

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS TRUSTEES MEETING
OCTOBER 8 & 9, 2009
SHERATON LAVAL, QUEBEC, CANADA**

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. on October 8, 2009 by Denis M., Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The members at the head table were introduced. Everyone was welcomed. Points of order and points of information were explained along with procedures of the meeting. Richie S., from Florida was appointed as Parliamentarian for this meeting.

B) Remembrance of our departed members- Marshall R.

Marshall R. read a list of our brothers and sisters who have passed away since the last Trustees meeting held in Kansas City as follows:

James M., Detroit, Michigan, 26 ½ years, passed 05/10/09, Past Trustee
Moe S., Boynton Beach, Florida, 39 years, passed 07/10/09
Chris C., Coral Springs, Florida, 18 years, passed 07/12/09
Jack Y., Toms River, New Jersey, 20 years, passed 07/25/09
Phil R., Kew Gardens, New York, 11 years, passed 08/01/09
John C., Bronx, New York, 5 ½ years, passed 07/30/09
Rick L., Detroit, Michigan, 3 years, passed 07/28/09
George M., Detroit, Michigan, 45 years, passed 08/11/09
Bill G., Metuchen, New Jersey, 38 years, passed 09/25/09, Past Trustee
Steven S., New York, New York
Steve C., Natick, Massachusetts, 5 ½ years, passed 04/26/09
Ray T., Stockton, California, 15 ½ years
Doug H., Atlanta, Georgia, 34 ½ years
Dina F., Rochester, New York
Mike F., Canton, Massachusetts, 9 years
Billy M., Oceanside, New York, 3 years
Robert E., Chicago, Illinois, 23 years, passed 07/09, Past Trustee
Tom D., Chicago, Illinois, 11 years, passed 06/09, Past Trustee
Jean A., 11 years, San Diego
Yves G., Montreal, 12 years, passed 09/30/09
Arnold K., Denver, Colorado, 4 years, passed 09/09
Ivan A., Denver, Colorado, 4 years, passed 08/09
Judy S., Denver, Colorado, 1 year, passed 10/04/09

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

Kevin O. from Maryland read the Reflection for the Day for both October 8th and 9th to start the beginning sessions of the day.

D) Reading of the ”12 Steps of Unity”

Ron C. from Pennsylvania read the 12 Steps of Unity.

E) Roll Call-Karen H. International Executive Secretary

Prior to Karen H. taking roll the Chairman asked all new Trustees to stand and introduce themselves.

Twenty-three proxy's were received and read to be voted as follows: Area 2H – from Chris G. given to Linda W.; Area 3 - from JoJo B. given to Jan A.; Area 3A – from David F. given to Linda S.; Area 3B – from Ed. L., given to Bill S.; Area 3C – from Paula C. given to David M.; Area 3D - from Tom P., given to Mike M.; Area 5A – from JR E., given to Joe B.; Area 6 – from Lloyd A., given to Ray H.; Area 6B – from Juan A., given to Dina P.; Area 6C – from Gary G., given to Dennis A.; Area 8A – from Mark P., given to Kathleen J.; Area 8C – from Deni M., given to Jeanne B.; Area 8D - from Cathy K., given to Dan W.; Area 9 – from Jim M. given to Carol K.; Area 14 - from Maury C., given to Paul C.; Area 17 – from Ron W., given to Brad B.; Area 17 – from Walt H., given to Al O.; Area 18A – from Trevor S., given to Andy R.; Area 22 – from Vigil M., given to Steve R.; Area 25 – from Lucio D., given to Mike R.; Area 26 – from Chris K., given to Andre G.; Area 26 - from Mr. Kwon, given to Herb B and Area 28 - from Rafael Z. given to Debb W. Five absentee ballots were received as follows: Area 6D – from Ian S., given to Stanley C.; Area 18A – from Yvonne R., given to Sammy S., Area 18B – from David M., given to Ara H.; Area 18B – from Rob H., given Kathy S. and Area 31 – from Donatas Z., given to Steve F. to vote as per instructions on their respective ballots. There are presently 102 votes to begin the first session.

F) Approval of Minutes from Kansas City

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held in Kansas City were unanimously approved as submitted.

G) ISO / Lifeliner - Karen H.

Karen H. gave a report on Lifeliners handing out a chart showing 37 states and 4 countries along with the number of members (462) who contributed over the past year. The total for this year is \$66,146.98, which is an increase over last year's total of \$63,641.48. An explanation of what a Lifeliner is and how beneficial it can be was given. Marshall R. once again stressed the importance of becoming a Lifeliner. Everyone was thanked for their continued support.

H) Report from the Board of Regents – Benni F., BOR Chairman

Benni F. reported on the status of the International Service Office. He talked about the Hotline and also the new website. He reminded everyone about the needs of our International Service Office stating that one way to give back to G.A. is by members including Gamblers Anonymous in their wills.

D) Conference Committee Reports

Kansas City Spring '09 - Steve R.

Steve R. reported on the above Conference. The final report follows:

Kansas City Conference
May 2009

Total money received:		\$122,572.27
Expenses:		
Band/Karoke:	\$	1,349.37
Printing:	\$	3,123.51
Decorations:	\$	1,104.74
Registration:	\$	690.66
Hospitality:	\$	1,843.78
Memory Book/Giveaways	\$	1,505.00
Transportation/Tours	\$	1,242.00
T-shirts:	\$	961.52
Gratutities	\$	1,000.00
Money Paid to Hotel	\$	102,660.17
Total Expenses:		\$115,480.75
Total Profit:		\$ 7,091.52
GA 55%		\$ 3,900.34
Gam-Anon 45%		\$ 3,191.18
Balance:		\$ 0.00

Quebec Conference Fall '09 – Chuck R.

Chuck R. thanked Herb B and Andre G. stating all committee reports and financial information were received in a timely manner. Herb welcomed everyone to Montreal. They were a little worried as on July 14th only 44 Trustees had signed up. They now have 350 people for the Saturday night banquet and they have reached all room night commitments. They are ready to go and are looking forward to a great weekend.

Louisville Spring '10 – Chuck R.

Chuck R. gave the report for the Conference to be held May 21 – 23, 2010 at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. The committee has been terrific in getting statements and financial information sent in. Gary B. stated they will provide transportation if you let the committee know your arrival dates. The committee has a great working relationship with the hotel.

Tampa Fall '10 – Steve R.

Steve R. reported on the Conference to be held October 29 - 31, 2010 at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay in Tampa, Florida stating all statements and reports are current and everything looks good. Dina P. said things are going well and they are excited about hosting this Conference.

J) Committee Reports

Blue Book Committee:

Committee Chair – Carol K. – Area 9

Co-Chair Liaison – Chuck R.

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

Committee members are Carol K, Linda S, Cindi T, Bill G, Warren B, Pat D, Gary B. The committee is meeting via email and teleconference. The information is being put on the Internet to reduce the risk of lost data. The committee wishes to thank those who have submitted the 32 stories received to date. Now that some time has passed, please review your stories and make any corrections, changes or updates. More stories would be welcomed. They may be submitted to committee at Blue_Book@comcast.net. We are looking for stories of how you worked the steps, how you used a particular tool, how having a sponsor and/or being a sponsor helped your recovery. What made you come and why did you stay. In other words, we are looking for members to share their experience, strength and hope with a focus on a specific part of the program in order for the story to be placed in that area. You may want to share how you worked a particular step for the first time, second time, third time ... and how that differed. Please be advised that the committee has decided that it would be more appropriate for poems and songs to be submitted for inclusion in conference books and will not be included in this book. If you submitted one and would like it returned, please let me know where to send it. The writing of the book has begun. The goal is to use parts of existing literature mingled with the stories in appropriate areas. It is the committee's goal to make this a book for GA members by GA members. Carol K.

Carol K. gave the above report. The goal of the committee is to make the book about recovery. The committee is looking for stories about "How You Did It" such as stories of recovery. They expect to have the book ready in approximately a year and a half.

International Relations Committee: Committee Chair – Andre G. – Area 5B Co-Chair Liaison – Steve R.

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 REALTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT MONTREAL 2009

The International Relations Committee has continued its work over the past six months. Since our last report in Kansas City, we have received and answered 272 e-mails from 48 different countries all over the world. We heard from a few new countries, including Gibraltar and Tanzania. You will find a detailed listing of all e-mails attached to this report. First meetings were opened in Botswana, Romania, Turkey, Egypt, Ghana, Gibraltar and Kenya. We are in contact with most of them to list their meetings in the International Directory on the official G.A. website.

There are presently 51 countries listed.

These 272 e-mails do not represent the whole situation since most of these e-mails necessitate follow-ups and subsequent e-mail communications. Most of the time, each e-mail received will trigger several further e-mails, up to 10 in some cases. We try to simplify our work and give our correspondents a sense of continuity in our exchanges of communications. For instance, one member of the Committee is taking care of all Spanish communications, while another is handling all French communications; India is handled by a different member while Greece is handled by someone else. You get the picture.

Several members of the Committee are also sponsoring foreign members, especially where there are no meetings. We receive regular requests for this type of action and, so far, nobody on the Committee ever refused to sponsor any foreign member for lack of time or other reasons. I must praise all members on this Committee who really understand what “giving back” really means.

This Trustee meeting, the International Relations Committee will not ask for new area and trustees for any foreign country, although we are in communication with Germany and Caribbean. More to come on this.

We have put an item on the agenda to change our Committee mission statement to read:

“Assist the fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous with International matters and help create a world wide united G.A. fellowship.

Looking at our proposed mission statement, we feel that “Assist the Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous with International matters” describes in 9 simple words what our previous mission statement was saying over a long sentence. It read: “The International Relations Committee is committed to assisting the I.S.O. and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees in communicating with groups, meetings and compulsive gamblers worldwide as well as to assist with translation of our literature and setting up meetings if needed.”

The latter part of our statement “and help create a world wide united G.A. fellowship.” gives the International Relations Committee the latitude needed to not only help other countries joining our great Fellowship but also to make suggestions to the Board of Trustees about ways to grow in a timely fashion, much more focused than the previous “We strive to promote unity in Gamblers Anonymous.”

In closing, I am amazed with the dedication of all members on this Committee.

They have understood that, “United in Harmony,” as the theme of this Conference reminds us, we can make a difference. Andre G., Chairman, Int. Relations Comm.

Steve R. reported that Andre G. is stepping down as Chairman of the above committee but will remain as a committee member. Steve R. will be the Chair for the time being.

Andre G. then gave the above report.

Literature Committee:

Committee Chair – Chuck R

Co-Chair Liaison – Chuck R.

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

The Literature Committee has had numerous items to handle since the last Trustee meeting. As you can see on the Montreal agenda, we will be considering many items,

some up for merit approval, some for a first vote and some for a second and final approval vote. I am proud to say that this committee has participated, to a member, in the process.

In the past, the literature approval process has never been quite clear. On the Literature Committee page of the Trustee Website, we have the current version of the process. Agenda item #11 proposes changes, which will improve and clarify that process.

We will also be taking the second and final vote on agenda item #37, the 12-Step Study Workbook. This is a 125 page attachment which I would like all of you to read before casting your votes. We will also be taking a merit vote on agenda item #77 - Twelve Steps of recovery CD. This item has appeared in the past but has been tabled several times and then disappeared for a few years. If you still have your copy that was distributed several years ago, you should listen to it before Montreal. In addition, item#1C from Kansas City was erroneously omitted from the Montreal agenda. This is the Step One Workbook submitted by Andy R. from Area 13B. It will appear as an "item omitted from the agenda" and will get a final approval vote. There are proposed changes to the Information packet as well as the Hosting a Conference booklet. These are all agenda items, which are self-explanatory. Please come to Montreal prepared. It is incumbent upon all Trustees to read the agenda and the attachments so that we can make an informed decision on every item after hearing the presentation.

As always, I am available if any of you have questions about any literature items. I look forward to seeing you in Montreal. Sincerely, Chuck R. Lit Comm Chair
Chuck R. gave the above report. There are numerous literature items on this agenda. The committee has been active and the committee members were thanked by Chuck for their participation.

Literature on CD Committee:

Committee Chair - Jimmy D.– Area 1 **Co-Chair Liaison – Chuck R..**
Mission Statement – To create compact disc recordings of pertinent Gamblers
Anonymous approved literature so all members have access.
No report.

Pressure Relief Committee:

Committee Chair – Alan J.– Area 15 **Co-Chair Liaison – Steve R.**
Mission Statement – This committee is charged with the task of formulating ways
and means to assist any GA meetings that need help implementing PRGMs.
Committee Members; Alan J. Arnie B. Bob W. Chuck B. David F. Gary B. Irwin S.
Larry B. Lloyd A. Lou W. Benni F.

- 1) Each month one committee member has been writing about their personal experience with Pressure relief in the Bulletin. There is also a phone number and e-mail address listed in the Bulletin each month for any member to contact for assistance with Pressure Relief.
- 2) A workshop with an actual reenactment of a pressure relief group meeting will be done in Montreal and is being planned for Louisville as well as Tampa.
- 3) This committee has begun to rewrite the current Pressure Relief Manual. This will hopefully be ready to be presented to the B.O.T. in Louisville.

4) We will be conducting a Pressure Relief one-day workshop in Philadelphia in November. Another is being planed in New York in the early Spring.

Larry B. gave the above report. Alan J. has resigned as committee Chair and Larry B. will be the new Chair. Help with this committee is needed to put on Workshops in different areas. Contact the committee for more information.

Prison Committee, US:

Committee Chair – Mike M. – Area 3D Co-Chair Liaison – Steve R.

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

To my GA Brothers and Sisters:

During the above period, the data collection activity continued. Our list of pending GA meetings was scrubbed, and any potential meeting which were more than one year old or where our contact no longer was available were deleted. Contact with the national judiciary personnel still has not occurred due to the serious health problems of our primary intermediary.

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

Current known active meetings - 27 (5 new meetings were confirmed during the past 6 months; 1 each in Arizona, California, Colorado, Maine, and Michigan). A list of these meetings with details is attached to this report and a copy will be sent to ISO for their use.

ISO sent out 6 prison starter kits, one each to California, Colorado, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, and Michigan. Three of these locations now have active meetings.

We have 4 potential meetings pending verification; 2 in Massachusetts (Massachusetts Correctional Institution in Norfolk and Suffolk House of Correction in Boston), 1 in Kentucky (Federal Correctional Institution in Manchester), and 1 in New York (Federal Correctional Institution in Ray Brook)

ISO sent out 25 prison information packets: 8 to California; 3 to New York; 2 each to Louisiana, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Washington, and 1 each to Florida, Illinois, Nebraska, Oregon, Texas, and Wisconsin. (The request from Oregon came from a prison where a meeting is supposedly being held).

There was 1 new request for a pen pal from California. The previous request was satisfied and the inmate and our member are in communication.

I have received several queries from BOT members about our Outreach Program in Arizona (as it has been quite successful) so I am going to give a presentation at the Montreal conference on how and why it works at 10:15 Saturday morning.

Respectfully submitted, Mike M., Chairperson

Mike M. gave the above report. There are currently 28 meetings with 6 being new. The presentation on the Outreach Program will take place at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday.

Prison Committee, CANADA:

Committee Chair – Jean-Marc L. – Area 5B Co-Chair Liaison – Steve R.

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

Since our last report in April 2009, there were no new J.I.P. meetings opened in Canada, although we have contacted several institutions, especially in Quebec, to know of their needs and offer our presence. We have included the full meeting listing at the end of this report.

A meeting in a men shelter, which was previously closed, has been reopened by a few Montreal members and is now held once every 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 be it inside the walls, in a shelter or in a therapy house.

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

Andre G. gave the above report and all is going fine.

Public Relations Committee:

Committee Chair – Matt H. – Area 16 Co-Chair Liaison – Chuck R.

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

The Public Relations Committee doesn't have very much to report for this period. We have a script in place for a Gamblers Anonymous public service announcement/commercial. A local film student in my area is willing to do it for free and says he will be ready to shoot within the next month or so. We also tossed around some ideas about other tools we could develop to assist in public relations work, one of which would be a small 3"x 1.5" metallic sticker with the hotline number and "Gambling Problem? There is help!" which could be placed on lottery machines or slot machines (with the proper permission).

As always we are open to new members and or any suggestions and ideas anyone may have.

Yours in Recovery, Matt H., Public Relations Committee Chairperson

Matt H. gave the above report. The mission statement will be revised on the website.

Translator Assistance Committee:

Committee Chair – David F. – Area 3A Co-Chair Liaison – Steve R.

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

I have not been in contact with the Montreal Conference Committee nor have I heard from them regarding any need for translation assistance.

I would like to recommend that the Translation Assistance Committee be dissolved and its duties and responsibility become part of the International Relations Committee.

I am submitting my resignation as Chairman of the Translation Assistance Committee effective immediately.

David F., Trustee, Area 3A, San Diego

Denis M. reported that the above committee has been disband. Translator assistance will be handled by the individual conference.

Trustee Allowance and Realignment Committee:

Committee Chair – Ed K. – Area 1A Co-Chair Liaison – Chuck R.

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.

The Trustee Allowance & Realignment Committee has had very little activity since Kansas City where the results of the survey from Houston were handed out. Since that time the committee posted a call for opinions as to whether this committee should continue or dissolve. The single response to that call was a proposal on a formula for Trustee Allocations, which subsequently became an agenda item.

At this time, I (Ed K.) am tendering my resignation as Chairman of this committee and will leave it to the Chair as to whether this committee merits continuance.

Respectfully, Ed K., Chairman

Ed K. gave the above report stating that he is resigning from this committee. This committee has been disband.

Trustee Meeting Rules and Procedures Committee:

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

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

Committee members: Herb B. – Chair, Area 5

Bill B. – Area 15

Carol K. – Area 9

David F. – Area 3A

David M. – Area 12

The mission statement of the committee is: To compile, maintain and amend a manual that will outline the rules and procedures for the Trustee meetings of Gamblers Anonymous.

Since the passing of the Rules and Procedures, the committee has been let to the tasks of maintaining and amending the manual through the actions of the Board of Trustees and the semi-annual Trustee meetings.

For many of you who have not been Trustees longer than the current term, it is very clear that the Trustee meetings have become far more orderly since the passage of the Rules and Procedures by the Board of Trustees. Each subsequent Trustee meeting has resulted in a significant number of agenda items that continue to clarify the procedures we follow.

Decisions made by the Chair of the Board of Trustees that are not covered by the Rules and Procedures will be added to them, in whatever final form they take, including challenges and decisions of the body.

There are 10 items on the Montreal agenda that involve Rules and Procedures. All of these items are submitted to eliminate ambiguous language or to outline specific situations that would not allow subjectivity similar to previous years where the decisions differed from Chair to Chair, session to session and meeting to meeting. With the Rules and Procedures improvements at each Trustee meeting, the efficiency of the Trustee meetings improves and we all spend less time with procedural uncertainties and more time hearing the items on the agenda.

Please be attentive during the items presented and look toward the end results we would see from the successful passing of these items.

David M. gave the above report for Herb B. They are asking to modify the mission statement by taking out “compile” and changing “that will” to “will”. The Chair stated that motions cannot come out of committee reports therefore the above mission statement cannot be changed at this time.

Trustee Website Committee:

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

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

HISTORY OF NEW FEATURES TRIALS AND CHANGES

As per the Trustee website guidelines that were approved by the Board of Trustee as of the Boston '06 Trustee meeting, this page will identify all modifications, changes and new functions that are made to this website in between Trustee meetings in order to maintain compliance with the guidelines listed above.

Items that involve content maintenance and other related changes already disclosed to the Board of Trustees are not included in this listing.

- 6/15/09- Addition of the Trustee Travel Schedule
- 5/6/09- Addition of the Guidance Code and By-Laws in the reference material section
- 5/4/09- Conversion of applicable website pages and functions to Montreal from Kansas City
- 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

- 7/9/08- Removal of the Guidance Code from the reference material page as per the Chair of the BOT
- 7/9/08- Removal of the By-Laws from the reference material page as per the Chair of the BOT
- 5/7/08- Addition of Local Area Help Flyer page
- 5/3/08- Addition of Trustee Orientation page
- 4/13/08- Addition of By-Laws
- 4/13/08- Addition of Rules and Procedures manual
- 4/13/08 Creation of this page

David M. gave the above report.

Website Revision Committee:

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

Mission Statement - To review new designs, features, enhancements and any other changes that would be demonstrated to the Board of Trustees for approval and deployment to any website approved by the Board of Trustees.

Committee members:

David M. – Chair, Area 12

Ian S. – Area 6D

Jim E. – Area 2H

Robert I. – Area 5B

Paula C. – Area 3C

The Board of Regents approved the contract for the website revision in its August 21st meeting with a vote of 9-0. A minor error was found in the terms, of which the ISO notified the website development company. The executed amended contract was mailed to the website company for their signature. Upon return of same, ISO will issue the 1st of 3 installment checks in the amount of \$2,250 and the start of the ISO website revision programming will begin. Estimated time for this project to be operational will be prior to the Louisville Trustee meeting, although it might be possible to see it just after the beginning of the year.

The rollout of the new site will come in stages:

1) - Beta testing as a separate stand-alone site to check for errors including:

Content

Links within the site

Meeting information

Meeting information addition and modification protocols

Telephone hotline linkage

Online credit card transactions

Reporting procedures for online transactions to ISO

Shopping cart pictures and editing capabilities

2) - Linked access to the new site from the existing ISO website

3) - Replacement of the existing Gamblers Anonymous website to the new one

During the various rollout stages, the Board of Trustees will have the opportunity to view and use the new site and view its features. The site will not be visible through any search engines and will therefore not be confused or interfere with the existing ISO website. David M.

David M. gave the above report explaining some facts about the new website and how it is going to function.

Rules and Procedures

1 - Joe B. - Area 6C

Rules and Procedures

Rules and Procedures - Point of Order

Current Version: A point of order may be posed by any current Trustee by rising and stating out loud, 'point of order', if he/she thinks that the Chairperson is invoking an improper procedure. The person shall point out specifically in what manner the Chair is out of order. No discussion will be allowed from the floor on the point of order. Any current Trustee may challenge the decision of the Chair.

Proposed Version: A point of order may be posed by any current Trustee by rising and stating out loud, 'point of order', if he/she thinks that the Chairperson is invoking an improper procedure. The person shall briefly point out specifically in what manner the Chair is out of order. The Chair will respond to give the reasoning behind the decision of the Chair and either affirm or rescind the decision in question. No other discussion will be allowed from the floor on the point of order.

Any current Trustee may challenge the decision of the Chair.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

2 - Joe B. - Area 6C

Rules and Procedures

Rules and Procedures - Challenge

Current Version: Any current Trustee who feels that the presiding Chair has committed a procedural error may challenge the Chair and must give the reason for the challenge. The Chair must respond to the challenge. The challenge must receive a second. There is no discussion on a challenge. The Trustees will then vote on whether the presiding chair's action was in order or not. A challenge can be an open outcry that immediately stops the business currently on the floor.

Proposed Version: Once a point of order has been called and completed, any current Trustee may challenge the Chair. A challenge can be an open outcry that immediately stops the business currently on the floor. The challenge must receive a second. A maximum of 5 minutes will be allotted for discussion only on the challenge, starting with the challenger and then open to current Trustees. No person may speak more than once on the challenge. Such time will not interfere with the remaining time on the discussion, motion or amendment. If there are no other speakers on the challenge, or the challenge time limit has expired, the Chair must declare whether it will reverse or maintain the decision. If the Chair maintains its position, the Trustees will then vote on whether the presiding chair's action was in order or not.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

3 - David M. - Area 12

Rules and Procedures

Rules and Procedures - Executive Board - Procedure For Elections

Remove current procedures for election of the Chairman and Co-Chairs and replace with the following:

Election Procedures for the Chairman and Co-Chairs of Board of Trustees, or replacement of a Co-Chair that is no longer able to carry out his/her responsibilities.

See attachment #3

Motion to accept above.

Passed

4 - Carol K. - Area 9

Rules and Procedures

Add to the current procedure for literature the following: Movement of any wording in any GA approved literature to another part of that literature is deemed as a literature change.

Motion to add to procedure for literature the following: Movement of any wording in any G.A. approved literature to another part of that literature is deemed as a literature change.

Approved 44 Against 50

Failed

5 - Carol K. - Area 9

Rules and Procedures

Rules and Procedures - Add to Literature Approval Process

All literature that is being worked on by the literature committee is to be posted to the Trustee website and updated regularly in order for Trustees to see the progress and changes being made.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

6 - David M. - Area 12

Rules and Procedures

Rules and Procedures - Trustee Website Guidelines, Section B

Current version: The Trustee Website will be under the control of a standing Trustee Website committee made up of either current or past Trustees, 2 of which must have website programming experience. The committee will maintain the content and administrate the Trustee website. It will also give reports at each Trustee meeting of new additions and modifications that the committee would like to have approved for deployment on the Trustee website. Any such changes may be showcased between Trustee meetings for the members to use in order to help render a more informed decision by the B.O.T. at the next physical meeting, regarding an approval or denial of the new changes. During that period, the committee will be under the guidance of the Chair of the B.O.T. as to appropriateness of the new features that are pending B.O.T decisions.

Proposed version: The Trustee Website will be under the control of a standing Trustee Website committee made up of either current or past Trustees, 2 of which must have website programming experience. The committee will maintain the content and administrate the Trustee website. It will also give reports at each Trustee meeting of new additions and modifications that the committee would like to have permanently approved for deployment on the Trustee website. Any such changes may first be implemented on the Trustee website between Trustee meetings for the members to use, in order to help render a more informed decision by the

B.O.T. at the next physical meeting, regarding a permanent approval or denial of the new changes. During that period, the committee will be under the guidance of the Chair of the B.O.T. as to appropriateness of the new features that are pending B.O.T decisions.

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to remove words “permanently” and “permanent”.

Passed

On the motion.

Passed

7 - David M. - Area 12

Rules and Procedures

Rules and Procedures - Changing a Procedure

Current version: Agenda items that address Trustee meeting rules and procedures will always be the first order of business and if passed by a simple majority will take effect immediately. Whenever the presiding chair is challenged regarding an existing procedure and the challenge is successful, the new procedure will immediately take effect. All changes will become part of the Rules and Procedures Manual.

Changing or Adding a Procedure (title and text change)

Proposed version: Agenda items that address Trustee meeting rules and procedures will always be the first order of business and if passed by a simple majority will take effect immediately and will become part of the Rules and Procedures Manual. If a current member of the Board of Trustee is interested in adding a procedure that is not outlined in either the Guidance Code or the Rules and Procedures Manual, it must be submitted as an agenda item. If a presiding Chair invokes a procedure during a Board of Trustee meeting that is not outlined in either the Guidance Code or the Rules and Procedures Manual, either with or without a challenge, the new procedure will immediately take effect and will become part of the Rules and Procedures Manual.

Motion to accept above with “s” after Trustee.

Passed

8 - David M. - Area 12

Rules and Procedures

Rules and Procedures, Section 29, Time - Time Limit

Remove 'and past' and add 'Only' to the beginning of that sentence.

Current version: Agenda items, other than committee reports and conference bids, are limited to 15 minutes in length excluding procedural issues. The BOT must approve each additional 15 minute segment. Current and past Trustees can vote to extend time.

Proposed version: Agenda items, other than committee reports and conference bids, are limited to 15 minutes in length excluding procedural issues. The BOT must approve each additional 15 minute segment. Only current Trustees can vote to extend time.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 49 Against 49

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	6	Harvey C.	No	12	David M.	Yes
	Ed K.	Yes		Ray H.*	No		Matty C.	No
	Kathie S.	Yes		Ray H.	No		Ted S.	No
	Steve F.	Yes	6A	Sal F.	No	13	John B.	No
	Jose N.	Yes	6B	Dina P.	Yes		Ron C.	No
1A	Doug L.	Yes		Dina P.*	Yes		Greg M.	No
2	Don Y.	Yes	6C	Joe B.	Yes	13A	Kevin O.	No
	Erv G.	Yes		Dennis A.*	No	13B	Andy R.	Yes
2A	Paul N.	No		Dennis A.	No		Pete K.	Yes
2B	C.J. D.	Yes		Parks H.	No	14	Al O.	No
	Steve R.	No	6D	Ian S.**	Yes		Brad B.	Yes
2G	Debb W.	Yes	7	Leanne W.	No		Paul C.*	No
	Kathleen J.	No	7A	Bill E.	Yes		Paul C.	No
2H	Linda W.*	Yes		John G.	No	15	Alan J.	No
	Linda W.	Yes	8	Allen H.	No		Chuck R.	Yes
2K	Ken K.	No		Arnie B.	No		Marty D.	No
3	Gladys C.	Yes		Jeff F.	Yes		Mike R.	Yes
	Jan A.	Yes		Kathy H.	No		Stanley C.	Yes
	Jan A.*	Yes	8A	Kathleen J.*	Yes		Bill B.	No
	Liz N.	Yes		Jeanne B.	Yes	16	John V.	Yes
3A	Linda S.*	Yes	8B	Dan W.	Yes		Matt H.	No
	Linda S.	Yes	8C	Jeanne B.*	Yes	17	Brad B.*	Yes
	Willie F.	No	8D	Dan W.*	Yes		Al O.*	No
3B	Bill S.	Yes	9	Carol K.	Yes	18A	Andy R.*	Yes
	Bill S.*	Yes		Carol K.*	Yes		Yvonne R.**	No
3C	David M.*	Yes	10	Paulette M.	Yes	18B	David M.**	No
3D	Mike M.	No	10A	Norm B.	Yes		Rob H.**	No
	Mike M.*	No		Sammy S.	No	20	George G.	No
3F	Julian F.	No		Jim P.	No	22	Steve R.*	No
4	Richard F.	No	10B	Chuck B.	No	24	Mika L.	Yes
5	Herb B.	Yes		Gary B.	No	25	Mike R.*	Yes
5A	Joe B.*	Yes	11	Bob B.	No	26	Andre G.*	Yes
5B	Andre G.	Yes		Mary Lou L.	No		Herb B.*	Yes
	Emile T.	Yes		Paul D.	No	28	Debb W.*	Yes
5C	John L.	Yes	12	Bob W.	No	31	Donatas Z.**	Yes

* Proxy Vote
** Absentee Vote

Approved 57 Against 48 Abstained 0
Passed

9 - David M. - Area 12

Rules and Procedures

Rules and Procedures, Section 9, New Category, Priority of Speakers

The chairs will maintain a list of all qualified speakers who raise their hands to speak on the item introduced by the presiding meeting Chair. After the 1st speaker, only current members of the Board of Trustees will be called upon before any other qualified speakers. When all current members of the BOT have spoken, the remainder of the qualified speakers will be permitted to speak. The presiding Chair will have the ability to ask questions of any GA member to help clarify any questions or uncertainties regarding the item on the floor. Such questions by the Chair will supersede anyone on the list of speakers waiting to speak on the item.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

During this item Richie S. resigned as Parliamentarian. The Chair then appointed George L. from New Jersey as the new Parliamentarian for the remainder of this meeting.

10 - Chuck R. - Area 15

Rules and Procedures

Rules and Procedures, Section 15, Literature Approval Process

Any agenda item submitted for BOT approval that may require work by the Literature Committee must appear as an agenda attachment in an editable format acceptable to the Literature Committee.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

Tabled Items From Kansas City

11 - David M. - Area 12

Tabled Items From Kansas City

Item #4 from Kansas City

Rules and Procedures - Literature Approval Process

See attachment #11

Motion to accept above.

Passed

12 - David M. - Area 12

Tabled Items From Kansas City

Item #23 from Kansas City

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.

A committee was appointed. The committee members are Benni F., Area 1; Kathy S., Area 1; Ara H., Area 1; Don Y., Area 2; Erv G., Area 2; Herb B., Area 5; Arnie B., Area 8; David M., Area 12; Pete K., Area 13B; Bill B., Area 15 and Matt H., Area 16. Denis M. will be the liaison for this committee and the committee Chair is Herb B.

13 - Mary-Lou L. - Area 11

Tabled Items From Kansas City

Item #36 from Kansas City

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.

Item withdrawn.

14 - Mary-Lou L. - Area 11

Tabled Items From Kansas City

Item #45 from Kansas City

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.

Item withdrawn.

15 - Mary-Lou L. - Area 11

Tabled Items From Kansas City

Item #51 from Kansas City

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 accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

16 - Chris G. for Drew Z. - Area 2H

Tabled Items From Kansas City

Item #55 from Kansas City

ONE DAY AT A TIME BOOK:

Approve the cross reference indexes to be placed in the One Day At A Time book.

See attachment #16 - 2 parts

Amendment to approve the cross reference indexes for the Day at a Time book as a separate piece of G.A. literature as submitted in part 1 & 2 of attachment 16.

Amendment was ruled out of order.

On the motion.

Failed

17 - Lucio L. - Area 25

Tabled Items from Kansas City

Item #65 from Kansas City

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 to Kentucky.

Passed

18 - Mary-Lou L. - Area 11

Tabled Items From Kansas City

Item #75 from Kansas City

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 accept above with the words "MORE" and "CAN" in in bold print.

Failed

19 - Marshall R. - Area 12

Tabled Items From Kansas City

Item #85 from Kansas City

Discuss about having more public relations in the Gamblers Anonymous fellowship.

Discussion was held. Several different ideas were presented.

20. - Marshall R. - Area 12

Tabled Items From Kansas City

Item #86 from Kansas City

Discuss what is being done in the individual Gamblers Anonymous rooms throughout the United States and Canada to have more retention in our fellowship.

Discussion was held. Several different ideas were presented.

21 - Marshall R. - Area 12

Tabled Items From Kansas City

Item #87 from Kansas City

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.

Discussion only.

22. - Lucio L. - Area 25

Tabled Items From Kansas City

Item #94 from Kansas City

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 accept above.

Motion to table to Kentucky.

Approved 65 Against 27

Passed

Motion is pending.

23 - Ed E. - Area 2

Tabled Items From Kansas City

Item #1B from Kansas City

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.

It is the consensus of this Board to form a committee. Chair formed a committee with the following committee members: Ed E., Area 2; Erv G., Area 2; Richie S., Area 6; Dina P., Area 6B; Paul D., Area 11; David M., Area 12 and Andy R., Area 13B. Richie S., will Chair this committee and the Co-Chair will be Erv G. The liaison is Chuck R.

Items Requiring a 2nd Vote

24 - Howie C. - Area 3

Items Requiring a 2nd Vote

Item #28 from Kansas City

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.

Passed 1st vote in Kansas City 77-27

Approved 85 Against 6

Passed

2nd Vote

25 - Larry B. - Area 15

Items Requiring a 2nd Vote

Item #31 from Kansas City

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 reasons) 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.

Passed 1st vote in Kansas City 73-25

Approved 87 Against 0

Passed

2nd Vote

26 - Ed E. - Area 2

Items Requiring a 2nd Vote

Item #34 from Kansas City

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

Passed 1st vote in Kansas City 86-10

Approved 90 Against 4

Passed

2nd Vote

27 - Matt H. - Area 16

Items Requiring a 2nd Vote

Item #40 from Kansas City

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.

Passed 1st vote in Kansas City

Passed

2nd Vote

28 - Arnie B. - Area 8

Items Requiring a 2nd Vote

Item #46 from Kansas City

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.

Passed 1st vote in Kansas City

Passed

2nd Vote

29 - Richie S. - Area 6

Items Requiring a 2nd Vote

Item #56 from Kansas City

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 members need the guidance of a Sponsor. It is advisable whenever possible that the sponsor and the sponsored be the same gender.

Passed 1st vote in Kansas City

Passed

2nd Vote

30 - Larry B. - Area 15

Items Requiring a 2nd Vote

Item #58 from Kansas City

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: Responsibilities of International Trustees of Gamblers

Anonymous

Passed 1st vote in Kansas City

Passed

2nd Vote

31 - Larry B. - Area 15

Items Requiring a 2nd Vote

Item #59 from Kansas City

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).

Passed 1st vote in Kansas City

Passed

2nd Vote

32 - Larry B. - Area 15

Items Requiring a 2nd Vote

Item #60 from Kansas City

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.)

Passed 1st vote in Kansas City

Passed

2nd Vote

33 - Larry B. - Area 15

Items Requiring a 2nd Vote

Item #61 from Kansas City

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.

Passed 1st vote in Kansas City

Passed

2nd Vote

34 - Larry B. - Area 15

Items Requiring a 2nd Vote

Item #62 from Kansas City

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).

Passed 1st vote in Kansas City

Passed

2nd Vote

35 - Steve R. - Area 2

Items Requiring a 2nd Vote

Item #64 from Kansas City

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 in Kansas City

Passed

2nd Vote

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

Items Requiring a 2nd Vote

Item #80 from Kansas City

Combo book, page 13

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.

Passed 1st vote in Kansas City

Passed

2nd Vote

37 - Dan C. - Area 3A

Items Requiring a 2nd Vote

Approve as new literature - 12 Step Study Workbook

See attachment #37

Passed merit vote in Portland

Passed 1st approval vote in Houston

Motion to accept above.

Failed

Items that Passed the Merit Vote

38 - Steve R. - Area 2

Items that Passed the Merit Vote

Item #63 from Kansas City

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

Motion to table to Kentucky.

Passed

BOT Procedures

39 - Gary S. for George L. - Area 12

BOT Procedures

To have single annual BOT International Conference per year starting with Spring 2012.

Motion to have one International Board of Trustees Conference per year starting with the Spring 2012 Conference to coincide with the Gam-Anon National Conference. The Chair was challenged that this item is the same as item #58 from the Houston agenda and does not meet the two year rule. The vote on the challenge fails therefore the Chair is in order and so is the motion.

Amendment was made to remove "Gam-Anon" from the motion.

Passed

On the motion.

Failed

40 - Bob W. - Area 12

BOT Procedures

Discussion of conferences having a greater flexible time period in order to conserve on hotel and room costs.

Discussion only.

41 - Andy R. - Area 13B

BOT Procedures

Discussion: Live video conferencing of the trustee meetings to trustees outside of North America.

Motion to table to Kentucky.

Passed

Combo Book

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

Combo Book

COMBO BOOK, PAGE 10 - #3 IMMATURITY - SENTENCE 1

Current Version: A desire to have all the good things in life without any great effort on their part seems the common character pattern of problem gamblers.

Proposed Version: A desire to have all the good things in life without any great effort on their part seems the common character pattern of compulsive gamblers.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

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

Combo Book

COMBO BOOK, PAGE 13 - SECOND LINE

Current Version: When it comes to gambling, we have known many problem gamblers who could abstain for long stretches, but caught off guard and under the right set of circumstances, they started gambling without thought of the consequences.

Proposed Version: When it comes to gambling, we have known many compulsive gamblers who could abstain for long stretches, but caught off guard and under the right set of circumstances, they started gambling without thought of the consequences.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

44 - Larry G. - Area 5

Combo Book

Combo Book, Page 2, Third Paragraph, 4th sentence. Add the word 'active'

Current Version: The idea that somehow, someday, we will control our gambling is the great obsession of every compulsive gambler.

Proposed Version: The idea that somehow, someday, we will control our gambling is the great obsession of every active compulsive gambler.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

45 - Richie S. - Area 6

Combo Book

Combo Book, Page 2, 3rd paragraph, 1st sentence, change the word 'problem' to the word 'compulsive'.

Current version: Most of us have been unwilling to admit we were real problem gamblers.

Proposed version: Most of us have been unwilling to admit we were real compulsive gamblers

Motion to accept above.

Approved 45 Against 50

Failed

46 - Alan J. - Area 15

Combo Book

Combo Book, Page 11

Current Version: They may dream of providing families and friends with cars, mink coats, and other luxuries.

Proposed version: They dream of providing families and friends with expensive cars, big homes, and exotic vacations.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

47 - Arnie B. for Harvey M. - Area 8

Combo Book

COMBO BOOK PAGE 8, UNDER 'WHAT IS COMPULSIVE GAMBLING?' 1ST PARAGRAPH & IN THE PAMPHLET: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON PAGE 1 UNDER 'WHAT IS COMPULSIVE GAMBLING?' SECOND SENTENCE AFTER THE WORD 'THAT'

CURRENT VERSION: COMPULSIVE GAMBLING IS AN ILLNESS, PROGRESSIVE IN ITS NATURE, WHICH CAN NEVER BE CURED, BUT CAN BE ARRESTED.

PROPOSED VERSION: COMPULSIVE GAMBLING IS UNCONTROLLED GAMBLING WHICH THE GAMBLER IS COMPELLED TO CONTINUE. IT IS AN ILLNESS, PROGRESSIVE IN ITS NATURE, WHICH CAN NEVER BE CURED, BUT CAN BE ARRESTED.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

48 – Arnie B. for Frank G. - Area 8

Combo Book

COMBO BOOK, PAGE 4 UNDER THE RECOVERY PROGRAM, STEP 5, AND WHERE ELSE STEP 5 APPEARS IN ANY OF OUR LITERATURE. REPLACE THE WORDS 'HUMAN BEING' WITH THE WORD 'PERSON'.

CURRENT VERSION: ADMITTED TO OURSELVES AND TO ANOTHER HUMAN BEING THE EXACT NATURE OF OUR WRONGS.

PROPOSED VERSION: ADMITTED TO OURSELVES AND TO ANOTHER PERSON THE EXACT NATURE OF OUR WRONGS

Motion to accept above.

Approved 1 Against 90

Failed

49 - Lloyd A. - Area 6

Combo Book

Combo Book, Page 16, Bottom

Current Version: Most compulsive gamblers will answer yes to at least seven of these questions

Proposed Version: Leave Blank

Motion to accept above.

Failed

50 - Steve F. for Ken F. - Area 1

Combo Book

Combo Book, Page 3

Current Version: Therefore, in order to lead normal happy lives, we try to practice to the best of our ability, certain principles in our daily affairs.

Proposed Version: Therefore, in order to lead happier, more normal lives, we try to practice to the best of our ability, certain principles in our daily affairs.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

51 - Steve F. for Ken F. - Area 1

Combo Book

Combo Book, Page 17

#5 Capitalize and bold face TWENTY QUESTIONS!

#6 Capitalize and bold face ADHERENCE TO IT WILL AID IN YOUR RECOVERY!

Motion to change Combo Book, Page 17, #5 Capitalize and bold face TWENTY QUESTIONS and #7 Capitalize and bold face ADHERENCE TO IT WILL AID IN YOUR RECOVERY.

Failed

52 - Paul N. - Area 2A

Combo Book

Combo Book Page 8, First Paragraph

Add 'One day at a time' after the first paragraph.

Current Version: Compulsive gambling is an illness, progressive in its nature, which can never be cured, but can be arrested.

Proposed Version: Compulsive gambling is an illness, progressive in its nature, which can never be cured, but can be arrested one day at a time.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

53 - Arnie B. for Joe K. - Area 8

Combo Book

Combo Book, page 3, 1st sentence 2nd line

change the word 'are' to the word 'were'.

Current Version: We learned we had to concede fully to our innermost selves that we are compulsive gamblers.

Proposed Version: We learned we had to concede fully to our innermost selves that we were compulsive gamblers.

Item withdrawn.

54 - Matt H. for Brett S. - Area 16

Combo Book

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

Change the word neither to both.

Current version: ...as the months passed neither had returned to gambling.

Proposed version: ... as the months passed both returned to gambling.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

55 - Sal S. - Area 16

Combo Book

Combo Book, Pg 8, What is compulsive gambling?, Paragraph 2

Change 'can recover' to 'can experience recovery'

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

Proposed version: The Gamblers Anonymous concept is that compulsive gamblers are really very sick people who can experience recovery if they will follow to the best

of their ability a simple program that has proved successful for thousands of men and women with a gambling or compulsive gambling problem.

Motion to table to Kentucky.

Passed

56 - Richard F. - Area 4

Combo Book

Combo Book, Page 17, Item 1

Add the word 'FULL' to it.

Current Version: 'Attend as many meetings per week as possible. MEETINGS MAKE IT'

Proposed Version: 'Attend as many FULL meetings per week as possible. MEETINGS MAKE IT.'

Motion to accept above.

Failed

57 - Richard F. - Area 4

Combo Book

Combo Book, Page 3, 1st Paragraph

Rewrite the sentence that includes 'or presently may be' as follows:

Current Version: With reference to gambling, the delusions 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 or ever will be has to be smashed.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

Committee Related

58 - Andre G. - Area 5B

Committee Related

Change the Mission statement of the International Relations Committee.

Present version: 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.

Proposed version: Assist the Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous with International matters and help create a world wide united Gamblers Anonymous.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

Conference Bids

59 - The Spring '11 Midwestern Conference is open to all areas

No bids were received. Will remain open to bid. Areas are being asked to go back to their Intergroups to see if anyone is interested in stepping up and hosting this open Conference. Denis M. appointed Tom M. and Bob W. to check into finding a site, if needed, to hold the Trustees meeting only in the Spring of 2011.

60 - The Fall '11 Western Conference is open for bids

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

Group Procedures

61 - Ara H. - Area 1

Group Procedures

Discussion: Can a meeting (group) participate, attend and donate to two different Intergroups, and therefore be able to submit birthdays and events on the bulletins of both Intergroups.

Discussion was held. It was the consensus of this Board is that it is O.K. to belong to more than one Intergroup.

Guidance Code

62 - David M. - Area 12

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article IX, Officers of the Board of Trustees, new Section 1A - Officer replacement procedure.

In the event that the Chairman of the Board of Trustees is no longer able to carry out his/her responsibilities and must be replaced, the 1st Co-Chair will assume the position of Chairman and the 2nd Co-Chair will become the 1st Co-Chair. A new 2nd Co-Chair must be elected.

In the event that the 1st Co-Chair of the Board of Trustees is no longer able to carry out his/her responsibilities and must be replaced, the 2nd Co-Chair will become the 1st Co-Chair. A new 2nd Co-Chair must be elected.

In the event that the 2nd Co-Chair of the Board of Trustees is no longer able to carry out his/her responsibilities and must be replaced, a new 2nd Co-Chair must be elected.

All such changes will require the election of a new 2nd Co-Chair at the 1st physical Trustee meeting possible immediately following written notification to the International Executive Secretary, or personally to the Board of Trustees at a physical Trustee meeting. All changes in the Executive Board will be for the remaining time in the current term. Elections will be carried out following Board of Trustees approved procedures.

Item withdrawn.

63 - David M. - Area 12

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article VIII, Section 25

Change 'the identical' to 'any similar'.

Current version: Upon the defeat of a motion, the identical motion may not be brought up for a vote for a period of two (2) years.

Proposed version: Upon the defeat of a motion, any similar motion may not be brought up for a vote for a period of two (2) years.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 89 Against 18

Passed

1st Vote

Page 6, Article VIII, New Section 3A.

No Trustee shall serve more than two consecutive terms as trustee. The only exception to this will be if no one else runs for trustee in that trustee's area in which case the two consecutive term rule will be waived.

If one serves two terms as trustee and then doesn't run for the next term, at the conclusion of that term that individual is eligible to run again and the above rule regarding the two consecutive terms limit will apply.

Motion that the following shall take affect 2010, page 6, Article VIII, new section 3A; No Trustee shall serve more than two consecutive terms as Trustee. The only exception to this will be if no one else runs for Trustee in that Trustees Area in which case the two consecutive term rule will be waived. If one serves two terms as Trustee and then doesn't run for the next term, at the conclusion of that term that individual is eligible to run again and the above rule regarding the two consecutive terms limit will apply.

Amendment to add the word "full" between the words "two" and "consecutive".

Passed

On the motion.

Approved 66 Against 35

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	6	Harvey C.	Yes	12	Bob W.	No
	Ed K.	Yes		Ray H.*	Yes		David M.	No
	Kathie S.	No		Ray H.	Yes		Matty C.	Yes
	Steve F.	Yes	6A	Sal F.	Yes		Ted S.	Yes
	Jose N.	Yes	6B	Dina P.	No	13	John B.	No
1A	Doug L.	Yes		Dina P.*	No		Ron C.	No
2	Don Y.	Yes	6C	Joe B.	No		Greg M.	No
	Erv G.	Yes		Dennis A.*	Yes	13A	Kevin O.	Yes
2A	Paul N.	Yes		Dennis A.	Yes	13B	Andy R.	Yes
2B	C.J. D.	Yes		Parks H.	Yes		Pete K.	No
	Steve R.	Yes	7	Kathy S.	Yes	14	Al O.	Yes
2G	Debb W.	Yes		Leanne W.	Yes		Brad B.*	No
	Kathleen J.	Yes	7A	Bill E.	No		Paul C.*	Yes
2H	Linda W.*	Yes		John G.	No		Paul C.	Yes
	Linda W.	Yes	8	Allen H.	Yes	15	Alan J.	No
2K	Ken K.	Yes		Arnie B.	Yes		Chuck R.	No
3	Gladys C.	Yes		Jeff F.	Yes		Marty D.	Yes
	Jan A.	Yes		Kathy H.	Yes		Mike R.	Yes
	Jan A.*	Yes	8A	Kathleen J.*	No		Stanley C.	Yes
	Liz N.	No		Jeanne B.	No		Bill B.	No
3A	Linda S.*	No	8B	Dan W.	Yes	16	John V.	No
	Linda S.	Yes	8C	Jeanne B.*	No		Matt H.	No
	Willie F.	Yes	8D	Dan W.*	Yes	17	Brad B.*	No
3B	Bill S.	Yes	9	Carol K.	No		Al O.*	Yes
	Bill S.*	Yes		Carol K.*	No	18A	Andy R.*	Yes

3C	David M.*	No	10	Paulette M.	Yes	20	George G.	Yes
3D	Mike M.	Yes	10A	Norm B.	Yes	22	Steve R.*	Yes
	Mike M.*	Yes		Sammy S.	Yes	24	Mika L.	Yes
3F	Julian F.	Yes		Jim P.	Yes	25	Mike R.*	Yes
	Richard F.	No	10B	Chuck B.	Yes	26	Andre G.*	No
5	Herb B.	No		Gary B.	Yes		Herb B.*	No
5A	Joe B.*	No	11	Bob B.	No	28	Debb W.*	Yes
5B	Andre G.	No		Mary Lou L.	No			
	Emile T.	No		Paul D.	Yes			
5C	John L.	Yes	12	Bob W.*	No			

* Proxy Vote

Approved 65 Against 37 Abstained 0
Failed (2/3 Yes Vote Needed
Guidance Code Change)

65 - Joe B. - Area 6C

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Section 17A

Current version: Only current and/or former members of the Board of Trustees and current members of the Board of Regents shall be permitted to speak at a Trustee meeting. Exceptions to this section shall be made for discussion on conference site selection and when a Gamblers Anonymous member authors an agenda item and wishes to speak on that item.

Proposed version: Only current and/or former members of the Board of Trustees, the current Chairman of the Board of Regents and the International Executive Secretary shall be permitted to speak at a Trustee meeting, in accordance with procedures outlined by the Board of Trustees Rules and Procedures. Exceptions to this section shall be made for discussion on conference site selection and when a Gamblers Anonymous member authors an agenda item and wishes to speak on that item.

Motion to accept above.

Amendment #1 to add “or their representative”.

Passed

Amendment #2 to add “who are members of Gamblers Anonymous”.

Passed

On the motion.

Approved 30 Against 53

Failed

66 - David M. - Area 12

Guidance Code

Guidance Code - Election of Trustees, New Section 2A,

Each area will automatically have an allocation of 1 Trustee for every 10 GA rooms that meet in that area on a regular weekly basis, with a minimum of 2 Trustees per area. The allocation amount will be set at the Board of Trustees realignment meeting. Each area will be allowed to elect as many Trustees as they wish, but in an amount not to exceed the allocation authorized by the Board of Trustees.

Motion to accept above.
Approved 38 Against 40
Failed

67 - Ed K. - Area 1

Guidance Code

Guidance Code - Article VII, Groups, New Section 1A.

Whereas the only requirement for Gamblers Anonymous membership is a desire to stop gambling, no group can exclude any member from attending any meeting. Group types such as Men Only, Women Only or Singles Only etc., are exclusionary by definition and will not be recognized as a Gamblers Anonymous meeting, irrespective of meeting all the requirements in Article VII, Section 1 of the Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code. Group types can contain the word 'Preferred' but cannot prohibit any Gamblers Anonymous member from attending that meeting, nor limit that member's ability to participate in the proceedings of the meeting.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 52 Against 36 2/3 Vote Needed
Failed Guidance Code Change

ISO Procedures

68 - 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.

Motion to accept above.

Motion to table to Kentucky.

Passed

Motion pending.

69 - Joe B. - Area 6C

ISO Procedures

Motion to have the pages of the Information Packet numbered for better reference.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

ISO Procedures

Remove the Gam-Anon link from Gamblers Anonymous website as this is a violation of our unity program.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

71 - Ted S. - Area 12

ISO Procedures

Discussion, Supporting Gamblers Anonymous ISO. - A Program in Crisis

Discussion was held.

72 - Larry B. - Area 15

ISO Procedures

Include the approved page entitled 'Guidelines for National Trustees of Gamblers Anonymous' with each mailing and/or emailing of the Confidential Board of Trustees Listing.

This will be done.

73 - Larry B. - Area 15

ISO Procedures

Discussion: How ISO can improve its current procedure for collecting Life Liner contributions.

Discussion was held.

New Literature Merit Vote

74 - Willie F. - Area 3A

New Literature Merit Vote

Approve a song for GA. The name of the song is 'One Day At A Time'. It will be on CD. It will be done live by the author. The lyrics are listed below.

ONE DAY AT A TIME

I'm only human, I'm just a man

Lord, Help me to be all that I can

Show me the stairway that I have to climb.

Lord for my sake, teach me to take one day at a time.

One day at a time, Sweet Saviour,

That's all that I am asking of you.

Lord for my sake, teach me to take one day at a time.

Yesterday is gone Sweet Saviour,

and tomorrow, tomorrow may never be mine.

Lord for my sake teach me to take one day at a time.

Do you remember, when you walk among men?

**Well, Saviour you know if you are looking below,
it is worse now than then.**

Lying and gambling is clouding my mind.

Lord for my sake, teach me to take one day at a time.

One day at a time Sweet Saviour,

That's all I am asking of you.

Yesterday is gone Sweet Saviour,

and tomorrow, tomorrow may never be mine.

Lord for my sake teach me to take one day at a time.

Motion to accept above.

Item ruled out of order.

75 - Linda S. - Area 3A

New Literature Merit Vote

A pamphlet containing Trustee Responsibilities and Guidelines gathered from many GA- approved and GA-appropriate sources to be presented to new trustees by ISO upon election. This tool may also be available for current trustees and those who think they might want to run for trustee to review what the trustee responsibilities and guidelines are (for sale by ISO).

See attachment #75

Motion to accept above as merit vote as written.

Passed

Item will go to the Literature committee.

76 - Joe B. - Area 6C

New Literature Merit Vote

Approve as new literature, making up 6 separate cards, to be sold by ISO, like the current, 'Let it Stay Here' Card (4" X 7-1/2"- Doubled Sided Heavy Stock) with Slogans of the Program, these will be sold as a kit and the price set by ISO. They can then be displayed by the room, during the meetings.

Below are the 6 separate Slogans:

1. One Day At A Time

Keep Coming Back

2. Let It Begin With Me

3. I Can Only Change Myself

4. It Works If You Work It

5. Help Is As Near As My Phone

6. Work The Steps

Motion to accept above as merit vote.

Passed

Item will go to the Literature committee.

77 - Ralph D. - Area 6A

New Literature Merit Vote

Approve as new literature: 'Introduction to the Twelve Steps of Recovery' CD.

Item ruled out of order.

Other Literature

78 - David M. - Area 12

Other Literature

Group Handbook, Insert new section after 'Establishing a GA Group' on page 6

Compiling a Written Room Format

See attachment #78

Motion to accept above, changing "personality" to "personalities".

Amendment to change "absolutely essential for" to "strongly recommended that".

Failed

On the motion.

Passed

1st Vote

79 - Alan J. - Area 15

Other Literature

Hosting a National Conference, change the introduction

Current version: National conferences are held twice a year with the location determined by a vote of the Board of Trustees. The voting takes place two years prior to that national conference. Conferences should be scheduled as close as possible to the first of May and the First of November. Conferences are based around the trustee meetings, which start at 1:00 PM on Thursday. These meetings quite often go through Friday and on occasion into Saturday. During the Spring

conferences provisions must be made for Gam-anon to hold their meeting. Close attention must be paid to holidays so as not to have the convention during or conflicting with any national or religious holidays. Who can bid and when will be covered under eligibility.

Proposed version:

INTRODUCTION

National conferences, held twice a year in the fall and spring, offer a unique opportunity for sharing the experience, strength, and hope of our program. The semiannual GA Board of Trustees meeting precedes each of these two conferences promising a greater attendance of membership from around the world to add to the significance of the conferences. Additionally, the annual meeting of the Gam-Anon Board of Delegates precedes the spring national conference. Insofar as these 2 conferences are attached to these trustee meetings, these conferences are distinguished from the many mini-conferences that are held, and their offerings should be greater. The Board of Trustees determines the conference sites by vote. The voting takes place two years prior to that conference. Conferences should be scheduled as close as possible to the first of May and the first of November. The Trustees meetings usually begin at 10 AM on Thursday continue through Friday and, on occasion, into Saturday. Close attention must be paid to holidays so as not to have the trustees meetings or conference conflict with any national or religious holidays. Who can bid and when will be covered under eligibility.

Item withdrawn.

80 - Alan J. - Area 15

Other Literature

Group Handbook, page 8. Add the following:

OPEN MEETINGS AND CLOSED MEETINGS

GUIDELINES FOR ROOM TREASURY 1) Checks should require two signatures.

2) Treasurer should not be one of the people authorized to sign checks

3) Treasurers report including collection, checks written and balance should be given at each meeting.

4) Account balance should not be more than one month expenses, (rent, Intergroup donation, books, pins, etc).

5) Once a month, any extra money should be sent as room donation to Intergroup or ISO as directed by the group.

6) Room deposit should be made weekly prior to the next meeting.

7) Secretary of the room should verify the deposit amount each week.

8) Checkbook & bank statement should be available for any member of the room to see.

Motion made that on page 3 of Group Handbook under Treasurer change to read as follows:

Guidelines for Room Treasury

1) Checks should require two signatures.

2) Treasurer should not be one of the people authorized to sign checks.

3) Treasurers report including collection, checks written and balance should be given at each meeting.

- 4) Account balance should not be more than one month expenses, (rent, donations, books, pins, etc).
 - 5) Once a month, any extra money should be sent as room donation to Intergroup or ISO as directed by the group.
 - 6) Room deposit should be made weekly prior to the next meeting.
 - 7) Secretary of the room should verify the deposit amount each week.
 - 8) Checkbook & bank statement should be available for any member of the room to see.
- Amendment to add the words “wherever possible” after the word Treasury and before 1)
 Failed
 On the motion.
 Failed

81 - Lou W. - Area 3B

Other Literature

Make the following changes to the Pressure Relief Spreadsheet on CD

- 1. Add a "cell" to the Member Info Sheet for the telephone number of the Member.**
- 2. Add a formula in the Children's Activity and Clothing List sheets to convert a yearly amount [entered by the Member] to a monthly amount to be carried forward to the Expense sheet.**
- 3. Revise the List of Creditors sheet so that the "present balance" column amounts are not automatically used in their entirety to compute the pro rata amount for repayment within the Repayment sheet - rather the List of Creditors sheet allows for choices to be made by the PR Committee as to which debts will be paid initially and those debts are then automatically used to compute the pro rata amount for repayment within the Repayment sheet - then repeat the process for the remaining debts.**

See attachment #81

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

82 - Richard F. - Area 4

Other Literature

In all literature, change 'Problem Gambler' (and all derivatives) wherever it exists to 'Compulsive Gambler'

Item withdrawn.

83 - Larry B. - Area 15

Other Literature

Sponsorship Booklet, Page 3, What Does a Sponsor Do? Paragraph 7

Eliminate the current sentence and replace with proposed.

Current Version: They review the importance of the Twelve Steps.

Proposed Version: They serve a very important role in guiding the sponsee to a deeper understanding of the Twelve Steps of Recovery.

Item withdrawn.

Request for Committee

84 - Gary S. - Area 12

Request for Committee

Form a committee to make recommendations on how to hold Trustee Meetings via alternative methods other than physical meetings, including but not limited to use of the Trustee website, Teleconferencing and Web Conferencing.

Discussion only.

Steps

85 - David F. for Elsa F. - Area 3A

Steps

Recovery Step 11

CURRENT VERSION: Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

PROPOSED VERSION: Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we UNDERSTAND GOD, praying only for knowledge of GOD'S will for us and the power to carry that out.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 15 Against 77

Failed

86 - Tom P. for Bob B. - Area 3D

Steps

Unity Step 9

Change the word 'they' to 'we'.

Current Version: Gamblers Anonymous, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

Proposed Version: Gamblers Anonymous, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those we serve.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 2 Against 82

Failed

87 - Brad B. - Area 14

Steps

Unity Step 11

Add the words 'the Internet' at the end.

Current version: Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films and television.

Proposed version: Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, television, and the Internet.

Item withdrawn.

Items Omitted from the Agenda

88 - Establishing/forming New Committees

Trustee Area Demarcation Committee

A committee was established to align the Areas to make it clearer as to the boundaries for Trustee Areas. Committee members are Debb W., Area 2G; Howie C., Area 3; Mary Lou L., Area 11; Greg M., Area 13; Pete K., Area 13B and John V., Area 16. Debb W. will be the committee Chair and the liaison will be Steve R.

One Trustee Meeting Per Year Committee

A committee was formed to see the feasibility of one Trustees Conference per year. Committee members are Debb W., Area 2G; Julian F., Area 3F; Herb B., Area 5; Jeanne B., Area 8A; Bob W., Area 12; George L., Area 12 and Matty C., Area 12. Bob W. will be the committee Chair and the liaison will be Chuck R.

89 - Step 1 Workbook

This item will be on the Kentucky agenda for a 2nd vote.

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at 4:25 P.M. on Friday, October 9, 2009. The collection for the five (5) sessions was \$780.35.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held May 20, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. in Louisville, Kentucky.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen H., International Executive Secretary

ROLL CALL

AREA	SESSIONS	AREA	SESSIONS	AREA	SESSIONS
1	Ara H. 5	6B	Dina P. 5	13A	Kevin O. 5
	Ed K. 5		Juan A. 5*		John E. Abst.
	Kathie S. 5		Carlos M. Abst.	13B	Andy R. 5
	Steve F. 5	6C	Joe B. 5		Pete K. 5
	Jose N. 5		Gary G. *Abst.	14	Al O. 5
1A	Doug L. 5		Dennis A. 5		Brad B. 5
2	Don Y. 5		Parks H. 5		Maury C. *Abst.
	Erv G. 5	6D	Ian S. **Abst.		Paul C. 5
	Paul N. Abst.		Richard G. Abst.	15	Alan J. 5
2A	Paul N. 5	7	Kathy S. 5		Chuck R. 5
2B	C.J. D. 5		Leanne W. 5		Marty D. 5
	Steve R. 5	7A	Bill E. 5		Mike R. 5
2C	Debbie W. Abst.		John G. 5		Stanley C. 5
2E	George C. Abst.	8	Allen H. 5		Bill B. 5
2G	Debb W. 5		Arnie B. 5	16	John V. 4
	Kathleen J. 5		Jeff F. 5		Matt H. 5

2H	Chris G.	*Abst.		Kathy H.	5	17	Ron W.	*Abst.
	Linda W.	5	8A	Mark P.	*Abst.		Walt H.	*Abst.
2J	Cindie T.	5		Jeanne B.	5	18	Andy D.	Abst.
2K	Ken K.	5	8B	Dan W.	5	18A	Trevor S.	5*
3	Gladys C.	5	8C	Deni M.	*Abst.		Yvonne R.	5**
	Jan A.	5	8D	Cathy K.	*Abst.	18B	David M.	5**
	JoJo B.	*Abst.	8E	Bill G.	Abst.		Rob H.	5**
	Liz N.	5		Larry S.	Abst.	19	Jorge C.	Abst.
3A	David F.	*Abst.	9	Carol K.	5	20	George G.	4
	Linda S.	5		Jim M.	*Abst.	21	Andres G.P.	Abst.
	Willie F.	5	9A	Pat D.	Abst.		Manuel G.	Abst.
3B	Bill S.	5	10	Paulettte M.	5	22	Vigil M.	5*
	Ed L.	*Abst.	10A	Norman B.	5	23	Juan Carlos	Abst.
3C	Paula C.	*Abst.		Sammy S.	5	23A	Vera T.	Abst.
3D	Mike M.	5		Jim P.	5	24	Mika L.	5
	Tom P.	*Abst.	10B	Chuck B.	5		Fredrik A.	Abst.
3F	Julian F.	5		Gary B.	5	25	Lucio D.	5*
4	Richard F.	5	11	Bob B.	5		Luca G.	Abst.
5	Herb B.	5		Mary-Lou L.	5	26	Chris K.	5*
5A	J.R.E.	*Abst.		Paul D.	5		Mr. Kwon	5*
5B	Andre G.	5	12	Marshall R.	3	27	Istvan S.	Abst.
	Emile T.	5		Bob W.	5	28	Ricardo M.	Abst.
5C	John L.	5		David M.	5		Rafael Z.	5*
6	Harvey C.	5		Matty C.	5	29	Constantin U.	Abst.
	Lloyd A.	*Abst.		Ted S.	5	30	Rolands S.	Abst.
	Ray H.	5	13	John B.	5	31	Donatas Z.	5**
6A	Nick S.	Abst.		Ron C.	5	32	Masayuki N.	Abst.
	Sal F.	4		Greg M.	5		Toshi K.	Abst.

* Proxy Received

** Absentee Ballot Received

Chairman BOT – Dennis M. 5

1st Co-Chair BOT–Chuck R. 5

2nd Co-Chair BOT–Steve R. 5

Chairman BOR – Benni F. 5

Int. Exec. Secy - Karen H. 5