

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS TRUSTEES MEETING
MAY 20 & 21, 2010
GALT HOUSE HOTEL, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY**

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

Denis M, Chairman of the Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 10:00A.M.on Thursday, May 20, 2010. The head table was introduced followed by the six new Trustees being asked to stand and introduce themselves. Opening remarks included an explanation of points of order and points of information.

Nine proxy's were received and read to be voted as follows: Area 2G – Kathleen G. given to Debb W.; Area 4 - from Richard F. given to David M.; Area 6A – from Sal F. given to Nick S.; Area 6B – from Juan A., given to Dina P.; Area 8 – from Allen H. given to Arnie B.; Area 15 - from Marty D., given to Chuck R.; Area 20 – from George G., given to Andre G.; Area 22 – from Vigil M., given to Steve R.; Area 25 – from Lucio D., given to Steve F. Seven absentee ballots were received as follows: Area 18 – from Ron M. given to Mark P.; Area 18A – from Trevor S. given to Deni M.; Area 18A – from Yvonne R. given to JoJo B.; Area 18B – from David M. given to Linda S.; Area 18B – from Rob H. given to Lloyd A.; Area 25 – from Luca G., given to Kathie S. and Area 31 – from Donatas Z. given to Paula C. to vote as per instructions on their respective ballots.

Ted S. from Area 12 gave his proxy to Bob W. for the last two sessions, as he had to leave.

B) Remembrance of our departed members- Marshall R.

Marshall R. read a list of our brothers and sisters who had passed away since our last Trustees meeting in Montreal as follows:

Sol M., Forest Hills, New York, 22 years, passed 11/09/09
Tom P., Phoenix, Arizona, 27 years, passed 03/29/10, Current Trustee
Jimmy R., New York, 25 years, passed 04/25/10
Carol K., Poughkeepsie, New York, 3 months
Jeno B., Tigard, Oregon, 6 years, passed 10/30/09
Jim T., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 9 years, passed 10/2009
Eugene K., Renton Washington, 6 years
Eve F., Duluth, Minnesota, 16 years, passed 01/10/10
Tim K., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 3 ½ years, passed 12/10/09
Robbie Q., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 4 ½ years, passed 12/13/09
John J., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 26 years, passed 01/24/10
Lloyd H., Langley, British Columbia, 6 years
Joan R., Abbotsford, British Columbia, 33 years
Rob G., North Andover, Massachusetts, 3 years, passed 01/18/10
George W., Braintree, Massachusetts, 2 years, passed 02/1/10
Maureen L., Quincy, Massachusetts, 11 years, passed 04/13/10
Andre R., Montreal, Quebec, 6 years, passed 05/09/10
Don H., Phoenix, Arizona, 20 years, passed 02/2010
Kathy S., Phoenix, Arizona, 2 years, passed 11/2009

Mark S., Palm Springs, California, 5 years, passed 04/2010
Chaz B., Warren, Michigan, 22 years, passed 11/2009
Ron S., Florida, 30 years, passed 03/2010
Bill N., Oceanside, California, 28 years, passed 11/2009
Ken J., Calgary, Alberta, 28 years, passed 04/2010
Mike P., Las Vegas, Nevada, 24 years, passed 05/2010
George R., Long Island, New York, 9 years, passed 05/06/10
Don O., South Carolina, 14 years, passed 04/2010

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

Linda S. from San Diego read the Reflection for the Day for both May 20th and May 21st to begin the beginning sessions of the day.

D) Reading of the ”12 Steps of Unity”

JoJo B. from Las Vegas read the 12 Steps of Unity on May 20th and May 21st to start the beginning sessions of each day.

E) Roll Call-Karen H. International Executive Secretary

Karen H. took roll and there are presently 108 votes to begin the first session.

F) Approval of Minutes from Montreal

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

G) ISO / Lifeliner - 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 reflected a substantial increase over the previous year. She thanked all members who have continued supporting the I.S.O.

Marshall R. reiterated the importance of being a Lifeliner and urged all members who were not Lifeliners to fill out the cards that were available and include their initial donations.

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

Benni F. gave the report on the operations of the International Service Office which also included an update on the Office’s financial status. He talked about some recent issues the Board of Regents has handled which included some Intellectual Property issues and the illegal use of the Gamblers Anonymous name.

I) Committee Reports

Quebec Conference Fall ’09 – Chuck R.

Andre G. reported on the above Conference stating that 370 people attended including 187 locals. The final report follows:

MONTREAL FINANCIAL 2009 FALL CONFERENCE ACCOUNTING

REVENUES

Registrations	\$	44,008.00
Hotel rooms fee received	\$	15,960.00
Scholarships	\$	800.00
Miscellaneous (Souvenirs, collection, donation, tour, etc)	\$	5,356.23

Total \$ 66,124.23

EXPENSES

Hotel rooms fees	\$	15,866.52
Sheraton Hotel (meals, other charges, etc.)	\$	30,606.47
Goodie bags	\$	2,862.49
Hospitality room	\$	2,451.12
Registration and secretary	\$	606.07
Printing and photocopies	\$	1,715.84
Decorations	\$	196.50
Souvenirs (T-shirts)	\$	1,326.00
Bank charges	\$	326.29
Entertainment and sound system	\$	3,628.81
Refunds	\$	1,951.47

Item returned	\$	161.00
P.O. Box	\$	53.05

Total \$ 61,751.63

Gross profits	\$	4,372.60
Portion paid to G.A. (US \$1,601.71)	\$	(1,715.28)
Portion paid to Gam-Anon (US \$1,310.68)	\$	(1,403.61)

Balance (kept for possible tax claim) \$ 1,253.71

Louisville Spring '10 – Chuck R.

Gary B. welcomed everyone and thanked all for being here. They are looking forward to a great weekend. Chuck R. stated that all up to date statements and all Conference reports have been submitted.

Tampa Fall '10 – Steve R.

Steve R. gave the report on the above Conference to be held October 29 - 31, 2010 at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay in Tampa, Florida. All bank statements and Committee reports have been received. Dina P. gave some information on the Conference including that Tampa Airport would be the best to fly into as they are only about 5 minutes away.

Cherry Hill Spring '11 - Steve R.

Chuck R. is overseeing the above Conference to be held May 6 – 8, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Cherry Hill in Cherry Hill, New Jersey and gave the report stating all Committee reports are up to date. Andy

R. stated that they expect a “huge” turnout and asked people to get their reservations in. Philadelphia International Airport would be the airport to fly into.

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.

Blue Book Committee Report - Louisville 2010

For various reasons the committee has been reduced to three members. Should you wish to work hard on a rewarding project, please see Carol K at the conference.

The committee has been busy gathering information on the Steps of Recovery and the Unity Steps from approved literature, bulletins, conference books, and local newsletters. If you area has a newsletter with information regarding one of the steps please let us know. Our current goal is to have a working copy available at the conference in Florida next October.

The committee has returned the stories to those we had contact information for. With the following note:

Thank you for your submission to the Blue Book Revision Committee. We are returning all entries for a final author's review. Please keep in mind that the title of the book is "Sharing Recovery Through Gamblers Anonymous." Some stories will be placed in a section relating to a particular Step, while others will be placed in a general recovery section.

Although we may be tempted to focus on the depths of our illness, stories that are almost totally "war" stories will not be included (or will be edited). We want to know how you got from there to now. Please don't just say I worked the program or I did what my sponsor said. Tells how you worked the program and/or what your sponsor said. Consider a formula of 5% illness and 95% recovery.

Feel free to submit your story with, or without any changes to blue_book@comcast.net (note there is an underscore between blue and book). Should you need it in an older version of WORD or if you need it in WORKS just send an email. If you need to use snail mail send them to Blue Book Revision Committee, using the address for Carol K from the Confidential Trustee Listing.

Carol K. gave the above report.

International Relations Committee:

Committee Chair – Steve R. – Area 2

Co-Chair Liaison – Steve R.

Mission Statement - Assist the Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous with International matters and help create a world wide united Gamblers Anonymous.

International Relations Committee Report

Louisville Kentucky Board of Trustees Meeting

May 20th 2010.

Since we last met in October of 2009 the International Relations Committee has answered 373 email requests through the month of April 2010. These email came from 55 countries, fifteen of which are either in the process or have started new meetings. They include: 1) Chile, 2) Brno, Czech Republic, 3) Cairo, Egypt, 4) Gibraltar, 5) New Delhi, India, 6) Nairobi, Kenya, 7) Mexico

(several new meetings), 8) The Netherlands, 9) Panama (Spanish), 10) Lima, Peru, 11) Singapore, 12) Slovenia, 13) Pattaya, Thailand, 14) Uganda and 15) Trencin, Slovakia.

The Republic of Ireland which has 70 unregistered meetings has had two of them convert to using only approved GA literature and register with the I.S.O. . It is anticipated that many more will follow as there is a movement to comply with the Guidance Code there.

The country of Argentina will be hosting a large conference the same time as the Louisville, Kentucky Conference.

Mexico has been very active in starting new meetings thanks to their Trustees Rafael Z. and Martha G. . They now have 31 meetings and that number continues to grow with many new requests coming in daily.

George G. is working with Colombia and Paraguay as they have requested to join the Board of Trustees as new areas. Those requests will be processed and submitted for the Tampa, Florida BOT agenda.

The IRC continues to meet our International requests daily. Since our humble inception in October of 2005 in San Diego, California we have answered over 3200 emails, registered many new meetings with the ISO and presented a number of new areas into our BOT family with their trustees participating in our meetings. We continue to update our "loner" list and international contact list. We will be dividing our committee into sub-committees as we separate the world map into different areas which will report to the main committee. This we believe will better organize our efforts to help the compulsive gambler who still suffers worldwide.

We will be meeting on Saturday morning May 22nd at the Louisville Conference. Time and Location are yet to be determined but during our committee report we will announce where and when we will meet. As always we welcome anyone to attend and become involved in our work.

Respectfully Yours, Steve R., IRC Chairman

Steve R. gave the above report. The Committee will meet Saturday morning.

Literature Committee:

Committee Chair – Chuck R. – Area 15

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.

Literature Committee report for Louisville Conference

1. In December of 2009, we received a packet of literature from Australia asking the Literature Committee for approval to use these items at meetings. Some of these pieces were newspaper articles. We informed them that they were not approved GA literature and therefore not acceptable for use at meetings.

2. Literature items up for either a first or second vote:

a) Agenda item #14 "Introduction to the Twelve Steps of Recovery" CD. Passed merit vote - up for first approval vote.

b) Agenda item #13 "50 Year History Book". Passed merit vote - up for first approval vote.

c) Agenda item #12 "Slogans of the Program". Passed merit vote - up for first approval vote.

d) Agenda item #11 "Trustee Responsibilities and Guidelines" pamphlet. Passed merit vote - up for first approval vote.

e) Agenda item #19 "Compiling a Written Room Format". Passed 1st vote - up for 2nd vote.

f) Agenda item #21 "Step One Workbook". Passed 1st vote - up for 2nd vote.

3. In addition, there are many agenda items dealing with changes, additions and deletions to existing literature.

4. Agenda item #'s 98 through 101 are proposed new literature requiring a merit vote. Please take the time to read all of these agenda items as well as the attachments. Our fellow brothers and sisters have worked hard to provide us with material to help in recovery. They deserve our time, effort and a legitimate discourse regarding their items.

Respectfully submitted, Chuck R. (Literature Committee Chair)

Chuck R. gave the above report.

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.

There was no report submitted. This Committee has now been disband.

Pressure Relief Committee:

Committee Chair – Larry B.– Area 15

Co-Chair Liaison – Steve R.

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

Pressure Relief Group Meeting

Committee Report

Larry B., chairperson

April, 2010

Current Committee members are:

Larry B. Area 15, Lou W. 3B, Lloyd A. 6, Arnie B. 8, Bob W. 1, Irwin S. 12, Alan J. 15,

Gary B. 10B and Chuck B. 10B

PURPOSE

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

UPDATE

One of our goals is to have a PRGM workshop at every Mini and International GA conference.

In the past 6 months we have conducted the following PRGM workshops:

Arnie B. in Chicago;

Alan J., Lou W., Larry B. and Doris B. (Gam-Anon) in Montreal;

Alan J., Larry B. and Renee (Gam-Anon) now in Louisville;

Bob W., traveled to Dallas to conduct a workshop and as a result the information was brought back by attendees to Oklahoma City and Tulsa;

Lou W. traveled to Albuquerque, New Mexico to chair a PRGM for a new member - the very first one done in New Mexico;

Larry B. conducted workshops for members in South Florida and Philadelphia which was also attended by members in Delaware;

Bob W and Benni plan an upcoming workshop in Southern California.

Special thanks to David M. for the continuing role he plays in producing the CD in EXCEL for our members and having it available not only in English but also in Latvian and in Lithuanian.

A special thanks to Karen H. for the blurb in the monthly bulletin and for forwarding all resulting inquiries to the committee for response. As a result of this new campaign, i.e. the monthly blurbs in the bulletin, we have responded and have attempted to mentor those who have requested help.

Most of our committee members have written their own personal experiences with PRGM which have been printed monthly in the Bulletin, again thanks to Karen H.

GOALS

To rewrite major portions of the PRGM Handbook;

To create a piece of literature that will serve as a guide to navigate the EXCEL version;

To continue to spread the word to those areas needing help with PRGM;

To encourage writings on experiences with PRGM for the Trustee Line and the Bulletin.

Larry B. gave the above report asking for additional members to join this Committee.

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.

Prisons Committee (US) Report

October 2009 - May 2010

To my GA Brothers and Sisters:

During the above period, the data collection activity continued. Contact with the national judiciary personnel still has not occurred due to the untimely death of our primary intermediary. However, contact was made with the judge (Mark Farrell) who started a "gambling court" (the first one of its kind) in Amherst, NY about ten years ago. His diversion program provides treatment in lieu of a term of incarceration. However, if the terms of the agreement are not satisfied, the gambler is sent to prison to serve the full sentence. He has offered to help us in Arizona to try to get another one started. If this is to be accomplished, it will have to be a cooperative effort with the Arizona Council On Compulsive Gambling, with which we have a good working relationship. I am happy to announce that the state of Washington has started an outreach program. Thanks to Alex H and all of his volunteers.

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

Current known active meetings - 29 (3 new meetings were confirmed during the past 7 months (1 in Arizona; 1 in Florida; 1 in Kentucky), and 1 was lost (in Washington state) due to lack of attendance. 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 9 prison starter kits, one each to Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, and Wisconsin.

One potential meeting previously reported was verified. Someone from Chester, Pennsylvania emailed that they have meetings at their facility but there has been no response to verify this.

ISO sent out 19 prison information packets: 2 to California; 1 to Georgia; 1 to Kansas; 1 to Louisiana, 1 to Maryland; 2 to Massachusetts; 1 to Michigan; 1 to New York; 1 to Ohio; 3 to Pennsylvania; 1 to South Dakota; 3 to Texas; and 1 to Virginia..

There were 2 new requests for a pen pal (California and New York).

After speaking with several facility coordinators, I feel a major problem we are facing is that often they need GA volunteers to help start and/or coordinate the meetings and no one has come

forward. If this happens in the future, I will contact the nearest Trustee to the site to try to get someone to come forward and volunteer. I hope that the Trustees will cooperate in this effort. Respectfully submitted, Mike M (Area 3D) Chairperson

The above report was given by Mike M. Mike stated that this committee consists of only himself. A committee needs 3 plus a Chairman who is a current Trustee. During the break several members stepped up and the new committee consists of Chair - Mike M., Arizona; Co-Chair – Paul N., Northern California; Gary B., Kentucky; Linda S., San Diego; CJ D., Northern California; Steve F., Los Angeles and Linda W., Washington.

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.

J.I.P. MEETINGS IN CANADA - Committee Report

Since our last report in September, a new Prison starter kit was sent to the Fenbrook Institution in Gravenhurst, Ontario. We are in contact with the authorities to know more about this new meeting as the JIP Committee has not been contacted by anybody otherwise. Several institutions, especially in Quebec, were contacted and, although they have no request for a meeting presently, they know we exist and are ready to help. We have included the full meeting listing at the end of this report.

We have a weekly meeting in a man shelter in Montreal and the residents are coming more and more often to the GA meeting. A few have stayed around and are even going to regular meetings on other days.

We always need feed back from the different trustees in Canada about the JIP meetings in their area and we would also welcome any new member on the 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 - Area 5B

André G., Co-Chair - Area 5B

Andre G. gave the above report.

Public Relations Committee:

Committee Chair – OPEN Co-Chair Liaison – Chuck R.

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).

Since there is no Chair because of the resignation of Matt H., Chuck asked if anyone would step up to Chair this committee. Andy R. volunteered to the Chair and reported the committee would start working on collecting data. Anyone wanting to serve on this committee should contact Andy R.

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.

Herb B. reported on the above committee. This is a standing committee and changes are updated as they are approved.

Trustee Website Committee:

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

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

Trustee Website Committee Report

Louisville, Kentucky

Spring 2010

This report contains 3 items for discussion.

1) - The Trustee Website Committee is a standing committee with little that changes during the course of each month. The website admin continues to post the submissions of the current and past Trustees to the monthly Trustee Line. The remaining committee members are ready on the sidelines to jump in with determinations of any submissions that are initially deemed to violate the guidelines for such postings.

Since Montreal, there was only 1 situation where the committee members were mobilized to make such a determination in March of '10. The procedure is really quite simple and listed below, so that the Trustees in Louisville will understand how it works and that the decision of whether or not to post questionable submissions is not in the hands of one person.

•A current of past Trustee submits an item that the website admin suspects might violate the BOT approved guidelines.

•The website admin forwards the item to all the committee members for their opinion.

•Each committee member gives a lengthy explanation of their opinion as to the suitability for submission.

As a side note, the committee members have all written at times that they felt the item shouldn't be posted, but that it didn't violate the guidelines.

•The majority decision of the committee determines if the item should be posted or not.

•If the decision is to not post it, the author is notified and could if he/she desires, modify it to conform to the guidelines.

•If the author is unwilling to make those changes and insists on the item being published, it is then submitted to the Board of Trustees Executive Committee, which comprises the 3 Chairs.

•The executive committee reviews the submission and makes a decision, which will be final.

A moment should be taken to acknowledge that the members of this committee are highly responsive in the time it takes them to return their opinions.

2) - Additional, the minutes of all the Board of Trustees meetings going back to 1967 are now in the hands of the Trustee Website Committee. It is the hope that over time, the printed minutes can be converted into Word documents, so they may be added to the Trustee website for historical reference. Many of the past decisions that were listed in the Past Trustee Decision booklet were mislabeled as straw votes and regular votes. Having the actual minutes will allow any user to search the entire 43-year history of any minutes for accuracy and detail. Transferring the minutes into Word documents will require the help of many volunteers.

If anyone is willing to help with whatever time possible to accomplish this, please contact David M. Of course, all volunteers must be very familiar with the Microsoft Word application.

As has been the case since the Trustee website has been in operation, anyone with any ideas for new features or functionality should let the committee members know.

3) - There were many Trustees that had questions about their inability to access the Rolling Agenda for Louisville, in order to download the agenda. The rolling agenda feature is not the site for the final agenda. All agenda information, attachments and committee reports are and have been available under the Download Center link. The rolling agenda link is just a listing of items as they are submitted and have not been sorted into the agenda order by category.

Submitted by:

David M. – Area 12 on behalf of committee members

Leanne W. – Area 7

Lloyd A. – Area 6

Ed K. – Area 1

Richard F. – Area 4

David M. gave the above report. He asked for volunteers to help with inputting the past Board of Trustees minutes into a word doc. Please contact David if you are able to help.

Telephone Hotline Committee:

Committee Chair – Richie S. – Area 6

A committee was formed as of May 1, 2010. All Hotline administrators are being asked to contact Richie. The committee has had their first conference call meeting.

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.

Website Revision Committee

Louisville, Kentucky

Spring 2010

Committee members:

David M. – Chair, Area 12

Ian S. – Area 6D

Sammy S. – Area 10A

Kevin O. – Area 13A

Paula C. – Area 3C

Since Montreal, little has changed for the purpose of this committee's report. We have replaced to 2 members with 2 new committee members due to other time constraints. The committee members have yet to be activated, but will tackle the most difficult issues with the site, which will incorporate design and functionality issues. The actual mechanics of how the site works are of little consequence to the committee members. Some of the committee members are admittedly not Internet savvy, but their contribution to the committee and to the Fellowship will be to deal with the content, appearance and flow of the site.

Functionality issues will be handled directly with the people at ISO. Important to the transition to the new site, when it is ready, will be a complete integration of features designed to help reduce the

workload and time dedication required to maintain and operate the site. The staff at ISO is keenly aware of what improvements they would like to see and have been open about what processes they would like to worked in the new site. Although ease of use by a viewer in what is commonly referred to as the Front End , is important, the Back End that will be utilized by ISO, is equally critical.

Once the site is constructed and approved by the committee, it will be rolled out in what is called a Beta Test Model. The Board of Trustees, in addition to the ISO will be advised of this event when it happens. The site will be available for use with all users having the ability to send in feedback for errors or problems that they find. The developers will fix any errors and only when ISO is 100% comfortable that the new site is stable and functional will the new site be officially turned into a live site using the current web addresses found for the ISO site that is now in effect.

The initial payment of \$2,250 was paid last year. The 2nd of 3 payments has also been paid. The website development company is continuing to build the site and is currently unable to show any visual versions other than the initial design. The committee stands ready to review all proposed components of the site and will spend whatever time is required to bring this site into a usable and vibrant tool to enhance the user's experience when visiting the Gamblers Anonymous ISO website. Here are some points that were highlighted in the Montreal meeting regarding the new ISO website. They are still very much in place.

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 of the Beta site, the Board of Trustees will have the opportunity to view and use the new site and view its features, as mentioned previously. The Beta site will not be visible through the use of any Internet search engines and will therefore not be confused or interfere with the existing ISO website, until the switchover is officially approved by ISO.

The site will be deployed with the same service provider that ISO currently uses. The company clearly has the capability to host the site and more important is the relationship the ISO has developed with the service provider that will be maintained.

David M.

David M. gave the above report.

BOR Procedural Review Committee:

Committee Chair – Herb B. – Area 5

Co-Chair Liaison – Denis M.

Mission Statement - Examine the details of the Articles of Incorporation of Gamblers Anonymous, the By-Laws, and the Guidance Code and formulate updated documents that are clear and concise in the definitions of the Board of Regents and Board of Trustees specific functions within the Fellowship.

BOR Procedural Review Committee

Report for Louisville – May 2010

The BOR Procedural Review Committee has been meeting at least twice monthly by conference call and is still in the process of outlining the groups and categories that we will be reviewing. We are hoping to present a report to the BOT in the form of a booklet with our recommendations and estimate that this process will take at least two years or more. We will be emphasizing the functions of the BOR and its interaction with the BOT, and also GA as a whole. The committee consists of current and past Trustees as well as current and past Regents and past and present Chairmen of the BOR. The atmosphere at our meetings is very positive and we feel that we will be able to improve the functions, and the rapport of the BOR and all members involved.

Herb B. Trustee - Area 5, Chairman, BOR Procedural Review Committee

The above report was given by Herb B.

Trustee Area Demarcation Committee:

Committee Chair – Debb W. – Area 2G

Co-Chair Liaison – Steve R.

Mission Statement - To compile and maintain a map of every areas specific geographical boundaries and the number of Trustees assigned to each of these areas. For the purpose of possible area and or Trustee realignment based on these boundaries for the good of the fellowship.

Trustee Area Demarcation Committee

Committee Members: Chair-Debb W-Area 2-G; Co-Chair-Pete K; Greg M. ; John V and Marylou L.

We've divided the committee into 2 groups. Two members have agreed to do the mapping of the 72 trustee areas. The remaining 3 members have been given an assignment sheet with the areas divided between them. Each will be responsible for obtaining the specifics of the areas assigned. This information will be sent to the "mappers" who will transfer it to the software program that has been selected.

We have item#60 on the Louisville agenda asking the BOT to approve the funds for the purchase of the mapping software.If approved the mapping piece will proceed once the software has been purchased.

Debb W. gave the above report.

Trustee Removal Committee:

Committee Chair – Richie S. – Area 6

Co-Chair Liaison – Chuck R.

Mission Statement – To develop and recommend procedural steps to follow in the removal of any Trustee from the Board of Trustees for acts on his or her own part which are detrimental to Gamblers Anonymous as a whole.

Trustee Removal Procedure Committee

Report for trusteewebsite.com - May 6, 2010

1. The committee's purpose is:

A. To develop and recommend procedural steps to follow in the removal of any Trustee from the Board of Trustees for acts on his or her own 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.)

2. Therefore the committee will not describe events or "acts detrimental to GA as a whole", nor will it attempt to provide guidelines defining such events or actions.

3. Since the inception of the committee after the Montreal BOT, committee members have met

generally once a week for an hour-long conference call in the evening.

4. In time for the Tampa BOT:

A. The committee will propose a new Section 4A under Article VIII of the Guidance Code with the following intent:

a. For a Trustee to be removed for acts deemed to be detrimental to Gamblers Anonymous as a whole, the Trustee will have to have gone through the procedures outlined by the Board of Trustees that will lead up to a vote for expulsion by the Board of Trustees.

A. The committee will outline the procedures separately in a new document and is committed to introducing it as a piece of GA appropriate literature.

a. We have begun the process of identifying and discussing key elements of the procedural steps and will provide more particulars in its committee report at the Louisville BOT.

Andy R., Co-Chair of this committee gave the above report. Richie S. stepped down as Chair and Ed E. has been appointed the new Chair

1. Matt H. - Area 16

Rules and Procedures

Rules and Procedures - #26 Appointment of Parliamentarian for Interpretation

Current version: The Chairman of the Board of Trustees will appoint a member of Gamblers Anonymous as the Parliamentarian at the start of the Trustee meeting to aid the Chairs with the interpretation and application of Robert's Rules as well as the Trustee Rules and Procedures during the Trustee meeting.

Proposed Version: The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees may, at his or her discretion, appoint a member of Gamblers Anonymous as the Parliamentarian at any time during the Trustee meeting to aid the Chairs with the interpretation and application of Robert's Rules and the Trustee Rules and Procedures Manual during the Trustee meeting. The Parliamentarian acts in an advisory capacity only and the final decision lies with the presiding Chair. The Parliamentarian must maintain impartiality, and therefore does not make motions, participate in debate, or vote on any question except in the case of a ballot vote.

No discussion.

1A. Denis M.. - Area 12

Rules and Procedures

Rules and Procedures Manual.

Current past decision of the Board of Trustees – St. Petersburg 1994

Only current members of the Board of Trustees, officers of the Board of Trustees, the Chairman of the Board of Regents and the I.E.S. may receive the confidential listing of names, address and phone numbers of Trustees and Alternate Trustees.

Proposed Item

New Section in the Rules and Procedures – Confidential Trustee Listing

The Confidential Trustee Listing, published by the International Service Office, is only available to current members of the Board of Trustees, officers of the Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Board of Regents, International Executive Secretary, and all Board of Trustees committee Chairs and Co-Chairs.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

2. Richie S. - Area 6

Rules and Procedures

Rules and Procedures Manual.

REMOVE section #26 - Appointment of Parliamentarian for Interpretation

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees will appoint a member of Gamblers Anonymous as the Parliamentarian at the start of each Trustee meeting to aid the Chairs with the interpretation and application of Robert's Rules as well as the Trustee Rules and Procedures during the Trustee meeting.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

3. Bill S. - Area 3B

Rules and Procedures

Rules and Procedures - Literature Approval Process

Add item 9 to existing literature approval process

Any item submitted to the Literature Committee must be in an editable format (i.e. Word) including documents, CD's, etc. Please check with the Literature Committee Chairperson prior to submission to be determined that your document meets the required format.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

4. Marshall R. - Area 12

Rules and Procedures

Reinstate Good and Welfare and make it a permanent agenda item at the end of the meeting.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

5. Steve R. - Area 2B

Rules and Procedures

Rules and Procedures

To call any non-physical meeting of the Board of Trustees a “Quick Response Meeting”, by removing “BOT Rules and Procedure item # 16, “Mail Meetings” and revising Item #24 “Quick Response Meetings” as per the attachment.

See Louisville attachment - #05

Motion to call any non physical meeting of the Board of Trustees a “Quick Response Meeting”, by removing “BOT Rules and Procedure item # 16” mail meetings “and revising item # 24 “Quick Response Meetings” as follows:

Quick Response Meetings

A quick response meeting can be used to settle an issue that could not wait until the next physical meeting, such as emergencies regarding expense items over the BOR limit and a vacancy in the I.E.S. position. It can also be used to lighten up the next agenda. A quick response meeting requires a response from the voting Trustees within 15 days. Responses will be counted as though it were a physical meeting.

Consequences of not voting

Any Trustee who does not participate in the quick response meeting will be considered absent, just as if a physical Trustee meeting is missed.

Counting Votes

The votes should be counted in the presence of at least 5 BOR members.

How they are called

Notice is sent to all voting Trustees by either email, regular mail or fax notifying them of the quick

response meeting and this notice will contain the issue being addressed or the emergency question or problem that must be voted upon.

Notification to Trustees of the quick response meeting results

The IES will send out the results of the vote as soon as the vote is finalized.

Submitting Ballots

All responses sent by regular mail must be signed by the Trustee and sent to the ISO in an envelope clearly marked according to the instructions on the ballot. Original ballots signed by the Trustee, scanned and Emailed or Faxed, clearly marked “Ballot” to the I.E.S. at the I.S.O. will also be allowed. All ballots must be received by the 15-day response deadline.

Who can call them

Quick response meetings can only be called by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, or, by the 1st. co-chair, if the Chairman is incapacitated.

Amendment 1 - Under Counting Votes to change at least 5 BOR members to 5 BOR and/or BOT.

Failed

Amendment 2 – Under Submitting Ballots replace Ballot with Vote

Failed

Amendment 3 – Remove “or to lighten up the next agenda”.

Failed

Amendment 4 – Add “or by the 2nd Co-Chair if both the Chair and 1st Co-Chair are incapacitated”.

Failed

On the motion.

Failed

6. Steve R. - Area 2B

Rules and Procedures

Change Board of Trustees Rules and Procedures, # 24 Quick Response Meetings, bullet for “Submitting Ballots”.

Present version:

24. Quick Response Meetings

• Submitting Ballots

All responses should be sent to the ISO in a clearly marked envelope.

Proposed version:

24. Quick Response Meetings

• Submitting Ballots

All responses sent by regular mail must be signed by the Trustee and sent to the ISO in an envelope clearly marked according to the instructions on the ballot. Original ballots signed by the Trustee, scanned and Emailed or Faxed to the I.E.S. at the I.S.O. will also be allowed. All Ballots must be received by the 15-day response deadline.

Motion to revise Rules and Procedures item #24 “Quick Response Meetings” subtitle “Submitting Ballots” as follows:

Submitting Ballots

All responses sent by regular mail must be signed by the Trustee and sent to the ISO in an envelope clearly marked according to the instructions on the ballot. Original ballots signed by the Trustee, scanned and Emailed or Faxed, clearly marked “Ballot” to the I.E.S. at the I.S.O. will also be allowed. All Ballots must be received by the 15-day response deadline.

Passed

7. Richie S. - Area 6

Rules and Procedures

To Add: The Chairman of the BOT will hold an Orientation Meeting with the newly elected Trustees, or returning Trustees prior to the Fall, even-year, Trustee Meeting. Time and place will be up to the Chairman of the BOT.

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to add “or his or her designee” after Chairman of BOT

Passed

On the motion.

Passed

8. David M. - Area 12

Rules and Procedures

Rules and Procedures - Tabling

Add: 'without a motion pending' to the middle of the 1st sentence.

Current version: Any agenda item that is tabled over 2 successive Trustee meetings will not be automatically placed on the next agenda. If so desired, it must be resubmitted as a new agenda item.

Proposed version: Any agenda item that is tabled over 2 successive Trustee meetings, without a motion pending, will not be automatically placed on the next agenda. If so desired, it must be resubmitted as a new agenda item.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

9. Denis M. - Area 12

Rules and Procedures

Rules and Procedures - Head Table

Upon election, the Chairman, 1st and 2nd Co-Chairman and the I.E.S. shall have the same rights as current Trustees with regard to speaking on agenda items and raising a point of order or information.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

10. Elections

Election of the Board of Regents

Seventy-five Ballots were turned in during the first session and Denis M. asked 3 past members of the Board of Trustees to count them. The results in alphabetical order are as follows: Allan S. (Chicago), Ara H., Benni F., Bernie G., Eddie R., John C., Richard C. (Calgary) Russ M. and Sean N. First on the replacement list from out of the 200 mile area is Gary S. (New Jersey) and first on the replacement list for within the 200 mile area is Amir K.

11. Linda S. - Area 3A

Items Passing the 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).

Passed merit vote in Montreal

See Louisville attachment - #11

This item as presented is ruled out of order. The original item that passed a merit vote in Montreal will be on the Tampa Agenda for another merit vote.

12. Joe B. - Area 6C

Items Passing the 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**

Passed merit vote in Montreal

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to have 7 separate signs:

- 1. One Day At A Time
- 2. Keep Coming Back
- 3. Let It Begin With Me
- 4. I Can Only Change Myself
- 5. It Works If You Work It
- 6. Help Is As Near As My Phone
- 7. Work The Steps

Passed

On the motion.

Passed

1st Vote

13. Steve R. - Area 2B

Items Passing the Merit Vote

Approve the 50 year history book written for the 2007 50th Anniversary Conference as approved G.A. literature.

Passed merit vote in Kansas City

See Louisville attachment - #13

Motion to accept above.

Approved 55 Against 48

Passed

1st Vote

The Chair was asked if this book was appropriate literature and he stated that it was. The Chair was then challenged that this is not appropriate literature. The vote on the challenge fails therefore the Chair is in order and this book is appropriate literature.

On the motion.

A roll call vote was requested. Abstentions will be counted in order to properly record the vote. If the person was out of the room during the vote or if their Absentee Ballot was blank, a dash (-) will be noted.

Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote
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1	Ara H.	Yes	6	Harvey C.	Yes	12	Matty C.	Yes
	Ed K.	No		Lloyd A.	Yes		Ted S.	Yes
	Steve F.	No		Ray H.	Yes		Frank L.	No
	Kathie S.	Yes	6A	Nick S.	Yes		Vinnie B.	No
	Jose N.	Yes		Nick S. *	Yes	13	John B.	No
1A	Doug L.	No	6B	Dina P.	No		Ron C.	-
2	Don Y.	Yes		Dina P. *	No		Greg M.	No
	Paul N.	No	6C	Joe B.	No	13A	Kevin O.	No
2A	Paul N.	Yes		Gary G.	No	13B	Andy R.	Yes
2B	CJ D.	No		Dennis A.	No		Pete K.	No
	Steve R.	Yes	7	Kathy S.	No	14	Brad B.	Yes
2C	Debbie W.	No		Leanne W.	No		Maury C.	Yes
2G	Debb W. *	No	7A	Bill E.	Yes		Paul C.	Yes
	Debb W.	No		John G.	Yes	15	Alan J.	Yes
2H	Linda W.	No	8	Arnie B. *	Yes		Chuck R.	Yes
2J	Cindie T.	No		Arnie B.	Yes		Chuck R.*	Yes
2K	Ken K.	Yes		Jeff F.	Yes		Mike R.	Yes
3	Gladys C.	No		Kathy H.	Yes		Stanley C.	No
	Jan A.	No	8A	Mark P.	Yes		Bill B.	Yes
	JoJo B.	No		Jeanne B.	Yes	16	John V.	Yes
	Liz N.	No	8B	Dan W.	Yes	17	Ron W.	Yes
3A	David F.	Yes	8C	Deni M.	Yes		Walt H.	AB
	Linda S.	No	8D	Cathy K.	No	18	Ron M.**	AB
	Willie F.	Yes	9	Carol K.	No	18A	Trevor S.**	Yes
3B	Bill S.	No		Jim M.	Yes		Yvonne R.**	Yes
	Ed L.	Yes	9A	Pat D.	Yes	18B	David M.**	Yes
3C	Paula C.	Yes	10	Paulette M.	No		Rob H.**	Yes
3D	Mike M.	No	10A	Norm B.	Yes	20	Andre G.*	No
	Phyllis H.	No		Jim P.	Yes	22	Steve R.*	Yes
3F	Julian F.	Yes	10B	Chuck B.	Yes	24	Mika L.	Yes
4	David M. *	No		Gary B.	No	25	Steve F.*	No
5	Herb B.	Yes	11	Bob B.	Yes		Luca G.**	Yes
5A	JR E.	No		Mary-Lou L.	Yes	28	Rafael Z.	Yes
5B	Andre G.	No		Paul D.	No		Martha G.	Yes
	Claude C.	AB	12	Bob W.	Yes	29	Konstantin U.	No
5C	Pierre C.	No		David M.	No	31	Donatas Z.**	Yes

* Proxy Vote

** Absentee Vote

Approved 59 Against 45 Abstained 3
Passed 1st Vote

The Chair resinded his decision that this book was appropriate literature. Chair stated that Conference books are not appropriate literature.

14. Ralph D. - Area 6A

Items Passing the Merit Vote

Introduction to the 'Twelve Steps of Recovery' CD

Passed merit vote in a previous Trustees meeting

See Louisville attachment - #14

Discussion only.

15. Mary-Lou L. - Area 11

Items Requiring a 2nd Vote

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).

Passed 1st Vote in Montreal

Passed

2nd Vote

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

Items Requiring a 2nd Vote

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.

Passed 1st Vote in Montreal

Passed

2nd Vote

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

Items Requiring a 2nd Vote

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.

Passed 1st Vote in Montreal

Passed

2nd Vote

18. David M. - Area 12

Items Requiring a 2nd Vote

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.

Passed 1st Vote 89-18 in Montreal

Approved 85 Against 6

Passed

2nd Vote

19. David M. - Area 12

Items Requiring a 2nd Vote

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

Compiling a Written Room Format

See Louisville attachment #19

Passed 1st Vote in Montreal changing 'personality' to 'personalities'

Passed

2nd Vote

20. Lou W. - Area 3B

Items Requiring a 2nd Vote

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 Louisville attachment #20

Passed 1st Vote in Montreal

Passed

2nd Vote

21. Andy R. - Area 13B

Items Requiring a 2nd Vote

Approve Step 1 Workbook

See Louisville attachment #21

Passed 1st Vote in Kansas City

Passed

2nd Vote

22. Lucio L. - Area 25

Tabled From Montreal

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 pending

No Discussion.

23. Andy R. - Area 13B

Tabled From Montreal

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

The Board was given a demonstration of how the live video conferencing would work. The Chair appointed a committee to explore the possibility of this with Andy R. as the Chairman. The committee members are Doug L., Lloyd A., Gary S., Brad B., Cathy K. and Don Y. The liaison will be Chuck R.

24. Sal S. - Area 16

Tabled From Montreal

Combo Book, Page 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 accept above.

Failed

25. Bill B. - Area 6

Tabled From Montreal

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 is pending

No Discussion.

26. Trustee and Area Realignment

Bi-annual Trustee and Area Realignment

AREA 1 – CENTRAL CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES AREA, PALM SPRINGS, AND HAWAII – 5 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 1A – ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA – 1 TRUSTEE

Area 1A is requesting 1 additional Trustees for a total of 2.

Approved

AREA 2 – NORTHERN CALIFORNIA – 4 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 2A – ALASKA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA – 1 TRUSTEE

No changes.

AREA 2B – GREATER SACRAMENTO – 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 2C – MONTANA, CASPER, AND NORTHERN WYOMING – 1 TRUSTEE

No changes.

AREA 2D – SASKATCHEWAN – 1 TRUSTEE

No changes.

AREA 2E – MANITOBA – 1 TRUSTEE

No changes.

AREA 2F – IDAHO AND EASTERN WASHINGTON – 1 TRUSTEE

No changes.

AREA 2G – OREGON AND VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON – 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 2H – WESTERN WASHINGTON NORTH OF LONGVIEW, SOUTH OF BELLINGHAM/BLAINE AND WEST OF THE CASCADE MOUNTAINS - 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 2J – NORTHERN ALBERTA – 1 TRUSTEE

No changes.

AREA 2K – SOUTHERN ALBERTA – 1 TRUSTEE

No changes.

AREA 3 – SOUTHERN NEVADA; MESQUITE, NEVADA; ST. GEORGE, UTAH; CEDAR CITY, UTAH; BULLHEAD CITY, ARIZONA; AND PAHRUMP, BEATTY AND OVERTON, NEVADA – 4 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 3A – SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA – 3 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 3B – COLORADO, UTAH-NORTH OF CEDAR CITY AND SOUTHERN WYOMING - 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 3C – NORTHERN NEVADA AND SUSANVILLE, CALIFORNIA - 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 3D – ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO – 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 3E - SOUTH DAKOTA, AND WESTERN NORTH DAKOTA - 1 TRUSTEE

No changes.

AREA 3F – ARIZONA-SPANISH SPEAKING - 1 TRUSTEE

No changes.

AREA 4 – ONTARIO, CANADA – 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 5 – ENGLISH QUEBEC AND LABRADOR – 1 TRUSTEE

No changes.

AREA 5A – NEWFOUNDLAND, NEW BRUNSWICK, NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND – 1 TRUSTEE

No changes.

AREA 5B – ALL FRENCH MEETINGS IN QUEBEC – 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 5C – OTTAWA AND EASTERN ONTARIO - 1 TRUSTEE

No changes.

AREA 6 – SOUTHERN FLORIDA – 3 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 6A – PENSACOLA, PANAMA CITY, CENTRAL AND NORTHERN FLORIDA – 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 6B – WEST COAST OF FLORIDA, PANAMA, JAMAICA, PUERTO RICO AND TRINIDAD – 3 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 6C – SOUTH CAROLINA AND NORTH CAROLINA – 4 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 6D – GEORGIA AND NORTHERN ALABAMA, NORTH OF MONTGOMERY – 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 7 – LOUISIANA, MISSISSIPPI, AND LOWER COAST OF ALABAMA – 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 7A – AUSTIN, HOUSTON, GULF COAST AND SOUTH TEXAS - 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 7B – ARKANSAS, OKLAHOMA, AND THE REST OF TEXAS - 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 8 – ILLINOIS AND NORTHERN INDIANA – 4 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 8A – EASTERN IOWA, SOUTHERN MINNESOTA AND BAY CITY, RIVER FALLS AND NEW RICHMOND, WISCONSIN – 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 8B – NEBRASKA, WESTERN IOWA, KANSAS, AND KANSAS CITY AND WESTERN MISSOURI – 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 8C – EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA, NORTHERN MINNESOTA, ASHLAND, SUPERIOR, HAYWARD, AND WASHBURN, WISCONSIN - 1 TRUSTEE

No changes.

AREA 8D – EASTERN MISSOURI AND SOUTHERN ILLINOIS INCLUDING SPRINGFIELD AND QUINCY – 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 8E – WISCONSIN – 3 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 9 – MICHIGAN AND NORTHWEST OHIO – 2 TRUSTEES

Remove Sandusky, Ohio from Area 9 and add to Area 10.

AREA 9A – SOUTHEAST ONTARIO, CANADA – 1 TRUSTEE

No changes.

**AREA 10 – OHIO AND ERIE, NEWCASTLE, AND WARREN, PENNSYLVANIA
2 TRUSTEES**

Add Sandusky, Ohio to Area 10 removing them from Area 9.

AREA 10A – WEST VIRGINIA AND WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA - 3 TRUSTEES

No changes.

**AREA 10B – CINCINNATI AND DAYTON OHIO; INDIANAPOLIS, ANDERSON AND
SOUTHERN INDIANA, KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE – 2 TRUSTEES**

No changes.

**AREA 11 – MASSACHUSETTS, RHODE ISLAND, MAINE, VERMONT, AND
NEW HAMPSHIRE – 3 TRUSTEES**

No changes.

AREA 12 – NEW JERSEY AND NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA – 6 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 13 – EASTERN PENNSYLBANIA AND DELAWARE – 3 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 13A – M ARYLAND AND WASHINGTON, D.C. – 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

**AREA 13 B – SOUTH NEW JERSEY COUNTIES – BURLINGTON, CAMDEN, ATLANTIC,
SALEM, GLOUCESTER, CUMBERLAND AND CAPE MAY– 2 TRUSTEES**

No changes.

AREA 13 C – VIRGINIA – 1 TRUSTEE

No changes.

AREA 14 – LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK – 4 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 15 – SUFFEREN, NEW YORK CITY AND SURROUNDING AREAS - 10 TRUSTEES

No changes.

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

No changes.

AREA 17 – CONNECTICUT AND WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS - 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

**AREA 18 – NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND
NEW ZEALAND – 4 TRUSTEES**

No changes.

AREA 18A – VICTORIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND TASMANIA - 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 18B – QUEENSLAND, NORTHERN TERRITORY AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA – 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 19 – ARGENTINA – 2 TRUSTEES

No changes

AREA 20 – URUGUAY- 1 TRUSTEE

No Changes.

AREA 21 – SPAIN – 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 22 – SOUTH AFRICA – 1 TRUSTEE

No changes.

AREA 23 – RIO, BRAZIL – 1 TRUSTEE

No changes.

AREA 23A – SAO PAULO, BRAZIL – 1 TRUSTEE

No changes.

AREA 24 – SWEDEN – 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 25 – ITALY – 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 26 – SOUTH KOREA – 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

AREA 27 – HUNGARY – 1 TRUSTEE

No changes.

AREA 28 – MEXICO – 2 TRUSTEES

Area 28 is requesting 2 additional Trustees for a total of 4.

Approved

AREA 29 – MOSCOW, RUSSIA AND SURROUNDING AREAS – 1 TRUSTEE

No changes.

AREA 30 – LATVIA – 1 TRUSTEE

No changes.

AREA 31 – LITHUANIA – 1 TRUSTEE

No changes.

AREA 32 – JAPAN – 2 TRUSTEES

No changes.

27. Conference Bids

The Fall '11 Western Conference is open to all areas

Steve F. from the Los Angeles Intergroup presented a bid for the above Conference.

The motion to accept the above bid for the Conference to be held October 14 – 16,

2011 at the Marriott Los Angeles Airport was unanimously approved.

Steve R. is the liaison for this Conference.

28. Conference Bids

The Spring '12 Eastern Conference is open for bids

Boston was the only area presenting a bid for the above Conference. After a lengthy discussion and several questions being asked due to some problems regarding the Conference that was held in Boston Spring of 2006, a vote was taken and passed to accept the bid for the above Conference to be held April 20 – 22, 2012 at the Boston Marriott Quincy Hotel in Quincy, Massachusetts.

Chuck R. is the liaison for this Conference.

29. David M. - Area 12

BOR Procedures

All Board of Regents meetings will incorporate the use of a conference calling service to allow all interested GA members an opportunity to hear the meetings as they happen.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

The Chair was challenged that this vote, which was allowed to take place violates the Guidance Code, Article 8, Section 7. The vote on the challenge fails therefore the Chair is in order and so is the passed motion.

30. Donatas Z. - Area 31

BOT Procedures

Intergroup of Lithuania asks approval to translate the following literature into Lithuanian:

- 1. G.A. Combo book**
- 2. Suggestions for Coping with Urges to Gamble**
- 3. Your First Meeting**
- 4. Towards 90 Days**
- 5. Young Gamblers in Recovery**
- 6. A Newcomer Asks?**
- 7. 20 Questions Booklet - Are You a Compulsive Gambler?**
- 8. Questions and Answers about Gambling**
- 9. Awareness Pamphlet - There is Help**
- 10. Pressure Relief Group Meeting Forms**

Motion to accept above.

Passed

31. Marshall R. - Area 12

BOT Procedures

Discuss having each current Trustee in attendance speak on at least one issue at some time during the Trustee meetings.

Motion that each current Trustee who does not speak during the Trustee meeting, will at the conclusion of the B.O.T. meeting have the opportunity to announce themselves and share for a minute or two.
Failed

32. Denis M. - Area 12

BOT Procedures

Discuss the GA Helps Hotline

Item withdrawn.

33. Herb B. - Area 5

By-Laws

Gamblers Anonymous By-Laws, Article III, Section 6.

Current Version: Five (5) members of the Board of Regents shall constitute a quorum. A proxy cannot be used to determine the presence at a meeting unless such Regents permanent residence is in excess of 200 miles from the International Service Office. If a Board member resides within 200 miles of the International Service Office, physical attendance constitutes presence. If the Board member resides more than 200 miles from the International Service Office, physical or telephonic attendance constitutes presence. A maximum of two (2) Regents residing outside of 200 miles of the International Service Office who do not physically attend meetings can be seated at one time. Proposed Version: Five (5) members of the Board of Regents shall constitute a quorum. No proxies will be used to determine presence at a meeting. Board of Regents members who are part of the conference link of each meeting will be considered as present for the meeting.

Item withdrawn.

34. Joe B. - Area 6C

By-Laws

By-Laws, Article XVII- Order of Business, New Section 3

All votes taken at any Board of Regents meeting will be by roll call, unless unanimous. The Recording Secretary will be responsible for detailing the roll call vote results in the monthly minutes.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

35. Herb B. - Area 5

By-Laws

By-Laws, Article III, Section 2, Remove 2nd sentence.

Current Version: This Corporation shall be governed by a Board of Regents of nine (9) members of Gamblers

Anonymous who have completely abstained from gambling for at least two (2) years. However, two (2) members

of this Board may be non-members of Gamblers Anonymous. This Board shall be elected by the members of

Gamblers Anonymous in the manner provided herein.

Proposed Version: This Corporation shall be governed by a Board of Regents of nine (9) members of Gamblers

Anonymous who have completely abstained from gambling for at least two (2) years. This Board

**shall be elected
by the members of Gamblers Anonymous in the manner provided herein.**

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

36. Herb B. - Area 5

By-Laws

By-Laws, Article III, Section 2.

Current Version: This Corporation shall be governed by a Board of Regents of nine (9) members of Gamblers Anonymous who have completely abstained from gambling for at least two (2) years. However, two (2) members of this Board may be non-members of Gamblers Anonymous. This Board shall be elected by the members of Gamblers Anonymous in the manner provided herein.

Proposed Version: This Corporation shall be governed by a Board of Regents of twelve (12) members of Gamblers Anonymous who have completely abstained from gambling for at least two (2) years. This Board shall be elected by the members of Gamblers Anonymous in the manner provided herein.

Item withdrawn.

37. Herb B. - Area 5

By-Laws

By-Laws, Article III, Section 3

Current Version: The term of office of Regents shall be one (1) year.

Proposed Version: The term of office of Regents shall be two (2) years.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

38. Herb B. - Area 5

By-Laws

By-Laws, Article III, Section 6

Current Version: Five (5) members of the Board of Regents shall constitute a quorum. A proxy cannot be used to determine presence at a meeting unless such Regents permanent residence is in excess of 200 miles from the International Service Office. If a Board member resides within 200 miles of the International Service Office, physical attendance constitutes presence. If the Board member resides more than 200 miles from the International Service Office, physical or telephonic attendance constitutes presence. A maximum of two (2) Regents residing outside of 200 miles of the International Service Office who do not physically attend meetings can be seated at one time.

Proposed Version: Six (6) members of the Board of Regents shall constitute a quorum. The Chairman of the Board of Regents can only vote to break a tie.

Item withdrawn.

39. Herb B. - Area 5

By-Laws

By-Laws, Article III, Section 8

Current Version: Board of Regents members shall be limited to two (2) elected terms served consecutively, but may be re-elected after one (1) year of non-service on the Board of Regents.

Proposed Version: Board of Regents members shall be limited to two (2) elected terms served consecutively, but may be re-elected after one (1) term of non-service on the Board of Regents.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

40. Herb B. - Area 5

By-Laws

By-Laws, Article IV, Section 2

Current Version: The term of office of all elective officers shall terminate at the end of the fiscal year.

Proposed Version: The term of office of all elective officers shall terminate June 30th of each odd year.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

41. Herb B. - Area 5

By-Laws

By-Laws, Article IV, Section 3

Current Version: The newly elected Regents will be required to attend the June Board of Regents meeting prior to the start of their July 1st term. At the close of the said meeting the newly elected Regents shall elect the Officers of the Corporation for the next fiscal year and their service shall commence on July 1st.

Proposed Version: The newly elected Regents will be required to attend the June Board of Regents meeting prior to the start of their July 1st term. At the close of the said meeting the newly elected Regents shall elect the Officers of the Corporation for the next term and their service shall commence on July 1st.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

42. Herb B. - Area 5

By-Laws

By-Laws, Article V, Section 1

Add the word "odd" before the word "year" in the first sentence of this section.

Proposed Version: On or before February 1st of each odd year any member of Gamblers Anonymous that has abstained completely from gambling for at least two (2) years and has attended Gamblers Anonymous meetings regularly - 39 meetings per year is eligible to submit their name, previous service as a Regent of this Corporation or as a Trustee of Gamblers Anonymous, total abstinence from gambling and home group, along with a biography not to exceed 200 words and phone number (both optional) to the International Service Office to be included on the Board of Regents ballot. These biographies will be an attachment to the ballot. Any member that is presently a member of any International Board of Gamblers Anonymous, but whose term ends on June 30, of the same year, is eligible to be included in the Board of Regents ballot; if their term has one more year to run, they must resign before submitting their name for the Board of Regents ballot.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

43. Herb B. - Area 5

By-Laws

By-Laws, Article VI, Section 1

Add the word "odd" before the word "year" in the first sentence of this section.

Proposed Version: The International Executive Secretary of the Corporation, on or before March 1st of each odd year, shall submit in writing a ballot of all eligible members wishing to run for the Board of Regents. Previous service as Regent of the Corporation or as Trustee of Gamblers

Anonymous, total abstinence as of March 1st of that year, and home group of nominee shall be listed along side the name of each nominee.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

44. Herb B. - Area 5

By-Laws

By-Laws, Article VI, Section 2

Current Version: The Board of Regents of this Corporation shall be elected annually by the Board of Trustees at the Spring Conference. The term of office shall be for a period of one (1) year commencing July 1 and ending June 30.

Proposed Version: The Board of Regents of this Corporation shall be elected every two (2) years by the Board of Trustees at the Spring Conference. The term of office shall be for a period of two (2) years commencing July 1 of the odd years and ending June 30 of the next odd year.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

45. Herb B. - Area 5

By-Laws

By-Laws, Article III, Section 4

Remove the part of the first sentence that is in parentheses. (non G.A. members excluded)

Current Version: Any Regent (non G.A. members excluded) is automatically removed from office for gambling. For the purpose of these By-Laws, gambling is defined as follows: any betting or wagering, for self or others, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or skill, constitutes gambling.

Proposed Version: Any Regent is automatically removed from office for gambling. For the purpose of these By-Laws, gambling is defined as follows: any betting or wagering, for self or others, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or skill, constitutes gambling.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

46. Herb B. - Area 5

By-Laws

By-Laws, Article VI, Section 3

Current Version: The annual election of the Board of Regents shall be by written 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 on the ballot.

Proposed Version: The election of the Board of Regents shall be by written 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 on the ballot.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

47. Herb B. - Area 5

By-Laws

By-Laws, Article VI, Section 3

Current Version: The annual election of the Board of Regents shall be by written 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 on the ballot.

Proposed Version: The election of the Board of Regents shall be by written 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 twelve (12) proposed Regents from the list on the ballot.

Item withdrawn.

48. Herb B. - Area 5

By-Laws

By-Laws, Article VI, Section 11

Current Version:

The one year term of the newly elected Regents shall begin as of July 1st.

Proposed Version:

The two (2) year term of the newly elected Regents shall begin as of July 1st of the odd years.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

49. Herb B. - Area 5

By-Laws

By-Laws, Article IX, Section 1:

Delete from the first sentence the following: (non-Gamblers Anonymous member excluded).

Current Version: Any member of the Board of Regents or appointive officer must be terminated for gambling (non-Gamblers Anonymous member excluded);

Proposed Version: Any member of the Board of Regents or appointive officer must be terminated for gambling;

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

50. Arnie B. for Mark M. - Area 8

Combo Book

COMBO BOOK, PAGE 11, SENTENCE #6 UNDER "WHAT IS THE DREAM WORLD OF THE COMPULSIVE GAMBLER?"

CURRENT VERSION: SERVANTS, PENTHOUSES, NICE CLOTHES, CHARMING FRIENDS, YACHTS AND WORLD TOURS ARE A FEW OF THE WONDERFUL THINGS THAT ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER AFTER A BIG WIN IS FINALLY MADE.

PROPOSED VERSION: NICE GIFTS, BIGGER HOMES, CHARMING FRIENDS, AN ELITE STATUS, AND DEBT RELIEF ARE A FEW OF THE WONDERFUL THINGS THAT ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER AFTER A BIG WIN IS FINALLY MADE.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

Combo Book

Combo Book Page 16 - bottom of page - last sentence

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

Proposed version: Most compulsive gamblers will answer yes to at least seven of these questions.

Some of these questions you may feel does not apply to you - YET.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

52. CJ D. - Area 2B

Combo Book

Combo Book - Page 8 - Paragraph 2

PRESENT 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 other men and women with a gambling or compulsive gambling problem.

PROPOSED CHANGE: 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 hundreds of thousands of other men and women with a gambling or compulsive gambling problem.

Item withdrawn.

53. Arnie B. for Scott D. - Area 8

Combo Book

Combo Book, Question 19

CURRENT VERSION: NOW READS "DID YOU EVER HAVE AN URGE TO CELEBRATE ANY GOOD FORTUNE BY A FEW HOURS OF GAMBLING?"

PROPOSED VERSION: DID YOU EVER HAVE AN URGE TO CELEBRATE ANY GOOD FORTUNE BY A FEW DAYS OF GAMBLING

Motion to accept above.

Failed

54. Nick S. - Area 6A

Combo Book

Combo Book, Inside Front Cover, Prayer

Current version:

I sought my soul,

But could not see,

I sought my God,

But He eluded me,

I sought my brothers and sisters,

and found all three.

Proposed version:

I sought my soul,

But could not see,

I sought my God,

But I eluded He,

I sought my brothers and sisters,

and found all three.

Motion to accept Combo Book, inside front cover prayer as follows:

I sought my soul but could not see
I sought my God but I eluded thee
I sought my brothers and sisters
and found all three
Failed

55. Ron W. - Area 17

Combo Book

Combo Book, Page 17, # 6

Capitalize PRESSURE RELIEF GROUP MEETING

Motion - Combo Book, Page 17 #7, Bold face and capitalize "Pressure Relief Group Meeting" and
Combo Book, Page 17 #6 bold face "GET A SPONSOR"

Failed

56. Ron W. - Area 17

Combo Book

Combo Book, Page 7, Unity Step 11- Delete entirely.

Proposed New Version: 11 Our public relations policy is to make the public aware of the gambling problem and GA; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films & TV.

Motion - Combo Book, page 7 – Unity Step 11 – Delete entirely, new version "Our public relations policy is to make the public aware of G.A. and the gambling problem; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio films & TV.

Failed

57. Ron W. - Area 17

Combo Book

Combo Book, Page 16

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

Proposed New Version: These questions are a guide to determine if you are a compulsive gambler.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

58. Norman B. for Bob B. - Area 10A

Combo Book

Combo Book, page 15, Question 1

Current Version: Did you ever lose time from work or school due to gambling?

Proposed Version: Have you ever lost time from work, school or home due to gambling?

Motion to accept above.

Failed

59. Carol K. - Area 9

Combo Book

Combo Book, Page 12, add the following sentence after the 3rd sentence in the paragraph.

Many compulsive gamblers have found that their self-esteem has been destroyed causing depression, which has lead to suicide attempts and other self-destructive behavior.

Proposed Version of Paragraph: No, compulsive gambling is an emotional problem. A person in the grip of this illness creates mountains of apparently insolvable problems. Of course, financial problems are crested, but they also find themselves facing marital, employment, or legal problems. Compulsive gamblers find friends have been lost and relatives have rejected them. Many compulsive gamblers have found that their self-esteem has been destroyed causing depression,

Compulsive gamblers find friends have been lost and relatives have rejected them. Many compulsive gamblers have found that their self-esteem has been destroyed causing depression,

which has lead to suicide attempts and other self-destructive behavior. Of the many problems created, the financial problems seem the easiest to solve. When a compulsive gambler enters Gamblers Anonymous and quits gambling, income is usually increased and there is no longer the financial drain that was caused by gambling, and very shortly, the financial pressures begin to be relieved. Gamblers Anonymous members have found that the best road to financial recovery is through hard work and repayment of our debts. Borrowing and/or lending of money (bailouts) in Gamblers Anonymous is detrimental to our recovery and should not take place.

Motion to add after fourth sentence, Many compulsive gamblers have found that their self-esteem has been destroyed causing depression, which has let to suicide attempts and other self-destructive behavior.
Motion to accept above.

Failed

60. Debb W. - Area 2G

Committee Related

Trustee Area Demarcation Committee requests funds from the general fund to cover the cost for the purchase of mapping software. The total cost would be \$305.00, which includes shipping.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

61. Doug L. - Area 1A

Group Procedures

Discussion: Is it appropriate for children (especially young children) of Gamblers Anonymous members to attend regular weekly open meetings?

Discussion only.

62. Ron W. - Area 17

Group Procedures

Should a GA Member, who wrote a book about their life, e-mail other members in an attempt to sell it?

Discussion only.

63. Paul C. - Area 14

Group Procedures

Group Procedure/Discussion:

Is it appropriate for group names to be referenced or identified by a gambling term?

Motion to remove the words "Post Time" from the G.A. website meeting list for Saratoga Springs.

Chair ruled this motion out of order.

64. Joe B. - Area 6C

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article VIII, Section 6

Current Version: Two-thirds (2/3) or more members of the Board of Trustees present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum. Proxies shall be counted to determine the number present at any meeting for the purpose of a quorum.

Proposed Version: Two-thirds (2/3) or more members of the Board of Trustees present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum. Absentee Ballots and Proxies shall be counted to determine the number present at any meeting for the purpose of a quorum.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 85 Against 5

Passed

1st Vote

This vote took place prior to the Chair implementing the Rules and Procedures item regarding abstentions under # 67 of New Business.

65. Herb B. - Area 5

Guidance Code

Guidance Code Change, Article VIII, Section 6

Current version: Two-thirds (2/3) or more members of the Board of Trustees present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum. Proxies shall be counted to determine the number present at any meeting for the purpose of a quorum.

Proposed Version: Two-thirds (2/3) or more members of the Board of Trustees, from the Continental USA and Canada, present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum. Proxies shall be counted from the Continental USA and Canada as well as absentee ballots from all over the world, to determine the number present at any meeting for the purpose of a quorum.

Item withdrawn.

66. Bill S. - Area 3B

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article XVI, Section 6, International Executive Secretary of ISO

CHANGE - mail copies-- change to distribute copies (via US mail, email or other means)

Current Version: The International Executive Secretary shall be responsible to publish a monthly Gamblers Anonymous Bulletin and mail copies of same to each group in our Fellowship. Number of copies sent to each group shall be set by the Board of Regents.

Proposed Version: The International Executive Secretary shall be responsible to publish a monthly Gamblers Anonymous Bulletin and distribute (via US mail, email or other means) copies of same to each group in our Fellowship. Number of copies sent to each group shall be set by the Board of Regents.

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to add "secured" after any other.

Passed

On the motion.

Approved 64 Against 30

Passed 1st Vote

This vote took place prior to the Chair implementing the Rules and Procedures item regarding abstentions under # 67 of New Business.

A roll call vote was requested. Abstentions will be counted in order to properly record the vote. If the person was out of the room during the vote or if their Absentee Ballot was blank, a dash (-) will be noted.

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1	Ara H.	Yes	6	Harvey C.	-	12	Matty C.	Yes
	Ed K.	Yes		Lloyd A.	Yes		Bob W. *	No
	Steve F.	Yes		Ray H.	Yes		Frank L.	Yes
	Kathie S.	Yes		Nick S.	No		Vinnie B.	Yes
1A	Jose N.	Yes	6A	Nick S. *	No	13	John B.	No
	Doug L.	Yes		Dina P.	No		Ron C.	Yes
2	Don Y.	Yes	6B	Dina P. *	No	13A	Greg M.	Yes
	Paul N.	Yes		Joe B.	Yes		Kevin O.	Yes
2A	Paul N.	No	6C	Gary G.	Yes	13B	Andy R.	No
2B	CJ D.	AB		Dennis A.	Yes		Pete K.	Yes
		Steve R.	Yes	7	Kathy S.	Yes	14	Brad B.

2C	Debbie W.	AB		Leanne W.	Yes		Maury C.	Yes
2G	Debb W.	Yes	7A	Bill E.	Yes		Paul C.	Yes
	Debb W. *	Yes		John G.	Yes	15	Alan J.	Yes
2H	Linda W.	Yes	8	Arnie B. *	No		Chuck R.	Yes
2J	Cindie T.	Yes		Arnie B.	No		Chuck R.*	Yes
2K	Ken K.	-		Jeff F.	-		Mike R.	Yes
3	Gladys C.	Yes		Kathy H.	Yes		Stanley C.	No
	Jan A.	Yes	8A	Mark P.	Yes		Bill B.	No
	JoJo B.	Yes		Jeanne B.	Yes	16	John V.	Yes
	Liz N.	Yes	8B	Dan W.	Yes	17	Ron W.	Yes
3A	David F.	No	8C	Deni M.	Yes		Walt H.	Yes
	Linda S.	No	8D	Cathy K.	Yes	18	Ron M.**	-
	Willie F.	Yes	9	Carol K.	No	18A	Trevor S.**	-
3B	Bill S.	Yes		Jim M.	No		Yvonne R.**	-
	Ed L.	Yes	9A	Pat D.	No	18B	David M.**	-
3C	Paula C.	No	10	Paulette M.	Yes		Rob H.**	-
3D	Mike M.	No	10A	Norm B.	Yes	20	Andre G.*	Yes
	Phyllis H.	No		Jim P.	Yes	22	Steve R.*	Yes
3F	Julian F.	No	10B	Chuck B.	Yes	24	Mika L.	Yes
4	David M. *	Yes		Gary B.	No	25	Steve F.*	Yes
5	Herb B.	Yes	11	Bob B.	Yes		Luca G.**	-
5A	JR E.	No		Mary-Lou L.	Yes	28	Rafael Z.	Yes
5B	Andre G.	Yes		Paul D.	Yes		Martha G.	AB
	Claude C.	Yes	12	Bob W.	No	29	Konstantin U.	Yes
5C	Pierre C.	AB		David M.	Yes	31	Donatas Z.**	-

* Proxy Vote
 ** Absentee Vote

Approved 70 Against 24 Abstained 4
 Passed 1st Vote

67. Bill S. - Area 3B

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article VIII, Section 9, 4th sentence

Remove the word 'physical' twice

Current version: To change the Twelve Steps of RECOVERY and Twelve Steps of UNITY PROGRAM, it shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority by not less than the physical presence of 2/3 of the eligible voting members of the Board of Trustees at two (2) consecutive physical meetings.

Proposed version: To change the Twelve Steps of RECOVERY and Twelve Steps Of UNITY Program, it shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority by not less than the presence of 2/3 of the eligible voting members of the Board of Trustees at two consecutive meetings.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 72 Against 15 Abstained 0
 Passed 1st Vote

The Chair stated when a Guidance Code vote is called that abstentions will count. This will now be in the Rules and Procedures.

68. Gary S. - Area 12

Guidance Code

Article VIII, Section 13A, Item 1

Current version: Obtain approval of the Board of Trustees to translate the literature.

Proposed Version: Any GA Area has the right to translate the literature.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 26 Against 58 Abstained 5

Failed

69. Gary S. - Area 12

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article VIII, Section 13, Second paragraph

Move the second paragraph

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

Move it to be the first paragraph in Section 13A.

Adjust rest of Section 13A to accommodate.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 82 Against 0 Abstained 6

Passed 1st Vote

70. Pete K. - Area 13B

Guidance Code

Add the words "or email" in Article IX, Section 3 of the Guidance Code.

Current version: Board of Trustees meetings may be conducted by mail, however twenty (20) or more votes are needed for a quorum. A majority vote of the quorum shall carry any measure voted upon except as provided for in Section 2 of Article XVI and Article XX.

Proposed version: Board of Trustees meetings may be conducted by mail or email, however twenty (20) or more votes are needed for a quorum. A majority vote of the quorum shall carry any measure voted upon except as provided for in Section 2 of Article XVI and Article XX.

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to add: fax

1st sentence to read: Board of Trustees meeting may be conducted by mail, fax or email

Passed

On the motion.

Approved 68 Against 7

Passed 1st Vote

71. David M. - Area 12

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article VIII, New Section 4A

An area has the right to remove any of its Trustees without the approval of the Board of Trustees, providing the area follows the written procedures to do so approved by its area membership. Any removal must be done with a two-thirds majority of the area's eligible voting members, as defined by each area. ISO must be notified of any changes in the Trustees from that area.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 65 Against 33 Abstained 6

Failed

(2/3 Vote Needed)

A roll call vote was requested. Abstentions will be counted in order to properly record the vote. If the person was out of the room during the vote or if their Absentee Ballot was blank, a dash (-) will be noted.

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2	Don Y.	No		Dina P. *	Yes		Greg M.	No
	Paul N.	No	6C	Joe B.	Yes	13A	Kevin O.	Yes
2A	Paul N.	Yes		Gary G.	Yes	13B	Andy R.	Yes
2B	CJ D.	Yes		Dennis A.	Yes		Pete K.	Yes
	Steve R.	Yes	7	Kathy S.	Yes	14	Brad B.	Yes
2C	Debbie W.	Yes		Leanne W.	Yes		Maury C.	Yes
2G	Debb W.	No	7A	Bill E.	Yes		Paul C.	Yes
	Debb W. *	No		John G.	Yes	15	Alan J.	Yes
2H	Linda W.	Yes	8	Arnie B. *	Yes		Chuck R.	Yes
2J	Cindie T.	No		Arnie B.	Yes		Chuck R. *	Yes
2K	Ken K.	Yes		Jeff F.	Yes		Mike R.	Yes
3	Gladys C.	No		Kathy H.	Yes		Stanley C.	Yes
	Jan A.	No	8A	Mark P.	Yes		Bill B.	No
	JoJo B.	Yes		Jeanne B.	Yes	16	John V.	Yes
	Liz N.	Yes	8B	Dan W.	No	17	Ron W.	No
3A	David F.	Yes	8C	Deni M.	Yes		Walt H.	No
	Linda S.	Yes	8D	Cathy K.	No	18	Ron M. **	AB
	Willie F.	Yes	9	Carol K.	Yes	18A	Trevor S. **	No
3B	Bill S.	Yes		Jim M.	No		Yvonne R. **	No
	Ed L.	No	9A	Pat D.	Yes	18B	David M. **	No
3C	Paula C.	Yes	10	Paulette M.	Yes		Rob H. **	No
3D	Mike M.	Yes	10A	Norm B.	Yes	20	Andre G. *	No
	Phyllis H.	Yes		Jim P.	Yes	22	Steve R. *	Yes
3F	Julian F.	No	10B	Chuck B.	-	24	Mika L.	AB
4	David M. *	Yes		Gary B.	Yes	25	Steve F. *	Yes
5	Herb B.	Yes	11	Bob B.	Yes		Luca G. **	AB
5A	JR E.	No		Mary-Lou L.	Yes	28	Rafael Z.	Yes
5B	Andre G.	No		Paul D.	Yes		Martha G.	Yes
	Claude C.	No	12	Bob W.	No	29	Konstantin U.	Yes
5C	Pierre C.	No		David M.	Yes	31	Donatas Z. **	Yes

* Proxy Vote

** Absentee Vote

Approved 74 Against 29 Abstained 4
 Passed 1st Vote

72. Steve R. - Area 2B

Guidance Code

Guidance Code Change, Page 7, Article VIII, Section 6

Current version: Two-thirds (2/3) or more members of the Board of Trustees present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum. Proxies shall be counted to determine the number present at any meeting for the purpose of a quorum.

Proposed version: Two-thirds (2/3) or more members of the Board of Trustees present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum. Proxies and Absentee ballots properly sent in and received by the Chairman of the BOT prior to the meeting from anywhere as well as physical attendance, from all Trustees in good standing shall be counted to determine the number present at any meeting for the purpose of a quorum.

Item withdrawn.

73. Steve R. - Area 2B

Guidance Code

Guidance Code Change, Page 11, Article VIII, Section 21

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

Proposed version: Any Trustee that misses (2) consecutive Board meetings is automatically removed from the Board of Trustees, and the area in which he or she serves shall be duly notified to hold an election for that vacant Trustee position. A quick response meeting will count for attendance at the Board of Trustees meeting. Absentee ballots and proxies from Board of Trustees members from areas outside of the U.S.A. and Canada will count as attendance at the Board of Trustees physical meetings.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 93 Against 8 Abstained 2
Passed 1st Vote

74. Andre G. - Area 5B

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article XI, Regional Service Office (R.S.O.) Section 5

Change the words "are required to have" for "should have".

Current version: Trusted servants are required to have abstained from gambling for at least two years.

Proposed version: Trusted servants should have abstained from gambling for at least two years.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 30 Against 60 Abstained 6
Failed

75. Denis M. - Area 12

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article IX, new Section 2a

Upon election, the Chairman and 1st and 2nd Co-Chairman shall have the same rights (including voting rights) duties and responsibilities as all other Trustees.

Item withdrawn.

76. Steve R. - Area 2B

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Page 12, Article IX, Section 3

Current version: Board of Trustees meetings may be conducted by mail, however twenty (20) or more votes are needed for a quorum. A majority vote of the quorum shall carry any measure voted upon except as provided for in Section 2 of Article XVI and Article XX.

Proposed version: Board of Trustees meetings may be conducted by mail, however a majority of current Trustees are needed for a quorum. A majority vote of the quorum shall carry any measure voted upon except as provided for in Section 2 of Article XVI and Article XX.

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to change mail to “mail, email or fax”

Chair ruled the amendment out of order.

The Chair was then challenged that the amendment is in order. The vote on the challenge fails therefore the Chair is in order and the amendment is out of order.

Amend motion to say

Change twenty (20) or more votes are needed for a quorum

A majority of current Trustees are needed for a quorum.

Approved 84 Against 2 Abstained 2

Passed 1st Vote

77. Steve R. - Area 2B

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article XIX, Section 2.

Current Version: On any issue affecting Gamblers Anonymous as a whole, which necessitates a vote by the Board of Trustees and /or groups, the ballots will be returned in a sealed envelope to the International Executive Secretary of the International Service Office (I.S.O.), who will tally votes and notify each Trustee and group of the result of voting. This Section does not apply to the meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Proposed Version: On any issue affecting Gamblers Anonymous as a whole, which necessitates a vote by the Board of Trustees and /or groups, the ballots will be returned in a sealed envelope or original ballot signed by the Trustee scanned and emailed or faxed to the International Executive Secretary of the International Service Office (I.S.O.). The I.E.S. and at least 5 members of the Board of Trustees or the Board of Regents will tally votes and the I.E.S. will notify each Trustee and group of the result of voting. This Section does not apply to the physical meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Motion to accept above.

Amendment 1 to change “5” members to “3” members.

Passed

Amendment 2 to insert “a combination of” between “and” & “at”.

Passed

The motion will now read, On any issue affecting Gamblers Anonymous as a whole, which necessitates a vote by the Board of Trustees and /or groups, the ballots will be returned in a sealed envelope or original ballot signed by the Trustee scanned and emailed or faxed to the International Executive Secretary of the International Service Office (I.S.O.). The I.E.S. and a combination of at least 3 members of the Board of Trustees or the Board of Regents will tally votes and the I.E.S. will notify each

Trustee and group of the result of voting. This Section does not apply to the physical meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Approved	80	Against	0	Abstained	4
Passed				1 st Vote	

78. Gary S. - Area 12

Guidance Code

Discuss adding a new section to the Guidance Code, Article XVIII, Section 3A

To maintain a balance and fair voting right, all areas are entitled to have up to 3 trustees.

See Louisville attachment - #78

Motion to accept above.

Approved	2	Against	95	Abstained	3
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Failed

79. John B. - Area 13

Guidance Code

Guidance Code; Article VII, Section 1.

Delete last sentence, and add: Any member/s wishing to start a new meeting in an area represented by an established Intergroup, should notify the Intergroup Chairperson, who will request a starter kit for the new meeting from the International Service Office (I.S.O.), and the starter kit will be sent to a Trustee from that area. For a new meeting in an area not represented by an intergroup, the member/s wishing to start a new meeting should request the starter kit through their area Trustee, and the starter kit will then be sent to the Trustee. If possible, at least one of the members starting the new meeting should have a minimum of one (1) year of abstinence.

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

Proposed version: Whenever two or more persons with a desire to stop gambling meet together on a regular, weekly scheduled basis to discuss their gambling problem, they will be known as a group, only if they commit themselves to follow Gamblers Anonymous' Guidance Code and limit their use display and distribution to only approved and appropriate Gamblers Anonymous literature. Any member/s wishing to start a new meeting in an area represented by an established Intergroup, should notify the Intergroup Chairperson, who will request a starter kit for the new meeting from the International Service Office (I.S.O.), and the starter kit will be sent to a Trustee from that area. For a new meeting in an area not represented by an intergroup, the member/s wishing to start a new meeting should request the starter kit through their area Trustee, and the starter kit will then be sent to the Trustee. If possible, at least one of the members starting the new meeting should have a minimum of one (1) year of abstinence.

Motion to accept above adding "If the area does not have a Trustee the Starter Kit will be sent directly to the requesting member" to the first paragraph after the sentence that ends with "should have a minimum of one (1) year of abstinence" and also at the end of the motion.

Failed

80. David F. - Area 3A

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article VIII, Board of Trustees, Section I

Change first sentence two (2) year requirement to four (4) year requirement and immediately follow with new second sentence to not have the change be retroactive for current Trustees.

Current Version: This Fellowship shall be guided by a Board of Trustees who are members of Gamblers Anonymous and have completely abstained from gambling by their own admission for a period of two (2) years and have had regular attendance at Gamblers Anonymous meetings.

Proposed Version: This Fellowship shall be guided by a Board of Trustees who are members of Gamblers Anonymous and have completely abstained from gambling by their own admission for a period of four (4) years and have had regular attendance at Gamblers Anonymous meetings.

(Second new sentence to be included) This shall not be retroactive for those who are currently Trustees or have just been elected for the term beginning on July 1, 2010." (continued with) Board of Trustees defines regular attendance for International officers as thirty-nine (39) meetings per year. This does not include Intergroup meetings or picnics but does include Birthday meetings. This Board shall not exceed as many Trustees as deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 8 Against 90 Abstained 2

Failed

81. David F. - Area 3A

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article VIII - Board of Trustees, Section 4

Change in the second sentence from 2 years to (4) years.

Current Version: Any Trustee is automatically removed from office for gambling by his/her own admission. Current or past Trustees who return to gambling and subsequently come back to G.A. should not have a voice at the BOT meeting until they have 2 years of abstinence, the same qualification as becoming a Trustee. Gambling, for the compulsive gambler is defined as follows: Any betting or wagering, for self or others, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or "skill" constitutes gambling. Or he or she may be removed for other acts on his or her part which are detrimental to Gamblers Anonymous as a whole, or for not attending Gamblers Anonymous meetings. Removal requires 2/3 vote for expulsion by the Board of Trustees at the next physical meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Proposed Version: Any Trustee is automatically removed from office for gambling by his/her own admission. Current or past Trustees who return to gambling and subsequently come back to G.A. should not have a voice at the BOT meeting until they have four (4) years of abstinence, the same qualification as becoming a Trustee. Gambling, for the compulsive gambler is defined as follows: Any betting or wagering, for self or others, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or "skill" constitutes gambling. Or he or she may be removed for other acts on his or her part which are detrimental to Gamblers Anonymous as a whole, or for not attending Gamblers Anonymous meetings. Removal requires 2/3 vote for expulsion by the Board of Trustees at the next physical meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Item withdrawn.

82. Herb B. - Area 5

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article XIII, Section 1

Change the date of the election to the Spring Conference of the odd years indicating that the term

will be 2 years.

Current Version: The International Service Office (I.S.O.) shall be guided by a Board of Regents of nine (9) members of Gamblers Anonymous who have abstained from gambling for at least two (2) years. This Board shall be elected at the Spring Conference.

Proposed Version: The International Service (I.S.O.) shall be guided by a Board of Regents of nine (9) members of Gamblers Anonymous who have abstained from gambling for at least two (2) years. This Board shall be elected at the Spring Conference of the odd years. (Every 2 years).

Motion to accept above.

Approved 94 Against 2 Abstained 1
Passed 1st Vote

83. Herb B. - Area 5

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article XIII, Section 1

Change the number of Regents from 9 to 12.

Current Version: The International Service Office (I.S.O.) shall be guided by a Board of Regents of nine (9) members of Gamblers Anonymous who have abstained from gambling for at least two (2) years. This Board shall be elected at the Spring Conference.

Proposed Version: The International Service (I.S.O.) shall be guided by a Board of Regents of twelve (12) members of Gamblers Anonymous who have abstained from gambling for at least two (2) years. This Board shall be elected at the Spring Conference of the odd years. (Every 2 years).

Item withdrawn.

84. Herb B. - Area 5

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article XIII, Section 2

Current Version: Regents should be elected from the area within the Fellowship who are within reasonable traveling distance from the International Service Office (I.S.O.), so that they may be able to attend every meeting and be available on immediate notice for any emergency meetings which may become necessary.

Proposed Version: The Board of Regents should be elected from within the fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous.

Item withdrawn.

85. Herb B. - Area 5

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article XIII, Section 3

Current Version: The term of office of Regents shall be for one (1) year starting on July 1st and including June 30th of the following year.

Proposed Version: The term of office of Regents shall be for two (2) years starting on July 1st of the odd years and ending on June 30th of the following odd year.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 93 Against 8
Passed 1st Vote

This vote took place prior to the Chair implementing the Rules and Procedures item regarding abstentions under # 67 of New Business.

86. Herb B. - Area 5

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article XIII, Section 6

Current Version: Five (5) members of the Board of Regents shall constitute a quorum. Only a written proxy shall be counted in determining the number present for the purpose of a quorum.
Proposed Version: Six (6) members of the Board of Regents shall constitute a quorum. A member of the Board of Regents must be present at a meeting, in person or part of a conference call, to be considered as part of a quorum. The Chairman of the Board of Regents can only vote to break a tie.

Item withdrawn.

87. Herb B. - Area 5

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article XIII, Section 7

Current Version: Two (2) members of the Board of Regents may be non-members of Gamblers Anonymous if approved by the Board of Trustees.

Proposed Version: Eliminate this section completely and re-number the rest of the sections in Article XIII, i.e. Section 8 becomes Section 7, etc.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 89 Against 2 Abstained 0
Passed 1st Vote

88. Herb B. - Area 5

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article XIII, Section 10

Change the last sentence to instruct the areas through the Trustees to elect 12 Regents instead of 9.

Current Version: 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: Each Trustee, based on guidance from their groups and their personal knowledge, will be able to select no more than twelve (12) proposed Regents from the list of nominations and/or from a write-in list of their own selection.

Item withdrawn.

89. Herb B. - Area 5

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article XIII, Section 11

Change the first sentence by taking out the word "annual".

Current Version: The annual election of Regents shall be by written ballot.

Proposed Version: The election of the Board of Regents shall be by written ballot.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 91 Against 2 Abstained 0
Passed 1st Vote

90. Herb B. - Area 5

Guidance Code

Guidance Code, Article XIII, Section 12

Eliminate this section completely because it is the same as Article XIII, Section 3

Motion to accept above.

Approved 92 Against 1 Abstained 0
Passed 1st Vote

91. Mike R. - Area 15

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, with the exception of any member who is abusive or harasses any other member in the meetings.

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to change "without due process".

Failed

On the motion.

Failed

92. Ron W. - Area 17

Intergroup Procedures

Should A GA Member, who is a paid/unpaid counselor, withhold information about GA from their client.

Motion to table.

Passed

93. Ron W. - Area 17

Intergroup Procedures

Discuss Bettors Choice & Connecticut Council's Help Line.

Motion to table.

Passed

94. Paul C. for Mary R. - Area 14

Intergroup Procedures

Intergroup Procedures/Discussion:

Can an Intergroup cease financial support of a room the does not financially support the Intergroup?

Discussion only.

95. Bill S. - Area 3B

ISO Procedures

The ONE TIME DONATION section in the Monthly GA Bulletin shall continue as is, except no individual name shall be listed as the donor. Areas, Intergroups, Walkathons, other fundraisers, meetings, and anonymous are acceptable for listing who its from and no changes in who or how to honor person's or events.

Motion that donors listed in the One Time Donations section of the monthly G.A. bulletin should be anonymous (no individual names); Group and Intergroup names and/or geographical area listings are acceptable.

Failed

96. Linda S. - Area 3A

ISO Procedures

DISCUSSION: The illegal use of the Gamblers Anonymous logo and trademark on websites with public access. How does this affect GA as a whole? Is anonymity in jeopardy? Is there anything being done to monitor this type of activity?

Discussion only.

97. Bill S. - Area 3B

ISO Procedures

Add to the GA web site www.gamblersanonymous.org a section that would allow private access by password (using a state code or intergroup code, or individual code to be determined) to a members only section that would allow the following for example a. posting of the monthly bulletins

Motion to accept above.

Failed

98. Ara H. for Lanny R. - Area 1

New Literature

Add "Twelve Steps of Recovery" as new literature.

See Louisville attachment - #98

Motion to accept above for a Merit Vote.

Motion to table.

Passed

Motion is pending.

99. Ed E. for Richard F. - Area 2

New Literature

Request the consideration of Twenty (Recovery) Questions as GA- approved literature and passage of the new literature merit vote. This proposed literature is intended to be a 3-page pamphlet and to serve as a reminder about "living in the solution" through the principles of the Gamblers Anonymous Recovery Program.

See Louisville attachment - #99

Motion to accept above.

Passed

Merit Vote

100. Mike M. for Pam K. - Area 3D

New Literature

Request the Board Of Trustees accept, for merit, the "Step Writing Exercises" as approved GA literature and send it to the Literature Committee for the next step in the approval process.

See Louisville attachment - #100

Motion to accept above.

Passed

Merit Vote

101. Matt H. - Area 16

Other Literature

Approve meeting format rules as appropriate literature.

No discussion.

102. Linda S. for Carol K. - Area 3A

Other Literature

Information Packet: "90 Day Plateau":

Replace the word "Plateau" with "Recognition."

Motion to replace the "Plateau" with "Celebration" .

Failed

103. Richie S. - Area 6

Other Literature

Hosting an International Conference Pamphlet, Page 1 and 2 under Eligibility, Who can bid and when?

Current Version: Spring conferences in odd years are only open to midwestern areas or Intergroups. Fall conferences in odd years are only open to western areas or Intergroups. Spring

conferences in even years are only open to eastern areas or Intergroups. Fall conferences in even years are only open to southern areas or Intergroups. In the event no area bids for a certain conference that conference becomes an open conference and is open to bid by any area/intergroup in any region of the North American continent at the next trustee meeting.

Proposed version: All International Conferences up for bid at a BOT meeting will be OPEN to all areas or Intergroups, in any region of the North American continent. There will not be any geographical restrictions on the Fall or Spring conferences of any year.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

104. David M. - Area 12

Other Literature

Group Handbook, Page 6, new item 4 making the current item 4 into item 5.

4. Meetings in which all the members have spoken before the advertised ending time of the meeting, must remain open until that ending time to accommodate late arrivals and/or new members.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

105. David M. - Area 12

Other Literature

Hosting an International Conference. Page 6, 2nd paragraph. 2nd sentence.

Current version: In the event of a profit the proceeds are divided with 55% going to GA ISO and 45% going to Gam-Anon.

Proposed version: However, in the event of a profit, the hosting area will be entitled to 15% of the gross profit of the conference up to a maximum of \$1,000. The remaining proceeds are then divided between GA ISO and Gam-Anon in a percentage equal to the number of attendees from each Fellowship.

Motion: "However, in the event of a profit, the hosting area will be entitled to 15% of the gross profit of the conference up to a maximum of \$1,500.00"

Failed

The Chair was challenged that this motion is out of order. The vote on the challenge fails therefore the Chair is in order and so is the motion.

106. David M. - Area 12

Other Literature

Hosting an International Conference, Page 1, Introduction, new sentences at the end of this section.

Any International Conference that does not receive bids at 2 successive physical Trustee meetings will be canceled. The Executive Board will be responsible for selecting a site to host just a Trustee meeting in lieu of the International Conference.

Motion to table.

Passed

107. David F. - Area 3A

Other Literature

Group Handbook, Page 7, Suggested Meeting Format, Item 11.

Change to include asking the Twenty Questions to the new member.

Current Version: Chairperson calls upon new members if they desire to speak.

Proposed Version: Chairperson or a designated member reads the Twenty Questions to any new members and when finished asks the new member if they desire to speak.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

108. David F. - Area 3A

Other Literature

Group Handbook, Page 8, Suggested Meeting Format continued from Page 7

Add new Item to become Item 14 and renumber current Items 14, 15 and 16 to become Items 15, 16 and 17.

Proposed New Item 14: Regular attendance at meetings means a complete meeting from the beginning to the end. The Chairperson should not encourage members to leave early by asking who has to leave at the break

Motion to accept above.

Failed

109. John V. - Area 16

Other Literature

Group Handbook, Page 3, Public Relations Representative

Add the following at the end of the existing text.

The Public Relations Representative should be available to guide any of the members in the group as to how to behave when doing any public relations work. An essential piece of understanding is that this person is not speaking as a representative of Gamblers Anonymous, but as a member of Gamblers Anonymous speaking about his or her own experience, strength and hope. The work of public relations is to carry the message to the compulsive gambler who still suffers. Doing so requires discipline as to how one should conduct oneself, always being conscious of maintaining anonymity.

Anonymity, especially when appearing or functioning in the public eye, is not a subject for debate. It must be preserved at all cost. The person that is the subject of the interview must decide if they are speaking as a compulsive gambler or a member of Gamblers Anonymous. Both positions can make others aware of the problems associated with compulsive gambling, but how the interview is conducted is what dictates how the person being interviewed should act. If Gamblers Anonymous is never mentioned or referred to, then there are no restrictions on how the person should act or what is said. However, if the person being interviewed refers to him or herself as a member of Gamblers Anonymous in any way, the person's face cannot be shown, nor can the person's full name be used. Additionally, in such situations, Gamblers Anonymous literature cannot be visible, nor can a Gamblers Anonymous telephone hotline be displayed. Ideally, the person being interview might even want to use a different name, just to eliminate another possibility of someone identifying who he or she is.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

110. 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.

No discussion.

111. Don Y. - Area 2

Request for Committee

Discuss: "Carry the message to the compulsive gambler who still suffers." We are now in the digital age. GA now has a website, but cannot stop there. We need to carry the message any way possible and as the computer is a great way to communicate in today's world we should discuss creating "Facebook," "Myspace," and "Youtube" videos.

Discussion only.

112. Ray H. - Area 6

Request for Committee

Request a committee to formulate and reinstate the alternate trustee.

A committee was formed consisting of the following members; Bill B., Ray H., Lloyd A. and Richie S.

113. Larry B. - Area 6

Steps

Combo Book page 6 and all other GA literature where the Unity Program appears:

Add 7 words to the beginning of Unity Step 6

CURRENT VERSION: Gamblers Anonymous ought never endorse, finance or lend the Gamblers Anonymous name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

NEW VERSION: With the sole exception of endorsing Gam-Anon, Gamblers Anonymous ought never endorse, finance or lend the Gamblers Anonymous name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

Discussion only.

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at approximately 5:50 P.M. The collection for the five (5) sessions was \$782.00.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held October 28, 2010 at 10:00 AM in Tampa, Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen H.

Karen H., International Executive Secretary

ROLL CALL

AREA	SESSIONS	AREA	SESSIONS	AREA	SESSIONS
1	Ara H. 5	6B	Dina P. 5	13B	Andy R. 5
	Ed K. 5		Juan A. *Abst.		Pete K. 5.
	Kathie S. 5		Carlos M. Abst.	14	Al O. Abst.

	Steve F.	5	6C	Joe B.	5		Brad B.	5
	Jose N.	5		Gary G.	5		Maury C.	5
1A	Doug L.	5		Dennis A.	5		Paul C.	5
2	Don Y.	5		Parks H.	Abst.	15	Alan J.	5.
	Paul N.	5	7	Kathy S.	5		Chuck R.	5
2A	Paul N.	5		Leanne W.	5		Marty D.	*Abst.
2B	CJ D.	5	7A	Bill E.	5		Mike R.	5
	Steve R.	5		John G.	5		Stanley C.	5
2C	Debbie W.	5	8	Allen H.	*Abst.		Bill B.	5
2E	Debra M.	Abst.		Arnie B.	5	16	John V.	5
2G	Debb W.	5		Jeff F.	5	17	Ron W.	5
	Kathleen J.	*Abst.		Kathy H.	5		Walt H.	5
2H	Linda W.	5	8A	Mark P.	5	18	Ron M.	5
2J	Cindie T.	5		Jeanne B.	5		Andy D.	Abst.
2K	Ken K.	5	8B	Dan W.	5	18A	Trevor S.	5
3	Gladys C.	5	8C	Deni M.	5		Yvonne R.	5
	Jan A.	5	8D	Cathy K.	5	18B	David M.	5
	JoJo B.	5	9	Carol K.	5		Rob H.	5
	Liz N.	5		Jim M.	5	19	Jorge C.	Abst.
3A	David F.	5	9A	Pat D.	5		Eduardo B.	Abst.
	Linda S.	5	10	Paulette M.	5	20	George G.	*Abst.
	Willie F.	5	10A	Norman B.	5	21	Luis R.	Abst.
3B	Bill S.	5		Sammy S.	Abst.	22	Vigil M.	5
	Ed L.	5		Jim P.	5	23	Juan Carlos	Abst.
3C	Paula C.	5	10B	Chuck B.	5	23A	Vera T.	Abst.
3D	Mike M.	5		Gary B.	5	24	Mika L.	5
	Phyllis H.	5	11	Bob B.	5	25	Lucio D.	5
3F	Julian F.	5		Mary-Lou L.	5		Luca G.	5
4	Richard F.	*Abst.		Paul D.	5	26	Chris K.	Abst.
	John H.	Abst.	12	Bob W.	5		Byung K.	Abst.
5	Herb B.	5		David M.	5	27	Istvan S.	Abst.
5A	JR.E.	5		Matty C.	5	28	Rafael Z.	5
5B	Andre G.	5		Ted S.	3		Martha G.	5
	Claude C.	5		Frank L.	5	29	Konstantin U.	5
5C	Pierre C.	5		Vinnie B.	5	31	Donatas Z.	5
6	Harvey C.	5	13	John B.	5	32	Masayuki N.	Abst.
	Lloyd A.	5		Ron C.	5		Toshi K.	Abst.
	Ray H.	5		Greg M.	5			
6A	Nick S.	5	13A	Kevin O.	5			
	Sal F.	*Abst.		John E.				

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 Abst. ** Absentee Ballot Received

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 1st Co-Chair BOT–Chuck R. 5
 2nd Co-Chair BOT- Steve R. 5
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 I.E.S. - Karen H. 5