANITOBA – 1 TRUSTEE**
No changes.
- AREA 2F IDAHO AND EASTERN WASHINGTON – 1 TRUSTEE**
No changes.
- AREA 2G OREGON AND VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON
1 TRUSTEE**
Motion to add 1 additional Trustee.
Approved 72 Against 0
Passed
- AREA 2H WESTERN WASHINGTON NORTH OF LONGVIEW, SOUTH OF
BELLINGHAM/BLAINE AND WEST OF THE CASCADE
MOUNTAINS - 2 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 3 SOUTHERN NEVADA AND BULLHEAD, ARIZONA
4 TRUSTEES**
Motion to change Area 3 to include Southern Nevada; Mesquite, Nevada;
St. George, Utah; Cedar City, Utah; Bullhead City, Arizona; and Pahrump,
Beatty, and Overton, Nevada. Number of Trustees will remain at 4.
Approved 78 Against 0
Passed
- AREA 3A SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA – 3 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 3B COLORADO, UTAH & SOUTHERN WYOMING
2 TRUSTEES**
No requested changes although with the passing of the motion regarding
new Area 3, Area 3B will now consist of Colorado, Utah - North of Cedar
City and Southern Wyoming.
- AREA 3C NORTHERN NEVADA AND SUSANVILLE, CALIFORNIA–
2 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 3D ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO – 2 TRUSTEES**
Motion to realign Area 3D having it become two separate Areas. Area 3D
will consist of Arizona and New Mexico with 2 Trustees and Area 3F will
consist of all Spanish speaking meetings in Arizona with 1 Trustee.
Approved 64 Against 1
Passed

- AREA 3E SOUTH DAKOTA, AND WESTERN NORTH DAKOTA
1 TRUSTEE**
No changes.
- AREA 4 ONTARIO, CANADA – 2 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 5 ENGLISH QUEBEC AND LABRADOR – 1 TRUSTEE**
No changes.
- AREA 5A NEWFOUNDLAND, NEW BRUNSWICK, NOVA SCOTIA AND
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND – 1 TRUSTEE**
No changes.
- AREA 5B ALL FRENCH MEETINGS IN QUEBEC – 2 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 5C OTTAWA AND EASTERN ONTARIO – 1 TRUSTEE**
No changes.
- AREA 6 SOUTHERN FLORIDA – 3 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 6A PENSECOLA, PANAMA CITY, CENTRAL AND NORTHERN
FLORIDA – 2 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 6B WEST COAST OF FLORIDA, PANAMA, JAMAICA, PUERTO
RICO AND TRINIDAD – 3 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 6C SOUTH CAROLINA AND NORTH CAROLINA – 4 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 6D GEORGIA AND NORTHERN ALABAMA, NORTH OF
MONTGOMERY – 2 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 7 LOUISIANA, MISSISSIPPI, AND LOWER COAST OF ALABAMA
2 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 7A AUSTIN, HOUSTON, GULF COAST AND SOUTH TEXAS
2 TRUSTEES**
No changes.

- AREA 7B ARKANSAS, OKLAHOMA AND THE REST OF TEXAS
2 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 8 ILLINOIS, DORE COUNTY, WISCONSIN, AND NORTHERN INDIANA – 4 TRUSTEES**
Motion to realign Area 8 as follows: Wisconsin will be their own Area 8E with 3 Trustees, with the exception of three meetings that have requested to stay with Minnesota Area 8A (Bay City, River Falls and New Richmond).
In Indiana the 2 Anderson meetings will go to Area 10B.
In Illinois the 3 Springfield and 1 Quincy meeting will go to Area 8D, St. Louis. Number of Trustees will remain at 4.
Approved 76 Against 0
Passed
- AREA 8A EASTERN IOWA, SOUTHERN MINNESOTA AND RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN – 2 TRUSTEES**
No requested changes although with the passing of the motion regarding new Area 8, Area 8A will now consist of Eastern Iowa, Southern Minnesota and Bay City, River Falls and New Richmond, Wisconsin.
- AREA 8B NEBRASKA, WESTERN IOWA, KANSAS AND KANSAS CITY AND WESTERN MISSOURI – 2 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 8C EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA, NORTHERN MINNESOTA, ASHLAND, SUPERIOR, HAYWARD AND WASHBURN, WISCONSIN – 1 TRUSTEE**
No changes.
- AREA 8D EASTERN MISSOURI AND SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SOUTH OF SPRINGFIELD - 2 TRUSTEES**
No requested changes although with the passing of the motion regarding new Area 8, Area 8D will now consist of Eastern Missouri and Southern Illinois including Springfield and Quincy.
- AREA 9 MICHIGAN AND NORTHWEST OHIO – 2 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 9A SOUTHEAST ONTARIO, CANADA – 1 TRUSTEE**
No changes.
- AREA 10 OHIO AND ERIE, NEWCASTLE AND WARREN, PENNSYLVANIA – 2 TRUSTEES**
No changes.

- AREA 10A WEST VIRGINIA AND WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
3 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 10B CINCINNATI AND DAYTON OHIO; INDIANAPOLIS AND
SOUTHERN INDIANA, KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE – 2
TRUSTEES**
No requested changes although with the passing of the motion regarding
new Area 8, Area 10B will now consist of Cincinnati and Dayton Ohio;
Indianapolis, Anderson and Southern Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee.
- AREA 11 MASSACHUSETTS, RHODE ISLAND, MAINE, VERMONT AND
NEW HAMPSHIRE – 2 TRUSTEES**
Motion to add one additional Trustee.
Approved 78 Against 0
Passed
- AREA 12 NEW JERSEY, SUFFEREN, NEW YORK AND NORTHEASTERN
PENNSYLVANIA – 6 TRUSTEES**
Motion to move Sufferen, New York to Area 15.
Approved 61 Against 1
Passed
- AREA 13 EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND DELAWARE – 3 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 13A MARYLAND, WASHINGTON, D.C. - 2 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 13B SOUTH NEW JERSEY COUNTIES – BURLINGTON, CAMDEN,
ATLANTIC, SALEM, GLOUCESTER, CUMBERLAND AND CAPE
MAY – 2 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 13C VIRGINIA – 1 TRUSTEE**
No changes.
- AREA 14 LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK – 4 TRUSTEES**
No changes.
- AREA 15 NEW YORK CITY AND SURROUNDING AREAS
10 TRUSTEES**
No requested changes although with the passing of the motion regarding
Area 12, Sufferen, New York will now be part of Area 15.

AREA 16 EASTERN UPSTATE NEW YORK INCLUDING THE ALBANY AREA, NIAGRA FALLS, AND SOUTHWESTERN NEW YORK AND JAMESTOWN– 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

**AREA 17 CONNECTICUT AND WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS
2 TRUSTEES**

No changes.

**AREA 18 NEW SOUTH WALES, QUEENSLAND, NORTHERN TERRITORY, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AND NEW ZEALAND
2 TRUSTEES**

Motion to realign Area 18 making it two separate Areas. Area 18 will consist of New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory and New Zealand with 4 Trustees and Area 18B will consist of Queensland, Northern Territory and Western Australia with 2 Trustees.

Approved 73 Against 0

Passed

**AREA 18A VICTORIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, AND TASMANIA
2 TRUSTEES**

No changes.

AREA 19 ARGENTINA – 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 20 URUGUAY - 1 TRUSTEE

No changes.

AREA 21 SPAIN – 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 22 SOUTH AFRICA – 1 TRUSTEE

No changes.

AREA 23 RIO, BRAZIL – 1 TRUSTEE

No changes.

AREA 23A SAO PAULO, BRAZIL – 1 TRUSTEE

No changes.

AREA 24 SWEDEN – 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 25 ITALY – 2 TRUSTEES

REQUESTING NEW AREAS

Motion to create a new Area for South Korea and allot them 2 Trustees.

Approved 73 Against 0

Passed

This will now be Area 26.

Motion to create a new Area for Hungary and allot them 1 Trustee.

Approved 67 Against 0

Passed

This will now be Area 27.

Motion to create a new Area for Mexico and allot them two Trustees.

Since Mexico does not have an Intergroup the Chair ruled this item out of order.

The Chair was then challenged. The vote on the challenge failed (64 – 12) therefore the Chair is in order and this item will have to be presented in Houston when they have an Intergroup.

15. Ed K. – Area 1

Beginning with the Fall '08 Trustee meeting 'discussion only' item will no longer be accepted on any Trustee agenda. It is suggested that 'discussion only' items be submitted to the Trustee Website, standing Trustee committees or other avenues of open discussion amongst Trustees and/or the fellowship.

No discussion.

16. Herb B. as committee Chair – Area 5

Approve the Rules and Procedures Manual as submitted by the Rules and Procedures Committee.

Refer to Portland attachment #16

8 pages – 119.4 KB download available at the Trustees website Download Center

Motion to accept above.

Approved 85 Against 2

Passed

Only one vote required

This Committee will continue.

17. David M. – Area 12

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees will make the initial determination if a newly submitted agenda item is out of order. If deemed to be out of order, the author may request the item to be reconsidered by the executive board, whose majority decision will be final. This process does not interfere with procedures of the Trustee meeting once the item reaches the floor.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 42 Against 37

Passed

18. Marc L. – Area 1

Reapportion the Trustees allocations based on the number of meetings in any particular Area. Each Area will have at least one Trustee. Areas with 21-40 meetings will be allocated one additional Trustee, Areas with 41-60 meetings will be allocated two additional Trustees, Areas with 61-80 meetings will be allocated with three additional Trustees, and Areas with 81-100 meetings will be allocated four additional Trustees. No Area will have more than 5 Trustees. Reapportionment to take effect at the Spring 2010 International Conference.

Motion to accept above.

Motion to table to Houston.

Approved 40 Against 25

Passed

Motion is pending.

A committee was formed with Ed K. being the Chairman. Marc L. is on the committee and Herb B. is the liaison.

Combo Book

19. Alan J. – Area 15

Combo book, Page 17, #6

Change ‘may’ to ‘will’.

Current version: A Pressure Relief Group Meeting may help alleviate legal, financial, employment and personal pressures. Adherence to it will aid in your recovery.

Proposed version: A Pressure Relief Group Meeting will help alleviate legal, financial, employment and personal pressures. Adherence to it will aid in your recovery.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 17 Against 65

Failed

20. Alan J. – Area 15

Combo Book, Page 17, #1

Add the words full before meetings and add but at least a full meeting every after possible and remove per.

Current Version: ‘Attend as many meetings as possible per week.’

MEETINGS MAKE IT.

Proposed Version: Attend as many full meetings as possible but at least a full meeting a week. MEETINGS MAKE IT.

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to add “Attend as many full meetings as possible per week.

Meetings make it”.

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 passes (21 – 42) therefore the Chair is out of order and so is the amendment.

On the motion.

Approved 21 Against 60
Failed

21. Ara H. for John T. – Area 1

Combo book, page 16, Question 11.

After the word sold, add a comma and then add the words ‘Or pawned’.

The new version of question 11 would be...Have you ever sold, or pawned anything to finance gambling?

Motion to accept above.

Approved 26 Against 60
Failed

22. Richard C. – Area 2A

Combo book, page 17, Item 3, Sentence 5

Remove the words ‘Internet gambling’, ‘options’ and ‘the office sport’ and than pluralize ‘pool’.

CURRENT VERSION: reads: 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: The sentence to read: This includes the stock market, commodities, buying or playing lottery tickets, raffle tickets, flipping a coin or entering pools.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 1 Against 83
Failed

23. Ara H. – Area 1

Page 15 of our combo book, question number 9

Change the word often to ever.

Current version... ‘Did you often gamble until your last dollar was gone?’

New version would read... ‘Did you ever gamble until your last dollar was gone?’

Motion to accept above.

Approved 20 Against 55
Failed

24. Ara H. – Area 1

Combo book, page 16, question 12.

Place the word ‘ever’ after ‘you’ and before ‘reluctant’.

Current version: ‘Were you reluctant to use gambling money for normal expenditures?’

New version: ‘Were you ever reluctant to use gambling money for normal expenditures?’

Motion to accept above.

Approved 10 Against 67

Failed

25. Ara H. – Area 1

Combo book, page 16, question 13

Place the word ‘ever’ after ‘gambling’ and before ‘make’.

Current version: ‘Did gambling make you careless of the welfare for yourself or your family?’

New version: ‘Did gambling ever make you careless of the welfare of yourself or your family?’

Item withdrawn.

26. Ara H. – Area 1

Page 16 of the combo book, question 17

Place the word ‘ever’ after ‘gambling’ and before ‘cause’.

Current version, ‘Did gambling cause you to have difficulty in sleeping?’

New version, ‘Did gambling ever cause you to have difficulty in sleeping?’

Item withdrawn.

27. Ian S. for Billy M. – Area 6D

Combo Book, page 16, question 12

Current version: Were you reluctant to use ‘gambling money’ for normal expenditures?

New version: Have you ever used monies, that were intended for household expenses or bills, to gamble?

Motion to accept above.

Approved 13 Against 61

Failed

28. Matt H. – Area 16

Page 11 of the combo book.

Change the word philanthropic to generous.

Current version: ...often see themselves as quite philanthropic and...

New version: ...often see themselves as quite generous and...

Motion to accept above.

Approved 27 Against 54

Failed

29. Mike A. for Dom M. – Area 14

Combo Book – Page 17. #3, sentence 5

Add bingo to the types of gambling listed.

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.

New Version: This includes internet gambling, the stock market, commodities, options, buying or playing lottery tickets, raffle tickets, bingo, flipping a coin or entering the office sport pool.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 19 Against 61

Failed

30. Matt H. for Sal S. – Area 16

Combo Book, Page 2, 1st paragraph, Last sentence

ADD in bold ONE DAY AT A TIME

Current version: ...and help others to recover from a gambling problem.

Proposed version: ...and help others to recover from a gambling problem, ONE DAY AT A TIME.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 8 Against 75

Failed

31. Matt H. for Sal S. – Area 16

Combo book, Page 17, Item 5, 3rd sentence

Add the phrase ‘with the help of a sponsor’

Current version: These steps are the basis for the entire Gamblers Anonymous Program and practicing them is key to your growth.

Proposed Version: These steps are the basis for the entire Gamblers Anonymous Program and practicing them, with the help of a sponsor, is key to your growth.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 38 Against 46

Failed

32. Richard C. for Frank K. – Area 2A

Add to Combo book, Page 17, as new item 6. Present item 6 and 7 be renumbered to 7 & 8 respectively.

‘GET A SPONSOR, NO ONE RECOVERS ON THEIR OWN! Sponsorship gives an opportunity for members to work on a one-on-one basis to achieve recovery by sharing, practicing, and working the 12 steps of recovery.’

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to replace “NO ONE RECOVERS ON THEIR OWN!” with “IT IS DIFFICULT TO RECOVER ON YOUR OWN!”

Approved 50 Against 18

Passed

On the motion.

Approved 56 Against 19

Passed

1st Vote

Conference Bids

33. The Fall '09 western Conference was not bid for during the Los Angeles conference and is now open for bids from any area.

Herb B., Andre G., Robert I. and Louis G. from both the Montreal and Quebec Intergroups jointly presented a bid for the above Conference.

The motion to accept the above bid for the Conference to be held October 9 – 11, 2009 at the Sheraton Laval Hotel in Laval, Quebec, Canada was unanimously approved.

34. The Spring '10 Eastern Conference is open for bids.

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

Guidance Code

35. Gary S. – Area 12

Guidance Code Change: BOT, Article 7, Section 7

Current Version: 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.

New Version: Gamblers Anonymous appropriate literature is limited to Gamblers Anonymous member telephone lists, meeting and direction lists, flyers regarding events sponsored by room(s), Intergroup(s), or conference committees.

Item withdrawn.

36. Gary S. – Area 12

No more Proxy vote will be allowed just absentee votes will be permitted.

Guidance Code, Article 8, delete the following:

Section 13A.

No Trustees can cast more than one proxy vote on any one agenda item.

Section 13B.

Proxies will only be valid if assigned to a specific Trustee by the Trustee giving the proxy.

Motion to delete Article 8, Section 13A & 13B.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order. The Chair was then challenged. The vote on the challenge passes (5 –71) therefore the Chair is out of order and the motion is in order.

On the motion.

Approved 1 Against 74

Failed

A straw vote was taken to allow Gary to represent the motion the way he intended. The straw vote failed (22 – 47).

The Chair stated that a new motion can be on the Agenda for Houston.

37. Andre G. – Area 5B

Guidance Code, Article XI, Regional Service Office, Section 7, item 9, first paragraph, page 15. At the end of the first paragraph of item 9, add << and any other trusted servant deemed necessary by the Regional Service Office.

Current version: The trusted servants of a Regional Office should consist of a COORDINATOR, ASSISTANT COORDINATOR, TREASURER, PUBLIC RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE, RECORDING SECRETARY.

Proposed version: The trusted servants of a Regional Office should consist of a COORDINATOR, ASSISTANT COORDINATOR, TREASURER, PUBLIC RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE, RECORDING SECRETARY, and any other trusted servant deemed necessary by the Regional Service Office.

Motion to accept above.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order as it is not necessary. The Chair was then challenged. The vote on the challenge fails (44 –22) therefore the Chair is in order and the motion is out of order.

38 George W. – Area 16

Guidance Code, Article VII, Group, New Section 7, Paragraph 1, Sentence 1. 1-National conference booklets and mini-conference booklets relating to recovery and personal growth of G.A. members be allowed to be known as appropriate literature.

2-The G.A. ISO monthly bulletin for the reasons noted in part 1 be known as appropriate G.A. literature.

3-That writings be individual G.A. members relating to recovery, hope for recovery, retention issues being made more aware of the dangers of relapse be allowed to be shared as a way of sharing experience, (what happened from gambling) strength, (what is happening in recovery) and hope (what happens when we surrender to the Program.

Current version: Gamblers Anonymous appropriate literature is limited to local area member phone 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.

Proposed version: starting line 2, after direction lists, add, National Conference and Mini-Conference booklets, Monthly G.A. I.S.O. Bulletins, and writings that relate to recovery issues written by Gamblers Anonymous members in good standing.

Item withdrawn.

39 Mike A. – Area 14

Guidance Code – Article VII, Section 4

Remove attendance requirements of at least 39 GA meetings.

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.

Proposed Version: Abstinence from gambling is required for pinnings and for all successive anniversaries. Date of abstinence starts from your first meeting after your last bet.

Motion to accept above.

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

40 Howie C. and Larry B. – Area 3

Change to the Guidance Code throughout ARTICLE XI, Regional Service Office (R.S.O.)

In Section 1, 3rd sentence, put (R.S.O.) after the spelling out of Regional Service Office, thereby only needing to put the letters R.S.O. throughout the remainder of Article XI. Replace Area Office, Area Service Office, Regional Service Office, and Service Office with the letters R.S.O. wherever they appear in the remainder of Section 1.

In Sections 2 through 7 replace Area Office, Regional Office, Regional Service Office, and Regional InformationOffice with the letters R.S.O. wherever they appear.

In Sections 6 and 7 replace International Service Office (I.S.O.) with the letters I.S.O. wherever they appear.

In Section 7, Item 6) add before the word Trustees: the Chairman of the Board of.

No discussion.

New Literature

41 Ron W. – Area 17

Attachment to be discussed for use throughout the country to promote the new GA phone number. (In Connecticut and Western Massachusetts) would be replace with appropriate area or state.

Refer to Portland attachment #41

1 page – 515.9 KB download available at the Trustee website Download Center

Motion to approve above attachment for publication.

Approved	46	Against	26
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Passed

Only one vote required

Chair stated that since this is not new literature it would only take one vote.

The Chair was then challenged. The vote on the challenge fails (51 –37) therefore the Chair is in order, so is the motion and only one vote is needed.

42 Howie C. – Area 3

Attachment to be inserted in the Information Packet entitled ‘For People Who Work In Or Around Gambling’.

Refer to Portland attachment #42

1 page – 81.1 KB download available at the trustee website Download Center

Motion to accept above.

Amendment that attachment entitled “For People Who Work In or Around Gambling be published as a stand alone brochure.

Approved 67 Against 2

On the motion.

Approved 47 Against 26

Passed

This will now go to the Literature Committee.

43 Andy R. – Area 13B

A Step 1 worksheet.

Refer to Portland attachment #43

13 pages – 810.6 KB download available at the trustee website Download Center

Motion to send the Step 1, “The Foundation of Recovery for Compulsive Gambling” to the Literature Committee.

Approved 79 Against 12

Passed

This will now go to the Literature Committee.

44 Gary B. – Area 10B

Suggestions for a successful 90 day room.

Refer to Portland attachment #44

2 pages – 123.6 KB download available at the trustee website Download Center

Motion to accept above.

Approved 83 Against 3

Passed

1st Vote

45 Matt H. – Area 16

Public relations How To pamphlet.

Refer to Portland attachment #45

1 page – 231.0 KB download available at the trustee website Download Center

Motion to accept above.

Approved 86 Against 1

Passed

1st Vote

46 Marc L. – Area 1

Allow the Alcoholics Anonymous Promises to be read at Gamblers Anonymous Meetings. If passed the Promises are to be printed on the gold embossed heavy stock paper similar to the Serenity Prayer. The Promises are as follows:

‘If we are painstaking about this phase of our development, we will be amazed before we are half way through.

We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness.

We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it.

We will comprehend the word serenity and we will know peace.

No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experience can benefit others.

That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will disappear.

We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows.

Self-seeking will slip away.

Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change.

Fear of people and of economic insecurity will leave us.

We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us.

We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.

Are these extravagant promises? We think not.

They are being fulfilled among us – sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly.

They will always materialize if we work for them.’

Item withdrawn.

47 Gary B. for Michelle J. – Area 10B

Approve as new literature. GA phone card.

Refer to Portland attachment #47

1 page – 130.8 KB download available at the trustee website Download Center

Motion to accept above.

Approved 73 Against 11

Passed

1st Vote

48 Gary B. for Tom S. – Area 10B

Approve as new literature. Pressure Relief Meeting.

Refer to Portland attachment #48

6 pages – 115.4 KB download available at the trustee website Download Center

Motion to accept above.

Approved 63 Against 7

Passed

1st Vote

49 Dan C. – Area 3A

Approve as new literature. 12 Step Study Workbook.

Refer to Portland attachment #49

125 pages – 13.7 MB download available at the trustee website Download Center

Motion to accept above.

Approved 79 Against 4

Passed

1st Vote

A question was raised that this item only needs one vote. The Chair stated this would take two votes. The Chair was then challenged. The vote on the challenge fails (64 – 5) therefore the Chair is in order and two votes are needed.

Other Literature

50 Matt H. – Area 16

Gamblers Anonymous Information Packet, inside of the front cover. Last sentence.

Add words ‘or appropriate’.

Current Version: Optional: Any other Gamblers Anonymous Approved Literature the group deems fit.

Proposed version: Optional: Any other Gamblers Anonymous Approved or Appropriate Literature the group deems fit.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 68 Against 12

Passed

1st Vote

51 Alan J. – Area 15

Pressure Relief Group Meeting Pamphlet And Financial Forms, Pages 4 thru 11

Refer to Portland attachment #51

15 pages – 269.0 KB download available at the Trustee website Download Center

Motion to add attachment to G.A. Pressure Relief Group Meeting Pamphlet and Financial forms and also to G.A. Pressure Group Meeting Forms.

Approved 78 Against 1

Passed

1st Vote

52 Tom D. for Arnie B. – Area 8

Hosting an International Conference Pamphlet, Page 2, Helpful Hints, Number 5

Remove all of sentence 3 and remove the word ‘also’ from sentence 4.

Current Version: ‘Free rooms are given at the ratio of 1 free room per 25 to 50 guest nights. This is determined through negotiations with the hotel. Free rooms and travel expenses are provided to the GA International Executive Secretary at all conferences and the Gam-anon Executive Secretary at all Gam-anon delegate conferences. Sometimes free rooms are also provided to

special guest speakers. (This is at the discretion of the conference committee). Extra complimentary guest rooms can be used to lower the hotel bill.'

Proposed Version: 'Free rooms are given at the ratio of 1 free room per 25 to 50 guest nights. This is determined through negotiations with the hotel. Sometimes free rooms are provided to special guest speakers. (This is at the discretion of the conference committee). Extra complimentary guest rooms can be used to lower the hotel bill.'

Motion to accept above.

Approved 72 Against 4

Passed

1st Vote

53 David M. – Area 12

Change all references in GA approved literature from compulsive gambling being a disease to an illness and to make all necessary grammatical corrections as a result of this change.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 21 Against 61

Failed

54 Howie C. – Area 3

Sponsorship Manual, Page 4, Can a sponsor be too firm with a new member? 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.

No discussion.

55 Larry B. – Area 15

The Pressure Relief Group Meeting Handbook, Page 8 – Additional Points to Follow

Change Item #1.

Current Version: Should have a Pressure Relief Group Meeting within the first 90 days.

Proposed Version: Should have a Pressure Relief Group Meeting within the first 45 days as long as there is regular attendance at meetings and abstinence from gambling.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 56 Against 20

Passed

1st Vote

56 Gary B. – Area 10B

Add 90 day room beginners meeting to GA redbook, page 12, after 'Discussion Step Meeting and before 'Gamblers Anonymous structure and definitions'

90 Day Room Beginners Meeting (Title In Bold)

This type of meeting is designated to assist new members in reaching the ‘90 Day Plateau’. New members should attend after their first Gamblers Anonymous meeting and up to 90 days clean from gambling. The meeting is held separate from the regular meeting, usually 45 minutes to one hour before or after the regular meeting. The meeting is chaired by long-term members who explain the GA program and how best to use its tools. Topics are presented and newcomers are encouraged to discuss the topics as well as ask questions and receive guidance from the trusted servants.

No discussion.

57 Richie S. – Area 6

Discuss and approve the translation of the GA blue book into Spanish.

Motion to approve the translation of the G.A. Blue Book into Spanish as submitted.

Motion to table to Houston.

Approved 80 Against 5

Passed

Motion is pending.

Request for New Committee

58 Larry B. – Area 15

To create a committee of members experienced with the Pressure Relief Group Meetings to serve as mentors to any area wishing assistance in doing Pressure Relief Group Meetings.

A committee was established with the Chair to be Lloyd A. from Florida. The Committee members are Larry B., New York and Bob W., California. Richie S. will be the liaison for this committee.

59 David M. – Area 12

Form a joint committee between the BOT and BOR to review procedures, policies and by-laws provisions in order to make recommendations for changes to bring the BOR in line with the group conscience of the fellowship.

The Chair ruled this item out of order. The Chair was then challenged. The vote on the challenge passes (35 – 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	6	Harvey C.	Yes	12	John D.	Yes
	Ara H.	No		Lloyd A.	Yes		Gary S.	Yes
	Marvin F.	Yes		Ralph O.	Yes		John D.	Yes
	Ted K.	Yes	6A	Leavy T.	No		Andy D.	Yes
	Valerie D.	No	6B	Dina P.	No		David M.	No
	Ed K.	No		Dina P.	No		Bob W.	Yes

Vote (Continued)								
Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote
2	Ed E.	No	6C	Joe B.	No	13	Dave S.	Yes
	Don D.	AB		Dennis A.	No		John B.	Yes
	Chris C.	Yes		Joe B.	No		Ron C.	Yes
	Guadalupe V.	Yes	6D	Ian S.	No	13A	Gina S.	Yes
2A	Bob C.	No	7	Leanne W.	No		Gina S.	Yes
	Richard C.	No	7A	Alex B.	No	13B	Andy R.	Yes
2C	Debbie W.	Yes	8	Tom D.	Yes		Andy R.	Yes
2E	Alan S.	Yes		Kathy H.	No	14	Brad B.	No
2F	Joan H.	Yes		Tom D.	Yes		Maury C.	No
2G	Kathleen J.	No		Kathy H.	No	15	Chuck R.	Yes
2H	Kris H.	AB	8A	Jeanne B.	No		Bill B.	Yes
3	Jan A.	AB		Jeanne B.	No		Alan J.	No
	Karen L.	Yes	8B	Michelle J.	Yes		Mike R.	AB
	Ron S.	Yes	8C	Michelle J.	Yes		Alan J.	No
	Gladys C.	Yes	9	Carol K.	No		Abe C.	No
3A	Dan C.	No		Paul K.	No		George G.	AB
	David F.	No	9A	Pat D.	Yes		Joe L.	Yes
	Pearl J.	AB	10	John H.	Yes		Stanley C.	Yes
3B	Lou W.	No	10A	Norm B.	No	16	John V.	No
	Lou W.	No		Sammy S.	No		Matt H.	No
3C	Paula C.	Yes		Jim P.	No	17	Walt H.	Yes
3D	Mike M.	No	10B	Chuck B.	AB		Walt H.	Yes
5	Louis G.	Yes	11	Tom S.	Yes	24	Mika L.	AB
5A	Ed E.	No		Tom S.	Yes	19		
5B	Andre G.	AB						
	Robert I.	No						

Approved 41 Against 40 Abstained 10

The vote on the challenge fails therefore the Chair is in order and the item is out of order.

Steps

60 Ian S. – Area 6D

Unity Step 11

Insert ‘Internet’ to the end of the step.

Current version: We need always to maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, and television.

New version: We need always to maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, television and the Internet.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 32 Against 41

Failed

61 Mike M. for Kurt K. – Area 3D

Combo Book change: Unity Program, pg. 6, #2

Current Version: ‘Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.’

Proposed Version: ‘Our leaders are but trusted servants; they should not govern’ with the words ‘should not’ put in bold type and underlined.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 2 Against 83

Failed

62 Items left off the agenda

Change Nominating Process for the Board of Regents.

Article XIII, Section 5, # 10.

Item ruled out of order.

Elections : Board of Regents Members

Eighty-six Ballots were turned in during the first and second sessions and during the third session Tom M. asked 3 past members of the Board of Trustees to count them. The results in alphabetical order are as follows: Bill B. (Florida), Chris G., David W., Grant M., John C., Howie C. (Las Vegas), Phil K., Steve K. and Wendy B. First on the replacement list from out of the 200 mile area is Gary S. from New Jersey and first on the replacement list for within the 200 mile area is Mike M.

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at 3:15 P.M. The collection for the five (5) sessions was \$864.50.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held October 23, 2008 in Houston, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen H., International Executive Secretary

ROLL CALL

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

ROLL CALL (Con't)

AREA	SESSIONS	AREA	SESSIONS
6A	Denny Z. Absent	16	John V. 5
	Leavy T. 4		Matt H. 5
6B	Dina P. 5	17	Walt H. 4
	Kevin M. Absent		Ron W. Absent *
	Juan A. Absent *	18	Dave McA. 5 **
6C	Joe B. 5		Mick P. Absent
	Dennis A. 5	18A	Yvonne R. Absent
	Kevin D. Absent *		Trevor S. 5 **
	Gary G. 5	19	Leo R. Absent
6D	Ian S. 5		Manuel G. Absent
7	Leanne W. 5	21	Andres P. Absent
7A	Alex B. 4		Manuel I. Absent
	Tom S. 4	23	Juan Carlos Absent
8	Tom D. 5	23A	Vera T. Absent
	Kathy H. 5	24	Mika L. 5
	Jim M. Absent *		Fredrik A. Absent
	Dolores R. Absent *		Chairman BOT – Tom M. 5
			1 st 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

** Absentee Ballot Received