

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS TRUSTEES MEETING
APRIL 30 & MAY 1, 2009
KANSAS CITY AIRPORT HILTON, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

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

Tom M, Chairman of the Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 10:00A.M.on Thursday, April 30, 2009. 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. Tom thanked David M. for the recovery of the Trustee Website and also for doing the Agenda. The head table was introduced followed by all new Trustees being asked to stand and introduce themselves. The three Trustees from Moscow. Latvia and Lithuania were all welcomed and asked to say a few words with the assistance of a translator.

Thirteen proxy's were received and read to be voted as follows: Area 1 – from Jose N. given to Ara H.; Area 2 - from Don Y given to Erv G.; Area 2 – from Guadalupe V. given to Paul N.; Area 6 – from Ray H., given to Harvey C.; Area 6B – from Juan A. given to Dina P.; Area 11 - from Mary Lou L., given to Paul D.; Area 13 – from Greg M., given to John B.; Area 13A – from Kevin O., given to John E.; Area 18A – from Yvonne R., given to David M.; Area 22 – from Vigil M., given to Steve R.; Area 24 – from Mika L. given to Fredrik A.; Area 25 – from Luca G. given to Andre G. and Area 28 - from Rafael Z. given to Herb B. Three absentee ballots were received as follows: Area 5C – from Pat K., given to Doug L.; Area 18A – from Trevor S. given to C.J. D. and Area 25 – from Lucio L., given to Kathy S. 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 the last Trustees meeting held in Houston, Texas as follows:

Ralph F., Kansas City, Kansas, passed 09/05/08
Ron P., Mt. Holly, New Jersey, 18 years
Bill P., Calgary, Alberta
John S., Calgary, Alberta
Jacques P., Sherbrooke, Quebec, passed 12/06/08
Dick L., Albany, New York
Peter R., Danbury, Connecticut, 20 years
Paul D., Bloomfield, New Jersey, passed 12/27/08
Anton H., Sarasota, Florida, 13 years
Ted A., Arlington Heights, Illinois
Linus M., Scranton, Pennsylvania, passed 01/08/09
Marvin F., Reseda, California, 34 years
Wally S., Boynton Beach, Florida, 26 years, passed 02/03/09
Carol L., New Jersey, passed 02/05/09
Fred J., Union, New Jersey
Abe H., New York, 31 years, passed 10/13/08

Gino L., Coral Springs, Florida, 24 years, passed 03/30/09
Lou S., Union, New Jersey, 39 years, passed 03/24/09
Ed V., Fairlawn, New Jersey
Mike F., Canton, Massachusetts, 9 years, passed 02/28/09
Paul S., Coral Springs, Florida
Danny K., Vernon, Connecticut
Eugene L., 31st Street, New York, 30 years
Bob D., Syracuse, New York, passed 01/28/09
Tom J., Steubenville, Ohio, 17 years, passed 04/08/09
Gabby L., New York, 11 years
Elysse F., New York, 10 years
Jack H., New York, 31 years
Gale D., Reno, Nevada, 6 years
Eddie D., Area 7, 12 years
Marcy K., Area 7, 5 years
Barry W., Area 7, 5 ½ years
Claire V., Kalispell, Montana, 29 years, passed 02/15/09
Carol N., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, passed 12/7/08
Robert A., Washington
Joe H., Greensboro, North Carolina, 3 years
Frank A., Greensboro, North Carolina, 1 year

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

Steve R. from Northern California read the Reflection for the Day for both April 30th and May 1st to begin the beginning sessions of the day.

D) Reading of the ”12 Steps of Unity”

Jim P. from West Virginia read the 12 Steps of Unity on April 30th to begin the 1st session.

Norm B. from Pittsburgh read the 12 Steps of Unity on May 1st to begin the 4th session.

E) Roll Call-Karen H. International Executive Secretary

Karen H. took roll and there are presently 112 votes to begin the first session.

F) Approval of Minutes from Houston

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held in Houston, Texas were unanimously approved as submitted.

G) ISO / Lifeline - Karen H.

Karen H. gave the above report and handed out a graph that showed the comparison over the past two years of monthly donations received, which showed a negative over the previous year. Marshall R. reiterated the importance of being a Lifeline and urged all members who were not current Lifelines to fill out the cards that were available and include their initial donations.

H) Report from the Board of Regents – John C, BOR Chairman

John C. handed out a letter explaining the current status of the International Service Office along with a spread sheet showing the operating expenses and income from July 1, 2008 through March 30, 2009.

D) Conference Reports:

Houston Conference Fall '08 - Richie S.

Richie S. reported on the above Conference. The final report follows:

2008 Southern Conference (Houston)

Category	Expense	Income
Hotel	31,074.77	0.00
Registration	3,838.00	46,422.58
Entertainment	2,877.40	0.00
Goody Bags	2,466.43	0.00
Administration (Printing, PO Box, Hotel Gratuities, Portland Expenses, Miscellaneous)	2,389.04	0.00
Hospitality	1,710.22	0.00
Seed Money (Includes I.S.O. and Intergroup)	1,000.00	1,100.00
G.A. Literature	985.40	985.40
Decorations	726.46	0.00
Nasa Trip	698.75	686.00
Golf Outing	613.47	910.00
Printing Booklets	506.75	0.00
Gam-Anon Literature	212.00	212.00
Sub-Total Before Distribution of Profits	49,098.69	50,315.98
Net Expense/Income		1,217.29
Paid to Gam-Anon		547.79
Paid to G.A.I.S.O.		669.50
Net After Distribution of Proceeds		0.00

Kansas City Spring '09 - Herb B.

Herb B. gave the above report stating all reports have been 50% effective. Rich W. welcomed and thanked everyone for being here. As of now there are 350 registrations and they are expecting walk-ins. They are also expecting to have a great weekend.

Quebec Conference Fall '09 – Tom M.

Tom M. reported on the above Conference to be held October 9 – 11, 2009 at the Sheraton Laval in Laval, Quebec. All bank statements have been received. Andre G. and Herb B.

both spoke letting us know that everything is going fine. Everyone should book their rooms directly with the hotel and September 19th is the cut off date for rooms.

Louisville Spring '10 – Richie S.

Richie S. gave the report on the above Conference to be held May 14 – 16, 2010 at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. Gary B. also spoke stating that everyone is working hard to make this a great Conference.

Tampa Fall '10 – Herb B.

Herb B. reported on the above Conference to be held October 29 - 31, 2010 at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay in Tampa, Florida. The bank account has been opened with the required signature cards and they are doing well.

J) 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.

To All Trustees;

The Blue Book Review Committee is still reviewing submitted stories. We have created a release form releasing Gambler's Anonymous from any liability concerning any names or actual events that the stories depict. The Chair has had computer problems in compiling all the stories that were submitted. I believe that this problem has been solved and the review process will end shortly. The Chair is resigning from this committee. However will work with the new Chair in transitioning all necessary work that has been performed by the committee. I would like to thank all the GA members who have submitted stories and have supported the writing of this new book.

Sincerely, Gary B., Blue Book Review Committee Chair

Gary B. spoke talking about the history of the committee. Gary is stepping down as Chair but remaining on the committee, as mentioned in the above report. The new Chair will be Carol K., from Michigan. The committee is asking for volunteers with literary skills. If you can help out, contact Carol at caroltabu@comcast.net.

International Relations Committee:

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

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

**International Relations Committee Report
(October 2008 thru April 2009)**

Kansas City BOT Meeting

Since the Houston Conference the I.R.C. has heard from the following countries. Argentina, Australia, *Botswana*, Brazil, *Cambodia*, Canada, *Chile*, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Denmark, *Ecuador*, Finland, France, Germany, *Ghana*, Greece, *Guatemala*, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, *Kenya*, Latvia, *Lebanon*, Lithuania, *Mexico*, *Namibia*, Netherlands, New Zealand, *Nigeria*, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russia, *Serbia*, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, *Thailand*, *Turkey*, *United Arab Emirates*, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

That's 52 countries this report. The ones in Italics are new or fairly new responses. A total of 513 emails received including committee responses to date. The subject chart of the emails is included at the end of this report. We are happy to announce that first meetings have come to the countries of Botswana in Africa, Ghana in Africa and Turkey. During this six month period meetings have started all over Mexico.

I have chosen to share this email with you all from GAO of Botswana in Southern Africa. Together with the strong support of the South Africa meetings they have started their first meeting.

Hi Vigil,

3/5/09

"Yes we started our first meeting and it was under a tree, we haven't got a place yet. And we just support one another by visiting and phoning each other. We just did introductions and went on and on about the bad things casinos has put us thru and we pledged to support each other.

I told them bout yourselves and we intend to pay a visit to one of your meetings (South Africa).

Thanks

GAO

Agenda Item #21 is a request from the Islands of Japan to join the G.A. Board of Trustees and be allotted two trustees. They have a total of 79 groups and 136 meetings presently and their approximate membership is 1,000 members! In addition Japan has provided twelve pieces of G.A. literature that are already translated.

Yet another exciting upcoming moment will be the presence in Kansas City of a number of newly elected International Trustees from Canada, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Russia and possibly others. Since the inception of the International Relations Committee the collection of translated G.A. literature by the various areas around the world has grown. The following is a list of what is on file at the moment in addition to what is already sold through the ISO and RSO's.

Korean	Combo book
Hungarian	7 pieces inc., Towards 90 days and Beyond 90 days.
Vietnamese	Combo book
Slovenian	Combo book, Towards 90 days & Working the steps
Croatian	Towards 90 days, Preamble, Q & A, 20 Questions, Recovery & Unity steps.
Danish	3 pieces
Greek	Combo Book

Polish	Combo Book, Newcomer, group handbook.
Brazil	Red book, 4th Step Guide, Combo, Towards and Beyond 90 days and others.
China	Combo Book (ISO)
French	Red Book, Q & A, 4th Step Guide, Sponsorship, Towards 90 Days, (ISO) , others available in Canada.
Spanish	Many pieces. (ISO and others)
Japan	(12 pieces) Combo Book, Step Meeting Handbook, 4th Step Guide, Sponsorship Manual & Short Term, Coping, Towards and Beyond 90 days, Partial Blue Book, Partial Red Book, Working the Steps, and Pressure Group Pamphlet & Finance.

In closing we are continuing to work on efforts to set up IRC's in other areas so that we can communicate easier. In the future we hope to have meetings of these representative areas annually or semi annually rotating the meeting place.

Many thanks to the members of this committee who put in their time to help the compulsive gambler who still suffers. Come join us on this committee and help us continue to unify the fellowship.

Steve R., IRC Member

Steve R. and Andre G. gave the above report. The entire IRC committee was thanked for all of their help. There will be a meeting on Saturday at 10:30 A.M.

Literature Committee:

Committee Chair – No Chair – Area

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.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE REPORT

On April 10, 2009, I was appointed the Chair of the Literature Committee. I was not aware of the vacancy or I would have volunteered sooner. Inasmuch as this has just happened, I made an attempt to contact the committee members listed on the website. Apparently, only two of the people listed are current Trustees. I contacted both of them and one has replied as of this date (4/14/09). Kevin O. is the member who replied, stating that he has not had any committee work to do in a long time. As for myself, I proofed a piece of literature from the Abuse and Harassment Committee, which we approved on the first vote in Houston. I sent this to David M. to post on the website where it can currently be seen. This item will come up for a second vote at the KC Conference.

Chuck R. (Area 15) Literature Committee Chair

Chuck R. gave the above report. Any "serious" volunteers are encouraged to contact Chuck. The Literature Committee is an important part of our Fellowship and volunteers are needed.

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.

Doug L. gave the report on the above committee as follows:

Literature on CD Committee

1. CD in the works
2. Braille Institute of L.A. is recording 2 Big Books and they should be done by Montreal
3. Fees are being donated by Committee.

Doug is now the Co-Chair of this Committee.

Pressure Relief Committee:

Committee Chair – Alan J.– Area 15

Co-Chair Liaison – Richie S.

Mission Statement – This committee is charged with the task of formulating ways and means to assist any GA meetings that need help implementing PRGMs.

Alan J. gave the report on the Pressure Relief Committee. There are currently 12 members on this committee. Several things are in the works. Including, but not limited to rewriting the Green Pressure Relief Handbook and articles on Pressure Relief will be submitted to the Bulletin. A questionnaire was handed out and members were asked to fill out and hand in during this meeting.

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.

Prisons Committee (US) Report

November, 2008 - April, 2009

To my GA Brothers and Sisters:

During the above period, the data collection activity continued, unfortunately with little progress being made. This was mainly caused by the fact that the Trustees and members of the Committee have been slow to respond to requests for information. Additionally, contact with the national judiciary personnel was still delayed due to the continued serious illness of our primary intermediary.

The following statistics represent the current status of GA meetings in Jails, Institutions, and Prisons in the United States:

Current known active meetings - 21 (no new meetings were confirmed during the past 6 months).

The list of these meetings is available through I.S.O.

ISO sent out 5 prison starter kits, one each to New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Washington. What is interesting is that the request from New Jersey came from Ft Dix where we supposedly already have a meeting going.

We still have eleven potential meetings pending verification: 2 in Connecticut and New York, and one each in Arizona, California, Indiana, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. I will give one more try to contact a Trustee or

Committee member to see if we can verify if a meeting was ever started. Hopefully there will be some positive news for the Conference.

ISS sent out 22 prison information packets: 6 to Texas; 3 to California; 2 to Florida, Georgia and New York; and 1 to Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Washington. Again, the request from Oregon came from a prison where a meeting is supposedly being held. There was 1 request for a pen pal from California. It is my hope that our committee may be expanded or get commitments from additional Trustees who will actually spend some time doing the work they volunteered for. I'm sorry if this sounds a little strong, but I can only do so much. Our judicial intermediary's health has improved recently so I'm hoping to begin work contacting the judicial, prosecutorial, and probation personnel so that they may become aware of our efforts and to provide a method of dissemination of this data through ISO.

Respectfully submitted, Mike M (Area 3D) Chairperson

Mike M. gave the above report. Updating some of the above information with 9 new Starter Kits and 27 Prison Information Packets being sent out. Mike also needs members to correspond with some of the compulsive gamblers who are prison.

Prison Committee, CANADA:

Committee Chair – Jean-Marc L. – 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.

J.I.P. MEETINGS IN CANADA

Committee Report

Since our last report in October 2008, there was little activity among the Canadian J.I.P. meetings. The new meeting in a prison for women is coming along fine and a good volunteer list has been built up. We have included the full meeting listing at the end of this report.

A new meeting could be opened in Northern Alberta, at the Grande Cache institution. 2 local members are to make a presentation to the authorities. More to come.

A meeting in a men shelter, which was previously closed, has been reopened by a few Montreal members and is now held once a week, on Thursday night.

There are only 4 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. We also are still sending our current meeting listing to all Therapy facilities in Quebec so they can refer their patients to Gamblers Anonymous once the therapy is over.

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.

Jean-Marc L., Chair, André G., Co-Chair Area 5B

Andre G. gave the above report.

Public Relations Committee:

Committee Chair – Matt H. – Area 16 Co-Chair Liaison – Richie S.

Mission Statement - To see that the current proposed public relations pamphlet becomes GA approved literature, then to gather public relations ideas from all areas and write an in depth piece of literature on the best ways to handle all conceivable public relations situations so that any member can easily carry the Gamblers Anonymous message.

Public Relations Committee Report and New Mission Statement

The public relations committee has fulfilled our previous mission statement and we now find it necessary to revise it. We believe that our work will never be complete as it is the primary purpose of our fellowship.

Here is our new public relations mission statement.

We will strive to continue to develop and encourage the use of as many public relations tools as necessary to fulfill our fellowship's primary purpose, always looking for guidance from the Recovery and Unity Steps, the Guidance Code and our higher power(s).

We are pleased that the public relations pamphlet we produced has been approved as GA literature and we hope that everyone in this room encourages the use of it in your prospective areas. I would like to personally thank Dina P., the former chairperson for this committee, for without her encouragement I am not sure if that piece would have gotten off the ground. As well we would like to thank all of you for helping us to get it approved.

We have had about nine or ten half hour conference calls since Houston. Many were very productive early on we had a bit of an attendance problem, but that settled itself rather quickly. I was very encouraged that even when I was in the hospital after a recent car accident my fellow members still got together, met and made great progress without their chairperson. I think it says great things about this group. I would like to thank all the members of the committee who have worked so tirelessly to make great strides between conferences. I would like to call on each of them to stand and be recognized one at a time. Andy R. is the assistant chairperson. John V., Bob C., Stanley C. have been members since I took over as chairperson. Most recently Mary Lou joined and attended our last conference call. Howie C. asked me a while back to be part of the committee and because of an oversight on my part I have just recently added him and welcome him. As well I would like to extend a special thank you to Richie S., who meant a lot more to us then just being a liaison to the head table, he attended every conference call participated in our activities and brought a lot to this group. I think these folks deserve a round of applause. If anyone is interested in helping us carry the message please see one of us before the weekend is up.

You will each see in front of you a copy of a questionnaire that we need filled out by

the end of today's session. On this questionnaire we are asking for contact information of the public relations chairs of your prospective inter-groups. Please fill out as much information that you have. If you do not have this information with you we are encouraging you to please make a phone call today and get it. We are also asking for your input on any PR questions which may have arisen in your area during performing PR work. Even though we have included email and snail mail addresses, it is our belief that if we do not get them back over the weekend the chance that we are going to get them back will diminish exponentially as time goes on. We have also furnished a second copy for you to bring back to your respective inter-groups for them to fill out as well. These will be collected via email or snail mail. We will also mail a copy to all areas that were not able to send a representative to this conference. In order for this to work properly, it is imperative that all areas have at least 1 questionnaire filled out. If you do not have a PR chair, please state so and put yourself or your inter-group's chairperson down as the contact for now. We hope to take this information and produce a in depth Q&A type brochure on how to handle any situation which may come up during PR work as well as some "do's and don'ts". We also intend to put together a data base with all PR chairpersons' contact information for us to use in encouraging them to get PR campaigns started in their areas as well as share with them any new tools which have been made available.

The next item on our committee's agenda is to develop a television commercial for use throughout GA. This is in only the beginning stages, but we are hoping to have something ready before Montreal to show you. I am working with a film student from the Buffalo area. We are leaning towards using still images with voice over because the cost of a full action commercial seems out of reach at this time.

However, Howie C. brought it to my attention that a few years back he heard of or saw a commercial produced and thinks it may have been out of New Jersey. It had a family sitting at a dinner table with an empty seat then flashed to a guy sitting at a poker table and said something along the lines of "if you are at the table and not at the table maybe you have a problem". If anyone has seen this and knows of it or any other commercials in existence please let one of the committee members know about it.

Finally, our committee members are hosting a workshop this weekend we will be discussing the use of the 888-GA-Helps flyer answering questions about its use as well as going over the new public relations pamphlet and try to get people enthusiastic about carrying the message. John V will be chairing that workshop with the help of Bob C., Stanley C. and me. I know it was a great passion for Andy R. and he wanted to help unfortunately or maybe fortunately he has to leave for an important family function on Saturday.

Thank you for your time it is an honor for me to chair what I believe to be a vital committee. We would love to hear your feedback or suggestions, and once again if anyone is interested in joining us please let us know. We are not looking for warm bodies we are looking for dedicated members whom are willing to do even the smallest amount of work. Even if it is just to keep minutes for our conference calls or pass out flyers at a conference.

Yours in Recovery, Matt H., Compulsive Gambler Area 16 Trustee

Public Relations Committee Chairperson

Matt H. gave the above report. Please note the new Mission Statement. A questionnaire was handed out. All Trustees were encouraged to fill it out and get them back in.

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.

Translation Committee Report

There are three Trustees who will be attending the Kansas City Conference from Latvia, Lithuania, and Russia who speak Russian. Thanks to David M. arrangements have been made for translators for them.

I have been in contact with Scott W., the Registration Coordinator, for the Kansas City Conference and there are no other needs for translation assistance at this time. If the need does occur, he will contact David M. or me.

Respectfully submitted, David F. Area 3A

Translation Assistance Committee Chairman

The above report was given by David F.

Trustee Allowance and Realignment Committee:

Committee Chair – Marc L. – Area 1A Co-Chair Liaison – Herb B.

Mission Statement - To gather information related to the number of meetings and membership size to determine the best allowance formula for the number of Trustees within a given area.

Ed K. gave the report on the Trustee Allowance and Realignment Committee. The following report was handed out as it was not submitted to the Trustee Website before hand.

Trustee Alignment Committee Report

A survey was handed out during the Fall, 2008 Trustee Meeting. 48 Meetings responded with the following data:

When asked – “What is your feeling on the current Trustee allocation for your Area? “

a). Our Area has the correct allocation (32) - 67%

b). We need more Trustees (7) - 15%

c). We have too many Trustee (9) – 18%

note: some chose more than one answer

Additional comments: Many larger Areas requested a reduction in allocations and smaller emerging Areas requested a larger allocation. However, many stated that their decisions were based on financial hardships.

When asked – “How do you feel about the current Trustee alignment (for all Areas)?”

a). The current alignment process works and no changes are necessary (19) – 40%

b). The current alignment process is out of balance and needs to be adjusted (20) – 42%

c). The current alignment process needs to be completely overhauled (4) – 8%

d). Not Sure (5) – 10%

Additional comments: A trustee stated that there should only be 2 Trustees per Area.

When asked, “Do you think that Trustee allocation should be based on:”

- a). Size of geographic Area (17) – 35%
- b). Number of meetings (36) – 75%
- c). Number of members (12) – 25%
- d). Not Sure (1) – 2%

note: some chose more than one answer

When asked, “If Trustee alignment was based on the number of meeting in a particular Area – How many meetings per Trustee would you find acceptable?”

- a). 15 (12) – 25%
- b). 20 (17) – 35%
- c). 25 (0) – 0%
- d). 30 (2) – 4%
- e). ____ 10 (3) – 6%; 12 (2) – 4%; 14 (1) – 2%; 17.5 (1) – 2%; 22.5 (1) – 2%; 50 (2) – 4%
- f). Not Sure (6) – 12%

Average: $803/42 = 19.12$

Conclusions

Based on the data from about 43% of all Trustees there appears to be a need to re-balance the Trustee allocations. 60% of the Trustees responded that either the current alignment is out of balance, completely needs to be overhauled, or are not sure. A large percentage (75%) believes that the alignment should be based on the number of meetings. Also they believe that approximately one Trustee per 19 meeting would be practical. There is also a need to make considerations based on the geographical size of certain Areas. The committee would like to place a well worded motion on the Fall, 2009 Trustees Agenda to determine if the Trustees can decide on an acceptable/appropriate formula. All feedback and comments would be appreciated.

Many Trustees claimed that it was too expensive to send Trustees to conventions and based their answers on a lack of funding. The committee and/or the Board of Trustees need to explore ways to lessen the cost, or amount of conferences to allow greater participation.

Also, there was very little data collected on defining Article XII of the Guidance Code regarding Area Delegates. Further discussion is n

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.

Herb B. spoke on the above committee. David M. gave an explanation of what this Committee does.

Trustee Website Committee:

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

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

Trustee Website Committee Report

Hardware failure of the website server on the day after the agenda submission deadline shut the site down for 2 weeks. It has been recovered and loaded to a temporary site that has hardware redundancy to prevent a reoccurrence of a similar

situation. All items were recovered and the agenda was reconstructed by hand from the items that were sent in previously.

Added the literature checklist to the agenda to aid the Trustees with bringing the proper literature to the Trustee meeting.

Added a 4-year history of failed Combo Book items to the Download Section for reference by the Trustees.

Agenda item #5 to add the By-Laws and Guidance Code to the Reference material section to help users with finding specific provisions.

History of website changes

2/5/09 - Addition of the Trustee Memorial Honor Roll page

1/25/09 - Addition of items that did not pass regarding Combo Book changes.

11/12/08 - Addition of the Featured Trustee Website Page on the Home Page

10/26/08 - Addition of Local Area Website Guidelines page

10/25/08 - Conversion of applicable website pages and functions to Kansas City from Houston

There will be a discussion during committee reports regarding local area websites.

David M. gave the above report.

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. reported on the revision of the Website. The committee has been working with the vendor to specify contract details. A contract is expected to be submitted soon.

1. - Gary S. - Area 12

Rules and Procedures

Rules and Procedures - TRUSTEE WEBSITE GUIDELINES. # C

CURRENT version: The Trustee Line will be published on the Trustee website and will be under the supervision of the Trustee website committee that will also decide content appropriateness (Inappropriateness will include profanity, derogatory statements about another member or person, derogatory statements about another room and matters unrelated to Gamblers Anonymous). Disputes over the opinions of the committee and members who challenge the committee's decision will be decided by the 3 Chairs of the B.O.T.

PROPOSED version: The Trustee Line will be published on the Trustee website and will be AN OPEN FORMAT AND IT'S SUGGESTED content SHOULD BE appropriate AS IN A GA ROOM. (Inappropriateness IS CONSIDER AS profanity, derogatory statements about another member or person, derogatory statements about another room and matters unrelated to Gamblers Anonymous).

The above item was withdrawn by maker.

2. - David M. - Area 12

Rules and Procedures

Rules and Procedures

Roll call votes can only be requested by a current Trustee, must be seconded, and can only happen when the difference between the Yea and Nay votes is less than or equal to 10% of the total minority vote.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

3. - David M. - Area 12

Rules and Procedures

Rules and Procedures - Straw Votes

Current version: Straw votes can be taken with the understanding that they will not be considered policy, just an opinion of those Trustees voting on the issues.

Proposed version: Requests for straw votes for a decision on any item brought to the floor, are not allowed, as they neither adopt nor reject the item.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

4. - David M. - Area 12

Rules and Procedures

Rules and Procedures - Literature Approval Process

Current Version:

1-Any member wishing to submit a new piece of literature must have the literature placed as an item on the B.O.T. agenda.

2-Every Trustee serving on the B.O.T. is to receive a copy of the said literature at least 30 days before the B.O.T. convenes.

3-At the B.O.T. meeting the Trustees will vote to approve or disapprove the merit of proceeding with literature.

4-Upon approval at B.O.T. meeting each Trustee has 30 days to advise literature committee of his or her recommendations to improve the literature.

5-The literature committee will edit and produce a final version and submit the literature to the subsequent B.O.T. meeting for a final 2 vote passage.

6-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.

Proposed Version:

1-Any item of new literature that a member wishes to have approved by the Board of Trustees, as either GA approved or GA appropriate, must be placed on the Trustee agenda through established procedures.

2-The proposed new literature must be available to all current Trustees via the Trustee website agenda as an attachment no later than the closing date of the Trustee agenda, as outlined by the Board of Trustees.

3-If the item is to be considered as GA approved literature, the Trustees will initially vote solely on the merit of proceeding with the proposed literature. Items to be considered as GA appropriate literature are exempt from this step. (See #8)

4-If the item is approved on merit, each Trustee will have 30 days from the end of the Trustee meeting to advise the literature committee of any recommendations to improve the literature.

5-The literature committee will prepare suggestions to improve the item, in addition to making spelling and grammar changes. The author will be responsible for

accepting any literature committee suggestions before a final copy of the item is prepared by the literature committee in time for the next Trustee meeting.

6-The literature committee will be responsible for submitting the corrected item to the next Trustee agenda where it must go through 2 additional votes to become GA approved literature.

7-New literature produced by a Board of Trustees committee will only undergo editing changes involving spelling and grammar, providing the item passes the 1st of 2 votes.

8-If new literature is to be considered as GA appropriate literature, it must pass only 1 vote, after which the item will be submitted to the literature committee for editing changes involving only spelling and grammar.

Motion to accept above.

Motion to table.

Passed

Motion is pending.

5. - David M. - Area 12

Rules and Procedures

Rules and Procedures, New Section - Trustee website

The Guidance Code and the By-Laws will be posted on the Trustee website as reference tools.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

6. - Chuck R. - Area 15

Rules and Procedures

Allow the Chair or Co-Chair to accept either unanimous votes or overwhelmingly one-sided votes on agenda items without requiring a hand count. If a vote appears fairly close by a show of hands, the person currently chairing the meeting shall ask for a hand count.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 91 Against 12

Passed

7. - Doug L. for John C. - Area 1A

Rules and Procedures

In a location deemed appropriate in the Rules and Procedures manual, add the following:

The Trustee Line is only open to submissions by current and past Trustees, current officers of the Board of Trustees, the current Chairman of the Board of Regents and the International Executive Secretary.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

8. - Matt H. for Amy P. - Area 16

Rules and Procedures

Rules And Procedure, Section 2, Agenda, Order of items heard

Add "or she" after "an order that he"

Current Version The Chairman of the BOT will take up items on the Agenda in an order that he deems appropriate.

Current Version The Chairman of the BOT will take up items on the Agenda in an order that he or she deems appropriate."

No discussion. Will automatically be done.

9. - Gary S. - Area 12

Rules and Procedures

To add into the trustee website guidelines section C new first paragraph IN Bold type

All entries in the Trustee Line MUST be verified and correctly stated/quoted from any approved GA literature, Guidance Code or reference material, etc. Every effort from the author and verified from the trustee website committee and if necessary from the BOT chairs, MUST be done prior to posting, so that it will not effect GA as a whole.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

10. - Elections

Election of Board of Regents

Seventy-five Ballots were turned in during the first session and Tom M. asked 3 past members of the Board of Trustees to count them. The results in alphabetical order are as follows: Allan S. (Chicago), Benni F., Dwight C., Eddie R., Gary S. (New Jersey) Gerry F., Howie C., Mike M., and Sassoun N. First on the replacement list from out of the 200 mile area is Jim A. from Chicago and first on the replacement list for within the 200 mile area is Jeff A.

11. – Elections

Election of International Executive Secretary

Nominations for International Executive Secretary were accepted during the 2nd session of the meeting. Two members were nominated and both accepted. Karen H. was then elected for a two-year term.

12. - Elections

Election of Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Nominations for Chairman were submitted during the 3rd session of the meeting. Twelve members accepted. After several votes by secret ballot (to get a final count of 50% plus 1) Denis M. from New Jersey was elected to serve as Chairman for a two-year term.

13. - Elections

Election of 1st Co-Chair of the Board of Trustees

After the election of the Chairman, nominations for 1st Co-Chairman were submitted. Thirteen members accepted and after several votes, Chuck R., from New York was elected 1st Co-Chairman of the Board for a two-year term.

14. - Elections

Election of 2nd Co-Chair of the Board of Trustees

After the election of the 1st Co-Chairman, nominations were submitted for the 2nd Co-Chairman position. Fourteen members accepted and after the final vote, Steve R., from Northern California was elected 2nd Co-Chairman of the Board for a two-year term.

15. - Joe B. - Area 6C

Items for 2nd Vote

Approve as new literature, the pamphlet from the Abuse/Harassment Prevention Committee

See attachment Passed 78 – 12

Passed

2nd Vote

16. - Howie C. - Area 3

Items for 2nd Vote

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 Information Office 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.

Passed 75 – 15

Approved 95 Against 2

Passed

2nd Vote

17. - Tom M. - Area 2

Items for 2nd Vote

Guidance Code, Article VIII - Board of Trustees

Add Section 18A. to read:

Motion that each member of the Board of Trustees should be a current Lifeliner and contribute on a regular basis. Passed 72 – 17

Approved 52 Against 54

Failed

18. - Bob W. - Area 1

Items for 2nd Vote

Guidance Code, Article XIII - Board of Regents, Section 10

PRESENT VERSION: The International Executive Secretary of the Corporation, on or before March 1st. of each year, shall submit in writing the names of up to eighteen (18) nominees for Regents (as selected by the Nominating Committee) to each member of the current Board of Trustees. Previous service as Regent of the Corporation or as a Trustee of Gamblers Anonymous, total abstinence from gambling and home group or nominee shall be listed along side the name of each

nominee. A biography -not to exceed 200 words and phone number (both optional) would be included as an attachment to the ballot. Each recognized Gamblers Anonymous meeting should be contacted by their area Trustee(s) so that the groups at their option, have involvement in the voting process. Each trustee based on Guidance from their groups and their personal knowledge, will be able to select no more than nine (9) proposed Regents from the list of nominations and/or from a write-in list of their own selection.

PROPOSED VERSION: On or before February 1st of each year any member of Gamblers Anonymous with at least 2 years of abstinence from gambling can submit their name to the I.S.O. to be included on the Board of Regents ballot. Previous service as Regent of the Corporation or as a Trustee of Gamblers Anonymous, total abstinence from gambling and home group of nominee shall be listed along side the name of each nominee. A biography not to exceed 200 words and phone number (both optional) would be included as an attachment to the ballot. Each recognized Gamblers Anonymous meeting should be contacted by their area Trustee(s) so that the groups at their option, have involvement in the voting process. Each Trustee based on guidance from their groups and their personal knowledge, will be able to select no more than nine (9) Regents from the ballot. Passed 84 – 2

Approved 107 Against 1
Passed

2nd Vote

19. - Bob W. - Area 1

Items for 2nd Vote

Guidance Code, Article XIII - Board of Regents, Section 11, first paragraph only: Present Version: The annual election of the Regents shall be by written ballot. The International Executive Secretary shall prepare the ballot, listing thereon the names of up to eighteen (18) nominees submitted by the Nominating Committee, and said ballot shall provide adequate space for the writing in of the candidates of the group's choices.

Proposed Version: The annual election of the Regents shall be by written ballot. The International Executive Secretary shall prepare the ballot, listing thereon the names of all eligible members submitted. The International Executive Secretary shall mail the ballots to the Trustees on or before March 1st. of each year. Passed 89 – 4

Approved 104 Against 0
Passed

2nd Vote

20. - Richie S. - Area 6

Items for 2nd Vote

Add the following to 2 pieces of approved literature:

Collections should be made by either passing a basket or some container around the room without anyone carrying it from member to member.

Group Handbook, page 3, Treasurer section, add to item 1

Current version: Take up a collection at each meeting, usually at the close of the meeting.

Proposed version: Take up a collection at each meeting, usually at the close of the meeting. Collections should be made by either passing a basket or some container around the room without anyone carrying it from member to member.

Information Packet, page 3, Suggested Meeting Format, add to item 13

Current version: Chairperson announces that G.A. is self-supporting and requests treasurer to make a collection.

Proposed version: Chairperson announces that G.A. is self-supporting and requests treasurer to make a collection. Collections should be made by either passing a basket or some container around the room without anyone carrying it from member to member. Passed 50 – 35

Approved 39 Against 70
Failed

21. - Steve R. for the IRC - Area 2

Recognize a New Area

The country of Japan has 8 islands, 136 meetings, membership of 1,000 and an established intergroup. They have translated and supplied eleven pieces of approved literature already.

Japan is requesting a new geographical area within the Gamblers Anonymous Board of Trustees and asking for 2 trustees.

Motion to grant the country of Japan a new geographical area within the Board of Trustees and allot them 2 Trustees.

Passed

This will now be Area 32.

22. - Conference Bids

The Spring '11 Midwestern Conference is open for bids

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

23. - David M. - Area 12

Request For Committee

Request the formation of a committee to research and formulate a proposal for the complete overhaul of the Board of Regents, including but not limited to procedures, By-Laws, and the Guidance Code.

This item will be deferred to the new Chairman.

24. - Matt H. - Area 16

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article VIII - Board of Trustees, Section 9

Delete current version entirely and make the steps unchangeable.

Current Version: To change the Twelve Steps of RECOVERY and Twelve Steps UNITY PROGRAM, it shall

Proposed Version: The Twelve Steps of the RECOVERY and UNITY PROGRAMS are the basis for the entire Gamblers Anonymous Program and cannot be changed.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 10 Against 95
Failed

25. - Howie C. - Area 3

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article VII - Groups, Page 5, Section 4, Change last sentence

Current version: Date of abstinence starts from your first meeting after your last bet

Proposed version: A new members date of abstinence starts with the first G.A. meeting after their last bet. A returning G.A. members date of abstinence is the declaration of the date of his/her last bet made.”

Motion to accept above.

Approved 2 Against 103

Failed

26. - Richie S. - Area 6

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article XVIII - Election of Trustees, New section 6

All areas approved by the Board of Trustees will be allowed a minimum of 1 Trustee, even if the 1 position is currently vacant. All other vacancies will automatically be removed from the area's Trustee allocation if the positions are vacant for 2 successive Trustee meetings. Areas will have the right to request additional Trustee allocations as the bi-annual realignment meetings.

Motion to accept above.

Motion to table.

Failed

Amendment that the changes to remove vacant Trustee allocations would not take place until Spring 2011.

Approved 8 Against 35

Failed

On the motion.

Approved 13 Against 93

Failed

27. - Steve F. - Area 1

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Page 4, ARTICLE VII - GROUPS, SECTION 1, Add 2nd Paragraph to Section 1.

Proposed 2nd Paragraph: Whereas groups shall only display and distribute Gamblers Anonymous approved or appropriate literature, an individual member shall not read from, display, or otherwise distribute any magazine or newspaper articles, books or flyers at any time during the course of a Gamblers Anonymous meeting.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 58 Against 41

Failed

(2/3 Yes Vote Needed
Guidance Code Change)

28. - Howie C. - Area 3

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article X - Intergroup Guidelines, Page 15, number 10

Eliminate: Send copies to the other Intergroups, the Regional Service Office, and Change to read: The Intergroup should publish a meeting list for the area, and should send a copy to the International Service Office (I.S.O.) every time there is a revision.

Motion to accept above

Approved 45 Against 25

Failed

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

Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote
1	Ara H.	Yes	5C	Pat K. **	Yes	11	Paul D.	Yes
	Steve F.	Yes	6	Harvey C.	Yes		Paul D. *	Yes
	Ed K.	Yes		Lloyd A.	Yes	12	Marshall R.	Yes
	Kathie S.	Yes		Harvey C. *	Yes		Bob W.	Yes
	Ara H. *	Yes	6A	Nick S.	Yes		David M.	No
1A	Doug L.	No	6B	Dina P.	Yes		Matty C.	No
2	Erv G.	Yes		Dina P. *	Yes		Ted S.	Yes
	Erv G. *	Yes		Carlos M.	Yes	13	John B.	No
	Paul N.	Yes	6C	Joe B.	Yes		Ron C.	No
	Paul N. *	Yes		Dennis A.	Yes		John B. *	No
2A	Paul N.	Yes		Gary G.	Yes	13A	John E.	Yes
2B	Steve R.	No	6D	Ian S.	Yes		John E. *	Yes
	C.J. D.	Yes		Richard G.	Yes	13B	Andy R.	Yes
2C	Debbie W.	Yes	7	Kathy S.	Yes		Pete K.	No
2E	George C.	Yes		Leanne W.	Yes	14	Maury C.	Yes
2G	Debb W.	Yes	7A	John G.	Yes	15	Alan J.	Yes
	Kathleen J.	Yes		Bill E.	Yes		Chuck R.	No
2H	Christine G.	No	8	Arnie B.	No		Marty D.	Yes
	Linda W.	Yes		Jeff F.	No		Mike R.	No
2K	Ken K.	Yes		Kathy H.	Yes		Stanley C.	Yes
3	Gladys C.	Yes		Allen H.	Yes		Bill B.	No
	Jan A.	No	8A	Mark P.	Yes	16	John V.	Yes
	JoJo B.	Yes		Jeanne B.	Yes		Matt H.	Yes
	Liz N.	Yes	8B	Dan W.	Yes	17	Ron W.	Yes
3A	David F.	Yes	8C	Deni M.	Yes	18A	Trevor S. **	No
	Linda S.	Yes	8D	Cathy K.	Yes		David M. *	No
	Willie F.	Yes	9	Carol K.	Yes	22	Steve R. *	No
3B	Ed L.	No		Jim M.	No	24	Fredrik A.	Yes
3C	Paula C.	No	9A	Pat D.	Yes		Fredrik A. *	Yes
3D	Mike M.	No	10	Paulette M.	No	25	Lucio L. **	AB
	Tom P.	No	10A	Norm B.	Yes		Andre G. *	Yes
4	Richard F.	No		Jim P.	Yes	28	Herb B. *	Yes
5	Herb B.	Yes		Sammy S.	Yes	29	Konstantin U.	AB
5A	J.R. E.	Yes	10B.	Gary B.	No	30	Rolands S.	Yes
5B	Andre G.	Yes		Chuck B.	No	31	Donatas Z	AB
	Emile T.	Yes	11	Bob B.	Yes			

* Proxy Vote

** Absentee Vote

Approved 77 Against 27 Abstained 3
Passed

1st Vote

29. - David M. - Area 12

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article X - Intergroup Guidelines, Section 5, Number 9, Part D. Current version: Duties of the TREASURER are to collect, record and prepare for disbursement all funds collect form the group, to prepare monthly statement of finances, to see that pins and literature are available to groups upon request and should be one of two signature required on checks.

Proposed version: Duties of the TREASURER are to collect, record and prepare for disbursement all funds collect from the group, to prepare monthly statement of finances, to see that pins and literature are available to groups upon request. The treasurer should never be a signer for any checking accounts, which he/she oversees.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 14 Against 90
Failed

30. - Steve K. for John C. - Area 1

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Page 10, Article VIII - Board of Trustees, Section 17- second sentence, after or past member Board of Trustees - add) or current Chairman of the Board of Regents.

Current version: Section 17) It shall be the responsibility of the Chairman to prepare the agenda for the Board of Trustees meeting. Items may only be submitted to the Chairman through a current member or past member of the Board of Trustees and must be done so no later than sixty (60) days prior to the opening date of the meeting. The Chairman will confirm receipt of the item no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the opening date of the meeting.

Proposed version: Section 17) It shall be the responsibility of the Chairman to prepare the agenda for the Board of Trustees meeting. Items may only be submitted to the Chairman through a current member or past member of the Board of Trustees or current Chairman of the Board of Regents and must be done so no later than sixty (60) days prior to the opening date of the meeting. The Chairman will confirm receipt of the item no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the opening date of the meeting.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 59 Against 42
Failed

(2/3 Yes Vote Needed
Guidance Code Change)

31. - Larry B. - Area 15

Guidance Code

**GUIDANCE CODE, Article VII - Groups, PAGE 5, SECTION 4
ADD wording**

CURRENT VERSION: Abstinance 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 abstinance starts from your first meeting after your last bet.

PROPOSED VERSION: Abstinance from gambling and regular attendance of at least thirty-nine (39) Gamblers Anonymous meetings(exceptions can be made, via

group conscience decisions, for medical or transportation reasons) 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.

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to remove “or transportation” after “medical”

Approved 67 Against 8

Passed

On the motion.

Approved 73 Against 25

Passed

1st Vote

32. - Ed E. - Area 2

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article X - Intergroup Guidelines

New item to be inserted after Paragraph 8, Section 5 with the remaining paragraphs to be renumbered accordingly.

The trusted servants of Intergroup are accountable for the responsible use, recordkeeping, reconciliation and reporting of all funds received, disbursed and generated through all Intergroup-owned bank accounts, or bank accounts used for any activity or event approved by or benefiting the Intergroup.

Duplicate item. Replaced by item # 34.

33. - Ed E. - Area 2

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article X - Intergroup Guidelines

New item to be inserted after Paragraph 8, Section 5 with the remaining paragraphs to be renumbered accordingly.

The trusted servants of Intergroup shall establish and implement a specific set of guidelines to address all scenarios regarding funds (cash, check or credit cards) that are administered, managed or handled by Intergroup officers, committee members and/or their appointees. Those guidelines should be incorporated into the Intergroup by-laws, standing rules, guidance code, or procedures, or any such format or designation chosen by the Intergroup.

Duplicate item. Replaced by item # 35.

34. - Ed E. - Area 2

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article X - Intergroup Guidelines

New item to be inserted after Paragraph 8, Section 5 with the remaining paragraphs to be renumbered accordingly.

The trusted servants of Intergroup are accountable for the responsible use, recordkeeping, reconciliation and reporting of all financial transactions, including but not limited to funds received, disbursed and generated through all Intergroup bank accounts used for any activity or event approved by or benefiting the Intergroup.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 86 Against 10

Passed

1st Vote

35. - Ed E. - Area 2

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article X - Intergroup Guidelines

New item to be inserted after Paragraph 8, Section 5 with the remaining paragraphs to be renumbered accordingly.

The trusted servants of Intergroup must establish and implement a specific set of guidelines to address all scenarios regarding any financial transaction, and any form of money handled by Intergroup officers, committee members or their appointees. All information must be provided to Intergroup on a monthly basis, including but not limited to financial records, and reconciled reports of funds received and disbursed. Those guidelines should be incorporated into the Intergroup by-laws, standing rules or procedures, or any such format or designation chosen by the Intergroup.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 29 Against 64

Failed

36. - Mary-Lou L. - Area 11

Steps

Red Book, "A New Beginning", Page 42, Step 4, Title

Current Version: Made a searching and fearless moral and financial inventory of ourselves.

Proposed Version: Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

Motion to table until Montreal.

Passed

37. - Howie C. - Area 3

Steps

Separate Recovery Step 4.

New Proposed Step 4 would be: Made a searching and fearless financial inventory of ourselves.

Step 5 would be: Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

The old step 5 would move to 6, and all the rest of the steps would be renumbered one higher.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 0 Against 84

Failed

38. - Ron W. - Area 17

Steps

Replace #11 unity program with:

New # 11 would read- Our public relations policy is based on maintaining personal anonymity at all media levels.

Motion G.A.'s public relations policy is to provide information about compulsive gambling and G.A. We must use only approved or appropriate G.A. Literature while always maintaining personal anonymity at all levels of communication.

Approved 12 Against 79

Failed

39. - Matt H. for Sal S. - Area 16 **Steps**
Combo Book, Page 6, The Unity Program, Step 3
Change ‘a desire’ to ‘an honest desire’
Current Version: The only requirement for Gamblers Anonymous membership is a desire to stop gambling.
Proposed Version: The only requirement for Gamblers Anonymous membership is an honest desire to stop gambling.
Motion to accept above.
Approved 1 Against 94
Failed

40. - Matt H. - Area 16 **Other Literature**
Hosting an International Conference, page one, second paragraph, third sentence
Current Version: Conferences are based around the trustee meetings, which start at 1 P.M. on Thursday.
Proposed Version: Conferences are based around the trustee meeting, which start on Thursday at 10 A.M. local time.
Motion to accept above.
The Chair was challenged that this item is out of order because the ruling would have to be changed at the next printing. The vote on the challenge fails (36 – 42) therefore the Chair is in order and so is the motion.
On the motion.
Passed 1st Vote

41. - Howie C. - Area 3 **Other Literature**
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.
Motion to accept above.
Failed

42. - David M. - Area 12 **Other Literature**
The local area 'Help Flyer' approved in Portland '08 is deemed as GA appropriate literature.
Motion to accept above.
Passed

43. - David M. - Area 12 **Other Literature**
The local area 'Website Guidelines' approved in Houston '08 is deemed as GA appropriate literature.
Motion to accept above.
Passed

44. - Al S. - Area 7 **Other Literature**
Working the Steps Pamphlet, First Page, Last paragraph, Second sentence

Add to the beginning of the second sentence: When working the steps....

Current Version: Use the "20 Questions" as a guide.

Proposed Version: When working the steps, use the "20 Questions" as a guide.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

45. - Mary-Lou L. - Area 11

Other Literature

Red Book, "A New Beginning", Page 42, 3rd Paragraph, Last sentence

Current Version: Face squarely the financial and emotional wrongs that have been done in order to then forgive oneself.

Proposed Version: Face squarely the emotional wrongs that have been done in order to forgive oneself.

Motion to table until Montreal.

Passed

46. - Arnie B. - Area 8

Other Literature

Working the Steps Pamphlet, Step 11, paragraph 7. 1st Sentence and

Red Book, page 54, 1st Paragraph 1st Sentence

Delete the words: you can "fake it until you make it". combining it with the next sentence

Current Version: At first prayer is difficult and you can "fake it until you make it".

In time you will grow to eagerly accept prayer and know the rewards it will give.

Proposed Version: At first prayer is difficult and in time you will grow to eagerly accept prayer and know the rewards it will give.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 61 Against 25

Passed

1st Vote

47. - Ron W. - Area 17

Other Literature

In all GA approved literature whenever the word sponsor is used replace it with the word 'mentor'.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

48. - Andre G. for Barry D. - Area 5B

Other Literature

INFORMATION PACKET, Page 1, first paragraph, line 6 and 7

Add, after the words "meeting place": "taking into consideration the fact that the new meeting will not harm any other G.A. group."

CURRENT VERSION: The next order of business is to secure a comfortable and permanent meeting place.

PROPOSED VERSION: The next order of business is to secure a comfortable and permanent meeting place, taking into consideration the fact that the new meeting will not harm any other G.A. group.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

49. - Andre G. for Barry D. - Area 5B **Other Literature**
INFORMATION PACKET, Page 1, middle of the page, point #1

Change the amount from \$10.00 to \$20.00

CURRENT VERSION: 1. Reasonable rent (probably not more than \$10.00 per week and preferably less).

PROPOSED VERSION: 1. Reasonable rent (probably not more than \$20.00 per week and preferably less).

Motion to accept above.

Amendment made (probably not more than \$10.00 per week and preferably less) but was ruled out of order because it changes the motion. The Chair was challenged and the vote on the challenge fails therefore the Chair is in order and the amendment is out of order.

On the motion.

Failed

50. - Linda S. for Robert R. - Area 3A **Other Literature**

To be added to "Beyond 90 Days" Page 6, after "No Short Cuts to Recovery," and before "Involvement:"

Service work

As you attend meetings and observe those members who appear to have both serenity and recovery, it will become evident that they make the commitment to Gamblers Anonymous through Service.

Just as you would have done anything to ensure you could gamble, you should do anything to ensure your recovery and abstinence from gambling. Protect your recovery by getting involved and being of service. You will feel better about yourself, and self-esteem will grow, you will be contributing to GA as a whole as well as setting an example to newer members.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 38 Against 57

Failed

51. - Mary-Lou L. - Area 11 **Other Literature**

Towards 90 days, page 11, 1st paragraph

CURRENT VERSION: Now we must fill this void. Each member should try to find a way which suits him or her best, but it is essential that they do find a way. Some take up long forgotten hobbies. Some return to sports they once had an interest in. Some resume education (this is something that can be done at any age).

NEW VERSION: Now we must fill this void. Each member should try to find a way which suits him or her best, but it is essential that they do find a way. Many members attend more than one meeting per week. Some take up long forgotten hobbies. Some return to sports they once had an interest in. Some resume education (this is something that can be done at any age).

Motion to table until Montreal.

Passed

52. - Linda S. for Sandi H. - Area 3A **Other Literature**
Red Book, Page 27, 2nd Heading "How does sponsorship help the older members?", 3rd paragraph, AND
Sponsorship Manual, Page 1, 3rd Heading, 5th paragraph "How does sponsorship help the older members?"
IN BOTH: change the word "for" to "to"
Current version: It helps them by demonstrating the satisfaction that comes from assuming responsibility FOR someone other than themselves.
Proposed version: It helps them by demonstrating the satisfaction that comes from assuming responsibility TO someone other than themselves.
Motion to accept above.
Failed

53. - Steve R. for Lou P. - Area 2 **Other Literature**
Make "An Open Letter From A Compulsive Gambler" appropriate GA literature. Letter to stand by itself and not be placed in any existing literature.
Motion to approve "An Open Letter From A Compulsive Gambler" as approved G.A. Literature. Letter to stand by itself.
Approved 0 Against 77
Failed

54. - Richard F. - Area 4 **Other Literature**
Approve the "12 Steps and 12 Traditions" as appropriate GA Literature.
Motion to accept above.
Failed

55. - Chris G. for Drew Z. - Area 2H **Other Literature**
ONE DAY AT A TIME BOOK:
Approve the cross reference indexes to be placed in the One Day At A Time book. See attachment (Attachment can be found on Trustee Website, "Download Center" at www.trusteewebsite.com or can be viewed at Gamblers Anonymous International Service Office during business hours.)
Motion to recommend to the Publishers of the "A Day at a Time" book the cross reference indexes per attachment.
Motion to table.
Passed
Motion is pending.

56. - Richie S. - Area 6 **Other Literature**
Sponsorship Manual, Page 8, CAN ANY MEMBER BE A SPONSOR?
re-write
Current Version: There is no class of sponsors in Gamblers Anonymous. Any member can help to advance the basic concept of sponsorship, which is to help the new member make the sometimes difficult transition to a life without gambling in any form. It is advisable whenever possible that the sponsor and the sponsored be the same gender.

Proposed Version: Sponsors should be GA members, who have not gambled by their own admission in at least the last year and attend GA meetings on a regular basis. Those members looking to be sponsors should have a sponsor themselves. Obviously, members who start new GA meetings may not have members with more abstinence available to act as sponsors. In that case those affected members should seek the Sponsorship of members from different meetings, or areas. Any member of Gamblers Anonymous can help advance the basic concepts of sponsorship, but it is our experience that the principles of sponsorship handed down from the Sponsor to the Sponsored works best. As sponsees gain experience and abstinence in the GA Program they should be encouraged to become Sponsors. All new members need the guidance of a Sponsor. It is advisable whenever possible that the sponsor and the sponsored be the same gender.

Motion to accept above.

Amendment #1 to delete the word “new”.

Passed

Amendment #2 to delete “one year”.

Failed

On the motion.

Passed

1st Vote

57. - Matt H. for Sal S. - Area 16

Other Literature

Change the local area Helps Flyer to include rip off tags.

see attachment (Attachment can be found on Trustee Website, “Download Center” at www.trusteewebsite.com or can be viewed at Gamblers Anonymous International Service Office during business hours.)

Motion to allow local area Helps Flyer to be available in two forms. New one to have tear off tags.

Passed

(Only one vote needed)

58. - Larry B. - Area 15

Other Literature

Information Packet - pages not numbered, SECTION: Guidelines for National Trustees of Gamblers Anonymous

CHANGE 3 WORDS OF TITLE

CURRENT VERSION: Guidelines for National Trustees of Gamblers Anonymous

PROPOSED VERSION: Responsibilites of International Trustees of Gamblers Anonymous

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

59. - Larry B. - Area 15

Other Literature

INFORMATION PACKET - pages not numbered, SECTION: Guidelines for National Trustees of Gamblers Anonymous

CHANGE #5

CURRENT VERSION: Be available to all members and groups in your Trustee area for advice and guidance.

PROPOSED VERSION: Be available to all members and groups in your Trustee area for advice and guidance.

Work with the trusted servants of groups to correct the issues that do not conform with the Guidance Code and all decisions of the Board of Trustees (not fulfilling this affects G.A. as a whole).

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

60. - Larry B. - Area 15

Other Literature

INFORMATION PACKET - pages not numbered, SECTION: Guidelines for National Trustees of Gamblers Anonymous

ADD NEW #16

PROPOSED VERSION: Uphold the BOT's responsibility to the Literature Committee and its approved guidelines by:

a) being completely familiar, prior to the BOT meetings, with the content of all literature submitted to the BOT for approval;

b) making suggestions to the Literature Committee for improvement of said literature, if approved by BOT, within 30 days subsequent to BOT meetings. (Note: Literature proposals from a committee, once passed, are excluded from BOT suggestions.)

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

61. - Larry B. - Area 15

Other Literature

INFORMATION PACKET - pages not numbered, SECTION: Guidelines for National Trustees of Gamblers Anonymous

Add new #17

PROPOSED VERSION: Bring all upcoming agenda items to the attention of all groups in your area prior to all BOT meetings for input that will guide all the trustees from your area at all BOT meetings.

Motion to accept above.

Amendment that after groups in your area that it is also on the website.

Failed

On the motion.

Passed

1st Vote

62. - Larry B. - Area 15

Other Literature

INFORMATION PACKET - pages not numbered, SECTION: Guidelines for National Trustees of Gamblers Anonymous

CHANGE #3 BY DELETING 4 WORDS AND COMMA

CURRENT VERSION: Uphold and try to implement the Guidance Code, and all decisions made by the Board of Trustees (not fulfilling this affects G.A. as a whole).

PROPOSED VERSION: Uphold the Guidance Code and all decisions made by the Board of Trustees (not fulfilling this affects G.A. as a whole).

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

63. - Steve R. - Area 2

Other Literature

Discuss the feasibility of making the 50 year history book approved GA literature.

Motion to submit the 50 Year History Book as approved G.A. literature.

Passed

1st Vote

64. - Steve R. - Area 2

Other Literature

Discuss the possibilities of countries being able to substitute their own stories in place of the present stories that are in the blue and red books as long as they follow an approval process with the BOT. Many countries when they go through the process of translation to their language cannot relate to the present stories in their country or cultures.

Motion to allow countries that are translating approved G.A. literature containing personal stories submitted by the fellowship to insert stories that are from their own countries. This to be granted provided the ability to review is given to the Board of Trustees prior to printing.

Passed

1st Vote

65. - Lucio L. - Area 25

Other Literature

GA Italia requests the permission for substituting, in the Italian version of the book "Sharing Recovery Through Gamblers Anonymous", Appendix II, III, and IV with a single Appendix II containing statistical reports and studies specific to the gambling issue in the Italian society. In the event we couldn't find anything appropriate, we ask permission for bypassing altogether those 3 Appendixes.

Motion to table.

Passed

66. - Howie C. - Area 3

Combo Book

Combo Book, Page 15, add new number 4, change current number 4 to number 5, and move down all the other questions. This would make a total of 21 questions. (Or if B.O.T. would prefer, to leave number 4, and make this number 5, moving 5 to 6, etc.)

Do you often feel depressed after gambling?

Motion to accept above.

Failed

67. - Howie C. - Area 3

Combo Book

To add 4 pages, numbers 18 though 21 to the combo book.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

68. - Arnie B. - Area 8

Combo Book

Combo Book, In the 20 Questions on page 16,. Question 18

Change the word Do to Did so the question will read:

Current version: Do arguments, disappointments or frustrations create within you an urge to gamble?

Proposed version: Did arguments, disappointments or frustrations create within you an urge to gamble.

Also, make this change in all other GA literature where this question appears.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

69. - Marshall R. - Area 12

Combo Book

Combo Book change on page 17, item #1:

Current version: make as many GA meetings as possible. Meetings Make It

New version: Make as many GA meetings as possible, but at least one full meeting per week. Meetings Make It

Motion to change to "Attend as many G.A. meetings as possible, but at least one full meeting per week. Meetings Make It".

Failed

70. - Kathy S. for DeeVeern E. - Area 7

Combo Book

Combo Book, Page 3, 1st paragraph, last sentence

Remove the words: or presently may be

Current Version: With reference to gambling, the delusion that we are like other people, or presently may be, has to be smashed.

Proposed Version: With reference to gambling, the delusion that we are like other people has to be smashed.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

71. - Ed K. for Marc L. - Area 1

Combo Book

Combo Book, Replace question 19 on page 16.

Current version: Did you ever have as urge to celebrate any good fortune by a few hours of gambling?

Proposed version: Have you ever lied to hide your gambling?

The above item was withdrawn by maker.

72. - Ed K. - Area 1

Combo Book

Combo Book, Page 13, Replace the first paragraph under the heading "Can a compulsive gambler ever gamble normally again?".

Current version: No. The first bet to a problem gambler is like the first drink to an alcoholic. Sooner or later he or she falls back into the same old destructive pattern.

Proposed version: No. The first returning bet is surly the most dangerous bet of all. Sooner or later we will fall back into our same old destructive pattern.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

73. - Ed K. for Dave C. - Area 1

Combo Book

Combo Book: Change sentence two and three on page 11 under the heading "What is the dream world of the compulsive gambler?"

Current: They often see themselves as quite philanthropic and charming people. They may dream of providing families and friends with new cars, mink coats and other luxuries.

Proposed: They often see themselves as quite generous and charming people. They may dream of providing families and friends with new cars, big homes and other luxuries.

Motion to accept above.

A member called for the motion to be out of order as it does not meet the two year rule. The Chair said the motion was in order and was then challenged. The vote on the challenge fails therefore the Chair is in order and so is the motion.

A member wanted to make an amendment to separate the above two items. Chair also ruled the amendment out of order and was then challenged. The vote on the challenge fails therefore the Chair is in order and no amendment was accepted.

On the motion.

Approved 46 Against 49

Failed

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

Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote
1	Ara H.	No	6	Lloyd A.	No	12	Marshall R.	No
	Steve F.	Yes		Harvey C. *	No		Bob W.	Yes
	Ed K.	Yes	6A	Nick S.	Yes		David M.	No
	Kathie S.	Yes	6B	Dina P.	No		Matty C.	No
	Ara H. *	No		Dina P. *	No		Ted S.	No
1A	Doug L.	Yes		Carlos M.	No	13	John B.	No
2	Erv G.	Yes	6C	Joe B.	No		Ron C.	No
	Erv G. *	Yes		Gary G.	Yes		John B. *	No
2A	Paul N.	No		Dennis A.	No	13A	John E.	Yes
2B	Steve R.	No	6D	Ian S.	No		John E. *	Yes
	C.J. D.	No		Richard G.	Yes	13B	Andy R.	No
2C	Debbie W.	Yes	7	Kathy S.	Yes		Pete K.	Yes
2E	George C.	Yes		Leanne W.	Yes	14	Brad B.	Yes
2G	Debb W.	No	7A	John G.	Yes		Maury C.	No
	Kathleen J.	AB		Bill E.	Yes	15	Alan J.	Yes
2H	Christine G.	No	8	Arnie B.	No		Chuck R.	Yes
	Linda W.	No		Jeff F.	Yes		Marty D.	Yes
2J	Cindie T.	Yes		Kathy H.	Yes		Mike R.	Yes
2K	Ken K.	Yes		Allen H.	Yes		Stanley C.	No
3	Gladys C.	No	8A	Mark P.	Yes		Bill B.	No
	Jan A.	No		Jeanne B.	Yes	16	John V.	No
	JoJo B.	Yes	8B	Dan W.	Yes		Matt H.	No
	Liz N.	No	8C	Deni M.	No	17	Ron W.	No
3A	David F.	Yes	8D	Cathy K.	Yes		Walt H.	No
	Linda S.	Yes	8E	Bill G.	Yes	18A	Trevor S. **	No
	Willie F.	Yes	9	Carol K.	Yes		David M. *	No
3B	Ed L.	Yes		Jim M.	No	20	George G.	No

3C	Paula C.	Yes	9A	Pat D.	Yes	22	Steve R. *	No
3D	Mike M.	No	10	Paulette M.	Yes	24	Fredrik A.	Yes
	Tom P.	Yes	10A	Norm B.	No		Fredrik A.*	Yes
4	Richard F.	No		Jim P.	No	25	Lucio L. **	Yes
5	Herb B.	No		Sammy S.	No		Andre G. *	No
5A	J.R. E.	No	10B	Gary B.	No	28	Herb B. *	No
5B	Andre G.	No		Chuck B.	Yes	29	Konstantin U.	No
	Emile T.	No	11	Bob B.	No	30	Rolands S.	Yes
5C	Pat K. **	Yes		Paul D.	Yes	31	Donatas Z.	Yes
6	Harvey C.	No		Paul D. *	Yes			

* Proxy Vote

** Absentee Vote

Approved 53 Against 56 Abstained 1
Failed

74. - Matt H. for Sal S. - Area 16 Combo Book

Combo Book, Page 2, Third Paragraph, Last sentence

Add rooms such as these, before the gates of prison.

Current Version: Many pursue it into the gates of prison, insanity, or death.

Proposed Version: Many pursue it into rooms such as these, the gates of prison, insanity, or death.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

75. - Mary-Lou L. - Area 11 Combo Book

Combo Book, Page 17, Item #1

Current version: Attend as many meetings as possible, but at least one full meeting per week. MEETINGS MAKE IT.

Proposed version: Attend as many meetings as possible, but at least one full meeting per week. Attending MORE than one full meeting CAN result in long-lasting recovery.

Motion to table until Montreal.

Passed

76. - Linda S. for Fred K. - Area 3A Combo Book

Combo Book, Page 17, Item 3

Replace the words "the stock market" with "gambling on stocks."

Original version: "...DON'T GAMBLE FOR ANYTHING. 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: "...DON'T GAMBLE FOR ANYTHING. This includes Internet gambling, gambling on stocks, commodities, options, buying or playing lottery tickets, raffle tickets, flipping a coin or entering the office sport pool."

The above item was withdrawn by maker.

77. - Gary S. - Area 12

Combo Book

Combo Book, Page 17, Suggestion 3 - THIS IS PART 1 OF 2 ITEMS, PLEASE MAKE SURE THE ORDER IS CORRECT

Move the last sentence – 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.

Move it to Page 14/First section/ DOES THIS MEAN I CAN'T EVEN PARTICIPATE IN A LITTLE PENNY ANTE GAME OR A WORLD SERIES POOL.

To read: It means exactly that. A stand has to be made somewhere and Gamblers Anonymous members have found the first bet is the one to avoid, even though it may be as little as matching for a cup of coffee. 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.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

(Only one vote needed)

78. - Gary S. - Area 12

Combo Book

Combo Book - THIS IS PART 2 OF 2 ITEMS, PLEASE MAKE SURE THE ORDER IS CORRECT.

Move the definition of GAMBLING from page 14 to always be the very last item on Page 17.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 39 Against 70

Failed

79. - Karen L. - Area 3

Combo Book

Combo Book, pg 17, #3, Remove the last sentence.

Original version: DON'T GAMBLE FOR ANYTHING. 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: DON'T GAMBLE FOR ANYTHING.

The above item was withdrawn by maker.

80. - Larry B. for Angelo M. - Area 15

Combo Book

CAN A COMPULSIVE GAMBLER EVER GAMBLE NORMALLY AGAIN

Line 1: Change the word 'problem' to 'compulsive.'

Current Version: No. The first bet to a problem gambler is like the first drink to an alcoholic.

Proposed Version: No. The first bet to a compulsive gambler is like the first drink to an alcoholic.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

81. - Linda S. for Joe P. - Area 3A **Combo Book**
Combo Book, Page 13, Can a compulsive gambler ever gamble normally again?, last sentence: add the word "to" in the last phrase.
Current Version: Our Gamblers Anonymous experience seems to point to these alternatives: To gamble, risking progressive deterioration or not to gamble, and develop a better way of life.
Proposed Version: Our Gamblers Anonymous experience seems to point to these alternatives: To gamble, risking progressive deterioration or not to gamble, and TO develop a better way of life.
Item withdrawn.

82. - Chris G. - Area 2H **Combo Book**
Combo book, Page 12, ISN'T COMPULSIVE GAMBLING BASICALLY A FINANCIAL PROBLEM? Last sentence.
Remove the word "BANKRUPTCY".
Current Version: Bankruptcy, borrowing and/or lending of money (bailouts)in Gambler's Anonymous is detrimental to our recovery and should not take place.
Proposed Version: Borrowing and/or lending of money (bailouts) in Gambler's Anonymous is detrimental to our recovery and should not take place.
Motion to accept above.
Failed

83. - Willie F. for Vance D. - Area 3A **Combo Book**
The Unity Program, Unity Step #12
Put in Bold: Principles before Personalities.
Motion to accept above.
Failed

84. - Arnie W. - Area 12 **Combo Book**
Combo Book, Page 2, Paragraph 2, Sentence 1
Current Version: The Only requirement for membership is a desire to stop gambling.
Proposed Version: Membership in Gamblers Anonymous is for anyone having problems as a result of their gambling.
Motion to accept above.
It was stated that this item is out of order because it is a Guidance Code change. The Chair said it is not a Guidance Code change and was then challenged. The vote on the challenge fails therefore the Chair is in order and so is the motion.
Approved 6 Against 87
Failed

85. - Marshall R. - Area 12 **Group Procedures**
Discuss about having more public relations in the Gamblers Anonymous fellowship.
Take a straw vote.
Motion to table.
Passed

86. - Marshall R. - Area 12 **Group Procedures**
Discuss what is being done in the individual Gamblers Anonymous rooms throughout the United States and Canada to have more retention in our fellowship.
Motion to table.
Passed

87. - Marshall R. - Area 12 **Group Procedures**
Discuss the importance of using the telephone list in between Gamblers Anonymous meetings and getting new GA members to make telephone calls in between meetings.
Motion to table.
Passed

88. - Howie C. - Area 3 **Group Procedures**
Why is attendance taken at G.A. meetings? Is it an invasion of privacy? Is it breaking anonymity?
Discussion was held. Different ideas and opinions were given.

89. - Steve R. - Area 2 **Group Procedures**
Discussion to clarify what a new meeting can and cannot do in its first three months.
Discussion only.

90. - Ed E. - Area 2 **Intergroup Procedures**
Do actions by Area Trustees to disregard financial accountability for an Intergroup-sponsored mini conference, when it is in direct conflict with Intergroup By-Laws, considered to affect Gamblers Anonymous as a whole? If so, what guidance can the Board of Trustees provide?
Motion that the Board of Trustees direct the trusted servants of Area 2 Intergroup to adhere to their Intergroup By-Law relating to financial accountability and that the financial records of the Mini-Conference be provided to Intergroup so that a final accounting can be performed and a complete operating statement be prepared.
Approved 76 Against 25
Passed
A letter will be written.

91. - Andy R. - Area 13B **ISO Procedures**
To have the next printing of the Combo Book printed in Orange and every subsequent printing of the combo book to be of a different color than the previous 3 printings.
Motion to accept above.
The Chair was challenged that this item is out of order. The vote on the challenge fails therefore the Chair is in order and so is the motion.
Amendment to have the next printing of the Combo Book printed in a color I.S.O. would deem appropriate and every subsequent printing of the Combo book to be of a different color than the previous 3 printings.

Passed
On the motion.
Failed

92. - Bill B. - Area 6

ISO Procedures

Gamblers Anonymous International Service Office will post the monthly bulletin on the ISO website each month. Bulletins will be archived on the website for a period of 12 months.

No discussion.

93. - David M. - Area 12

ISO Procedures

**Approve the 'Procedures for The New Area/New Trustee Accommodation Fund'.
See attachment**

Procedures for The New Area/New Trustee Accommodation Fund

ISO will accept contributions from GA members for the New Area/New Trustee Accommodation Fund.

All such contributions will be monies set aside for financial assistance for the costs of qualified overseas Trustees attending Trustee meetings in North America.

GA members are permitted to make contributions to ISO and have the funds earmarked for the New Area/New Trustee Accommodation Fund, provided the instructions to do so are included with the contribution from the member to ISO.

Overseas Trustees will be qualified for disbursement of New Area/New Trustee Accommodation Fund monies if they attend their 1st Trustee meeting immediately after their overseas area, outside of North America, is newly recognized as such by the Board of Trustees.

Partial funding of any qualified Trustees from any source will disqualify that Trustee from applying for New Area/New Trustee Accommodation funding.

The Trustees for those overseas areas must be full-time residents of their areas and never have been a Trustee in the past.

The intention of this fund is to assist overseas areas that may not have the funds to send their Trustee(s) to a Trustee meeting. If the areas have the funds, they should use their own funds to get their Trustee(s) to the Trustee meetings.

Covered expenses for reimbursement consideration are as follows:

1 Airfare to the conference

2 Room charges for the hosting hotel for the Wednesday preceding the Trustee meeting through Sunday morning checkout.

3 Conference registration

4 Costs of transportation to and from the hosting hotel and the nearest major airport.

Total monies will be divided evenly to all qualified Trustees.

No qualified Trustee will receive more money than the verified costs of the covered expense items.

The qualified Trustee submitting an expense report with the lowest reimbursable amount will set the maximum dollars to be evenly distributed to the total number of qualified Trustees.

If the funds are not available to cover the total to be distributed, then 100% of the

available funds will be used.

If there is a surplus of money after the application of the lowest reimbursable amount calculation, then the balance above that amount will be carried forward to the qualified Trustees for the next Trustee physical meeting, where the cycle for reimbursement will begin once again.

The amount of money available for distribution will be set on the 1st day of the month following the beginning of each Trustee meeting.

Funds accumulated will be listed on the Trustee website at the beginning of each month, as per information provided by ISO. The website will exercise best efforts to indicate which qualified Trustees are expected to attend the upcoming Trustee meeting as an unofficial gauge of expected attendance of qualified Trustees; however, it is not to be used as anything other than an unofficial indication that is non binding for any consideration of usage of the New Area/New Trustee Accommodation Fund monies.

Motion to accept above

Passed

94. - Lucio L. - Area 25

ISO Procedures

GA Italia requests a financial support of \$1,200.00 (twelve hundred) to help covering the cost of the translation into Italian of the three books: "Sharing Recovery Through Gamblers Anonymous", "A New Beginning" and "A Day At The Time" and of the booklets: "The Pressure Relief Group Meeting Handbook", "Gamblers Anonymous Pressure Relief Group Meeting Pamphlet and Financial Forms", "Hosting an International Conference", "Working the Steps Pamphlet" and "The First Forty Years".

Motion to table.

Passed

1A. - Matty C. - Area 12

Guidance Code

ITEM OMITTED FROM THE AGENDA

Guidance Code, Article VII - Groups, Section 4

Change the number of meetings from 39 to 26

Current version: Abstinance 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 abstinance starts from your first meeting after your last bet.

Proposed version: Abstinance from gambling and regular attendance of at least twenty-six (26) Gamblers Anonymous meetings in the prior 12 months is required for pinnings and for all successive anniversaries. Date of abstinance starts from your first meeting after your last bet.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

1B. - Ed E. - Area 2

Request For Committee

ITEM OMITTED FROM THE AGENDA

Request the formation of a committee to develop and recommend procedural steps to follow in the removal of any Trustee from the Board of Trustees for acts in his or her part which are detrimental to Gamblers Anonymous as a whole. - A condition that already exists in Article VIII - Board of Trustees, Section 4 of the Guidance Code of Gamblers Anonymous.

The above item will be deferred to the new Chairman.

1C. – Andy R. - Area 13B

New Literature

ITEM OMITTED FROM THE AGENDA

Approve Step 1 workbook.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

1D. – Ralph D. - Area 6A

New Literature

ITEM OMITTED FROM THE AGENDA

Twelve Steps On CD

The Twelve Steps CD is now with the Literature committee.

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at approximately 5:30 P.M. The collection for the five (5) sessions was \$860.00.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held October 8, 2009 in Laval, Quebec.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen H.

Karen H., International Executive Secretary

ROLL CALL

AREA	SESSIONS	AREA	SESSIONS	AREA	SESSIONS
1	Ara H. 5	6A	Sal F. Absent	13A	Kevin O. *Absent
	Ed K. 5	6B	Dina P. 5		John E. 5
	Kathie S. 5		Juan A. *Absent	13B	Andy R. 5
	Steve F. 5		Carlos M. 5		Pete K. 5
	Jose N. *Absent	6C	Joe B. 5	14	Al O. Absent
1A	Doug L. 5		Dennis A. 5		Brad B. 5
2	Don Y. *Absent		Gary G. 5		Maury C. 5
	Erv G. 5	6D	Richard G. 5		Thomas K. Absent
	Guadalupe V. *Absent		Ian S. 5	15	Alan J. 5
	Paul N. 3	7	Leanne W. 5		Chuck R. 5
2A	Paul N. 5		Kathy S. 5		Marty D. 5

AREA	SESSIONS	AREA	SESSIONS	AREA	SESSIONS
2B	Steve R. 5	7A	John G. 5	15	Mike R. 5
	C.J. D. 5		Bill E. 5		Stanley C. 5
2C	Debbie W. 5	8	Arnie B. 5		Bill B. 5
2E	George C. 5		Jeff F. 5	16	John V. 5
2G	Debb W. 5		Kathy H. 5		Matt H. 5
	Kathleen J. 5		Allen H. 5	17	Ron W. 5
2H	Christine G. 5	8A	Jeanne B. 5		Walt H. 2
	Linda W. 5		Mark P. 5	18	Paul A. Absent
2J	Cindie T. 5	8B	Dan W. 5		Steve B. Absent
2K	Ken K. 5	8C	Deni M. 5		Andy D. Absent
3	Gladys C. 5	8D	Cathy K. 5		Ron M. Absent
	Jan A. 5	8E	Bill G. 5	18A	Trevor S. 5 **
	JoJo B. 5		Larry S. Absent		Yvonne R. 5 *
	Liz N. 5	9	Carol K. 5	18B	David McA. Absent
3A	David F. 5		Jim M. 5		Robert H. Absent
	Linda S. 5	9A	Pat D. 5	19	Tomas P. Absent
	Willie F. 5	10	Paulette M. 5	20	George G. 5
3B	Bill S. Absent	10A	Norm B. 5	21	Andres P. Absent
	Ed L. 5		Sammy S. 5		Manuel G. Absent
3C	Paula C. 5		Jim P. 5	22	Vigil M. 5 *
3D	Mike M. 5	10B	Chuck B. 5	23	Juan Carlos Absent
	Tom P. 5		Gary B. 5	23A	Vera T. Absent
3F	Julian F. Absent	11	Bob B. 5	24	Mika L. 5 *
4	Richard F. 5		Mary Lou L. *Absent		Frederick A. 5
5	Herb B. 5		Paul D. 5	25	Lucio L. 5 **
5A	J.R. E. 5	12	Marshall R. 5		Luca G. 5 *
5B	Andre G. 5		David M. 5	26	Chris K. Absent
	Emile T. 5		Matty C. 5		Byung K. Absent
5C	Pat K. *Absent		Bob W. 5	27	Istvan S. Absent
6	Harvey C. 5		Ted S. 5	28	Ricardo M. Absent
	Lloyd A. 5	13	John B. 5		Rafael Z. 5 *
	Ray H. *Absent		Ron C. 5	29	Konstantin U. 5
6A	Nick S. 5		Greg M. *Absent	30	Rolands S. 5
				31	Donatas Z. 5

* Proxy Received

** Absentee Ballot Received

Chairman BOT – Tom M. 5
1st Co-Chair BOT–Richie S. 5
2nd Co-Chair BOT- Herb B. 5
Chairman BOR –John C. 5
I.E.S. - Karen H. 5