

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS TRUSTEES MEETING  
MAY 5 - 7, 2011  
CROWNE PLAZA, CHERRY HILL, NEW JERSEY**

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. on May 5, 2011 by Denis M., Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Prior to giving his opening remarks, everyone joined in reciting the Serenity Prayer. Points of order and points of information were explained along with procedures for the meeting. The members at the head table were introduced and all new Trustees were asked to introduce themselves.

Twenty-six proxy's were received and read to be voted as follows: Area 2A – from Paul N., given to Richard F.; Area 3 – from Gladys C., given to Elaine S.; Area 3 – from Jan A., given to Jo-Jo B.; Area 3A – from Doug E., given to Linda S.; Area 6 – from Harvey C., given to Richie S.; Area 6A – from Leavy T., given to Pat D.; Area 6A – from Sal F., given to Marilyn L.; Area 6B – from Juan A., given to Dina P.; Area 8C – from Deni M., given to Jeanne B.; Area 9 –from Michael Y., given to Paul K.; Area 18 – from Andy D., given Joe B. (Area 6C).; Area 18B – from Jamie B., given to Lloyd A.; Area 19 – from Antonio B., given to Leo R.; Area 20 – from Oscar B., given to Andre G.; Area 21 – from Lluís B., given to Rick B.; Area 22 – from Dudley B., given to Steve R.; Area 23A – from Vera T., given to Steve F. (Area 1); Area 24 – from Fredrik A., given to Tommy S.; Area 26 –from Chris K., given to Bill W.; Area 26 – from Mr. Kwon, given to Carol K.; Area 27 – from Balazs M., given to Herb B.; Area 28 – from Rafael Z., given to Andy R.; Area 28 – from Javier H., given to Doug L.; Area 31 – from Donatas Z., given to Martha G.; Area 32 – from Masayuki N., given to Bill B. and Area 32 – from Toshi K., given to Karen E.

Five absentee ballots were received as follows: Area 18 – from Ron M., given to Wendy B.; Area 18A – from Trevor S., given to Andy D.; 18A – from Yvonne R., given to Dave S.; Area 25 – from Luca G. given to Bob W. and Area 25 – from Salvatore P. given to Frank L. to vote as per instructions on their respective ballots.

**B) Remembrance of our departed members- Marshall R.**

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

Mario, South Africa, 15 years, passed 09/01/10  
Al F., Reno/Sparks, Nevada, passed 06/02/10  
Bill D., Holiday, Florida, 7 years, passed 06/24/10  
James L., Portland, Maine & Del Ray Beach, Florida, passed 05/24/10  
Bill S., Brandon, Florida, 1 year, passed 10/03/10  
David S., Jonesboro, Georgia, 1 year, passed 08/31/10  
Larry B., Atlanta, Georgia, 5 years, passed 10/17/10  
Kathy K., St. Louis, Missouri, 13 years  
Joyce S., St. Louis, Missouri, 3 years  
Jerry A., Leesburg, Florida, 28 years, passed 01/22/11  
Dan O., Wantagh, New York, 22 years, passed 01/25/11

Mary P., Colorado Springs, Colorado, 9 years, passed 11/2010  
Irving S., Calabasas, California, 42 years, 81 years old, passed 02/19/11  
Bruce C., West Warwick, Rhode Island  
Juan J., West Warwick, Rhode Island  
Iggy F., East Boston, Massachusetts, 21 years, passed 11/2010  
Don M., Linwood, New Jersey, 4 years, 69 years old  
Joe P., Pomona, New York, 13 years, passed 01/2011  
Mike L., Roxboro, Pennsylvania, 12 years, 60 years old, passed 03/2011, Former Trustee  
Joe B., Kankakee, Illinois, 19 years, 63 years old, passed 04/19/11  
Ann K., Livonia, Michigan, 9 years, passed 02/22/11  
Marilyn P., Springfield, Virginia, 2 years, 63 years old, passed 02/03/11  
Kenny L., Burnsville, Minnesota, 3 years, passed 03/2011  
Mary S., Edina, Minnesota, 18 years, 59 years old, passed 04/11/11  
George D., Fridley, Minnesota, 14 years, 63 years old, passed 03/2011  
Raymond T., Montreal, Canada, 11 years, passed 12/02/10  
Pauline C., St. Jean, Quebec, Canada, 1 year, passed 03/2011  
Tony B., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 21 years, passed 09/23/10

**C) Reading from “A Day at a Time Book” Steve F., 3D**

Steve F. from Phoenix read the Reflection for the Day for both May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup> to start the beginning sessions of the day.

**D) Reading of the ”12 Steps of Unity” Mary C., 2J**

Mary C. from Northern Alberta read the 12 Steps of Unity on May 5<sup>th</sup> to begin the first session of the meeting. On May 6<sup>th</sup> Stephan G. from Moscow read the 12 Steps of Unity in Russian and Mary C. from Northern Alberta read them in English to begin the first session for that day.

**E) Roll Call-Karen H. International Executive Secretary**

Karen H. took roll and there are presently 127 votes to begin the first session.

**F) Approval of Minutes from Tampa**

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held in Tampa, Florida 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 \$4,332.00 increase over the previous year. She thanked all members who have continued getting the word out about Lifeliners and the the need of 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 a report on the operations of the International Service Office. He talked about some recent issues the Board of Regents has handled which included the new two year term for the upcoming Board of Regents, the new Gamblers Anonymous I.S.O. Website, the “open meeting” of

the Board of Regents for members to listen only by Conference call each month and the ongoing Intellectual Property issues regarding the illegal use of the Gamblers Anonymous name and Logo.

## **I) Committee Reports**

### **Tampa Fall '10 – Steve R.**

Steve R. reported on the above Conference stating that all items along with a check were submitted to I.S.O. Dina P. gave some thoughts regarding their experience on hosting this Conference. She thanked all those who were there. The final report follows:

#### RECONCILIATION OF 2010 INTERNATIONAL FALL CONFERENCE

\$43,054.67 Total Bank Deposits  
\$ 6,799.00 Total Cash Paid to Hyatt Tampa Bay  
\$49,853.67 Grand Total

#### INCOME

\$47,255.67 Monies received from Registration and Dinners  
\$ 227.00 Contributions  
\$ 770.00 Golf Outing  
\$ 1,501.00 T-Shirts (109 sold for \$1,407.00 cash and \$94.00 by checks)  
\$ 42.00 Excursions  
\$ 33.00 Welcome Bags  
\$ 25.00 Miscellaneous (\$12 Unknown in pouch + \$13.00 in Coins)  
\$49,853.67

#### DISBURSEMENTS

\$ 86.00 Workshop  
\$ 1,579.56 Guest Services & Room Set-ups  
\$ 3,161.59 Booklets and Give Aways  
\$ 961.02 Signs & Printing  
\$ 2,577.83 Hospitality  
\$ 1,939.10 Entertainment  
\$ 42.00 Registration  
\$ 621.13 Transportation  
\$ 1,070.00 Refunds/Cancellations  
\$ 853.82 Golf Outing  
\$29,720.08 Hyatt Tampa Bay  
\$ 1,177.00 T-Shirts  
\$ 154.95 Miscellaneous

\$43,944.08 Total Disbursements  
\$ 5,909.59 Bank Balance (\*)  
\$49,853.67 Grand Total

(\*) \$3,267.69 to GAISO by Check #1015  
\$2,641.90 to Gam-Anon ISO by Check #1017

\$5,909.59

**Cherry Hill Spring '11 - Chuck R.**

Chuck R. stated that everything is up to date. Statements and all Conference reports have been submitted. Andy R. welcomed everyone. The committee has worked hard to put on a great Conference and they are looking forward to having us all here.

**Los Angeles Fall '11 – Steve R.**

Steve R. gave the above report on the Conference to be held October 14 – 16, 2011 at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott in Los Angeles, California stating that everything was going well. They are still working on getting some workshop information. Steve F. talked about how excited L.A. is to once again be hosting an International Conference. This Conference is going to be held at the same location as the 50<sup>th</sup>. Lots of activities are planned with great workshops. Booklet submissions are being requested. The Conference website is 2011westernconference.org

**Boston Spring '12 – Chuck R.**

Chuck R. reported on the above Conference to be held April 20 -22, 2012 at the Boston Marriott in Quincy, Massachusetts. Everything is going well and all committee reports have been submitted on a timely basis. Paul K. reminded everyone to register early and they are looking forward to hosting all who are coming. He also requested articles for their booklet.

**San Diego Fall '12 - Steve R.**

Steve R. gave the above report on the Conference to be held October 19 – 21, 2012 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in San Diego, California stating he has been in contact with the committee. The Chair has resigned for personal reasons and a new Chair will be elected at the next San Diego Intergroup meeting.

**J) Committee Reports**

**Alternate Trustee Committee:**

**Committee Chair – OPEN**

**Co-Chair Liaison – OPEN**

**Mission Statement -**

Denis M. asked if anyone was interested in chairing the above committee. No one stepped up therefore this Committee has been disbanded.

**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.**

**Current Members of the Committee: Carol K, Linda S, Bill G,**

**In response to numerous inquiries from members as to whether or not the “promises” would be in the book and after seeking approval of the Chair of the Board of Trustees, I sent the attached letter to AA inquiring as to what they would require of us in order to do so. I received the attached response from them. I then placed an item on the agenda for Cherry Hill in order to find out what the group conscience is in this regard. The outcome of the agenda item will let us know what to do.**

We have received 36 stories. Although we would accept more up until the book is submitted on for acceptance we ask that it be soon.

The committee is having a day long working meeting in Cherry Hill on Wednesday. We invite the input from all members. The aim is to have a book that is near complete. Second and third proof reads will then be done over the next few months. A verbal update of the progress made Wednesday will be given at the Trustee Meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Carol K.

Carol K. gave the above report which was submitted online. The committee worked all day yesterday at the Hotel.

**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.**

No online report was submitted. Herb B. stated the committee has been working diligently. They will continue.

**Conference Review Committee**

**Committee Chair – Andre G. – Area 5B**

**Co-Chair Liaison – Denis M.**

**Mission Statement - To establish financial and contractual procedures for Areas planning to host an International Conference and to help Areas in all other aspects of an International Conference.**

**Conference Review Committee Report**

The Conference Review Committee has been working to create a document that can be utilized by areas that are interested in bidding on an International Conference. The outline below contains an overview of the areas that will be addressed upon completion of the work of this committee. The members of this committee continue to share their experiences, strengths and hopes with each other through online message boards and phone conferences, so that we can create a document that will be a tool to all GA members throughout the world wishing to bid on an International Conference. Our final document is not meant to replace the “Hosting an International Conference” pamphlet but to complement it.

We are also working to create a database of past Conferences contracts and we are considering to recommend that this Committee becomes a standing Committee. Remember this is work in progress and you will see below an outline of the areas the committee is focusing on. The committee welcomes any suggestions from members willing to share their experiences.

1. Contractual Procedures
  - Finding a hotel
  - Negotiating the contract
  - Rooms
  - Meals
  - Rooms for meeting/workshops/hospitality
  - Attrition clauses/taxes & gratuities.
2. Financial Procedures
  - Number of attendees (Spring vs. Fall)

**Pricing Plans**  
**Committee Budgets**  
**Other suggestions to help lower cost**

**3. Helping Areas in other aspects**

**Archive of past Conferences contracts and financial results**  
**Standing Committee**

Andre G. gave the above report which was submitted online. Andre thanked all the committee members.

**GA / Gam-Anon Joint Committee**

**Committee Chair - Denis M. - Area 12**

**Co-Chair Liaison - Chuck R.**

**Mission Statement - To review the relationship between the two programs regarding International Conferences.**

No online report was submitted. Denis M. reported on the above committee stating that the proposal from Gam-Anon with the items they wanted us to consider was received less than three weeks ago and he didn't feel that there was enough time to pursue this prior to this Trustees meeting. Hopefully the committee, which consists of five Gamblers Anonymous and five Gam-Anon members will have something to present in Los Angeles.

**Hotline Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Bill W. – Area 15**

**Co-Chair Liaison – Denis M.**

**Mission Statement - To research, formulate and recommend to the Board of Trustees a National Hotline system that will achieve the objectives set forth by the previous Hotline Committee.**

No online report was submitted. Bill W. introduced the members of the above committee. Committee report was handed out, which follows.

**Hotline Committee Report – Cherry Hill, NJ – May 5, 2011**

**1. Hotline Committee members: Bill W., Area 15, NY; Chuck B., Area 10B, IN; David M., Area 12, NJ; Gary S., Area 12, NJ; Irwin S., Area 12, NJ; Jim H., Area 8, Chicago; Michelle J., Area 8B, KS; Paul S., Area 17, CT; Richard C., Area 2K, Calgary; Richie S., Area 6, FL; Sharon W., Area 2G, OR; Doug E., Area 3A, not in attendance.**

**2. Hotline Committee Requirements. Part of the Hotline Committee charter, it's been used as a guide for all of the work that we've done.**

**a. The Hotline should have a single number to dial and give the caller the option to be directed to another area if needed**

**b. Caller should be able to speak to a live volunteer 24/7**

**c. This number should be able for anyone to speak to a live volunteer outside of their local area by rolling to the next closest area after all volunteers in the specified time slots have attempted to be contacted**

**d. The options should be universal in all areas**

**e. Gamblers Anonymous should own the exclusive rights to this national hotline number and should be utilized in reference on all GA printed and communicative advisory areas**

**f. Uniform pricing structure on a per minute basis, with accommodations for areas with special needs**

**g. A supervisory committee be appointed to administer the overall system**

**3. Hotline Coordinator Survey**

- a. Subcommittee; special thanks to Doug E. from Area 3A (San Diego) also Sharon W. and Richie S.
- b. To collect feedback from Areas regarding their experience with the Hotline and what they like and dislike. Also to share experiences and see if there are any questions, themes or data trends.
- c. Sent to Hotline Coordinators for areas with a hotline or knowledgeable trustees or Intergroup/area members in areas without a Hotline
- d: Areas that we need contacts for: 1 (central CA, LA, Palm Springs + HI), 2F, 3E, 3F, 4, 5B, 5C, 13C
- e. Would like to collect surveys from all 58 areas in US and Canada
- f. Sent on 4/25 and available at [goo.gl/IRdFH](http://goo.gl/IRdFH). Surveys due by Friday, June 17.
- g. Contact Bill W. or Doug E with questions or difficulties with the survey.
- h. See Bill W or a member of the Hotline Committee if you'd like a hard copy of this survey.
- i. May want to have current Hotline Coordinator complete the survey with help from a coordinator or member who has a longer working history with the Hotline to help with historical questions

#### 4. Vendor Search

- a. Subcommittee: Chuck B, David M, Jim H and Paul S
- b. Began with over 30 vendors. Our first pass qualified vendors based on our 7 requirements and gave us an opportunity to become familiar with each vendor, their approach and processes.
- c. We will present findings and make a complete set of recommendations in October at next BOT meeting in Los Angeles

Bill reiterated that it is important to for all surveys be completed and returned by June 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### International Relations Committee:

Committee Chair – Martha G. – Area 28

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

Since we last met in Tampa, Florida in October 2010 our committee has been carrying out different tasks to improve the function and effectiveness of the committee as well as serve our Fellowship. Therefore this report is divided into three parts: the first will describe the structure of the committee, the second will report the activities of the committee members and the third to release the news from G.A. Worldwide.

Our committee is comprised of 29 G.A. members from different countries; we are now using a “Google groups” forum to communicate between BOT meetings, which we started in early 2011. This allows all the IRC members the ability to post any discussion points for the committee to respond to.

Also the IRC has 5 working subcommittees, as follows:

We continue to respond to ISO overseas emails requesting help on starting new meetings, literature questions and various other G.A. related questions.

Overseas Trustee Sponsorship

G.A. World Data Base Questionnaire

Spanish Literature Translation

Overseas Website Guidelines and Revisions

Details of members involved in each subcommittee can be seen on the Trustee website.

### ISO Overseas Emails

Our committee has answer 220 emails since October 2010 from 42 different countries. ISO has sent out 12 starter kits for new meetings, as follows: (7) Mexico, (1) Venezuela, (2) Serbia, (1) Thailand and (1) Ecuador. Before ISO send a starter kit our committee make contact with the person(s) making the request to be sure it come from a compulsive gambler and guide them to the process of starting a new meeting to be in full compliance with the Guidance Code and keep contact with them as long as is needed.

IRC members have been working to get the following new meetings up and going.

ISO received 6 new international group meeting information forms: Guayaquil (Ecuador), New Delhi (India), Waterford (Ireland), Mexico City (Mexico), Guadalajara, Jalisco (Mexico), Saltillo, Coahuila (Mexico), Hermosillo, Sonora (Mexico). Ecuador is a new country for the fellowship before there was no GA presence, regarding Serbia and Thailand we made contact and they are still struggling to start the meetings.

### Overseas Trustee Sponsorship

Members from our committee have volunteered to keep in contact with all overseas Trustees to help those areas with any G.A. related issues.

Italy Area 25 will present Agenda item 84

Area 25 Italy requests from the Gamblers Anonymous Board of Trustees the approval to translate into Italian make and sell the following Gamblers Anonymous gadgets: G.A. Medallions in Roman Numerals, G.A. Coin (Serenity Prayer & G.A. Logo), G.A. Key Chains (Welcome, 30 Days, 60 Days, 90 Days, 6 Months, 9 Months).

Argentina Area 19 will present Agenda item 85

Report of their R.S.O. - Area 19 – Argentina

Hungary Area 27 will present Agenda item 86

Hungary, Area 27, request for financial assistance to help with the translation of the Guidance Code and the Blue Books printing into Hungarian, for a total of \$ 1,500.00

### G.A. World Data Base Questionnaire

In sending out this questionnaire we are trying to collect information from our worldwide Fellowship regarding language(s) spoken, number of meetings & members, Inter-groups, Regional Services Offices, website information, approved literature translations and their contact information. The IRC is also asking about their knowledge of the ISO website, the online ISO store, the Trustee website, and the Guidance Code. The IRC is putting a high priority on getting the Guidance Code translated in as many languages as possible. Our committee believed on not leaving this critical translation only to local areas, because they might not have a complete understanding of what some of the meanings are.

### Spanish Translation Literature

As we reported in Tampa, this committee is working with GA members from Spain, Argentina, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Hispanic GA meetings in the USA who have volunteered to review, update and translate GA approved literature into Spanish. The IRC is looking to have the Spanish translations free of regionalism for the better understanding of all GA Hispanic members worldwide. They Cherry Hill BOT Agenda Meeting will be available in Spanish version. Translation of “Step One the Foundation of Recovery for Compulsive Gambling” it is been finished.

### Overseas Website Guidelines and Revisions

Depending on the outcome of the IRC’s questionnaires, members from our committee



along with help from David M., our Trustee website administrator, will help overseas areas to become compliant with the “Gamblers Anonymous Board of Trustees Website Guidelines”, if needed. Local area website is not about information overload, it is about getting the viewer to a meeting or calling someone who will get them to a meeting.

#### News from G.A. Worldwide

**Area 24 Sweden** Conference in Malmö, Sweden

**April 16, 2011** Invitation for the event was send to GA Denmark, Netherlands and Norway.

**Area 19 Argentina**

**May 27 - 28, 2011** National Conference in Salvador de Jujuy, Argentina

**Area 21 Spain**

**June 17 - 19, 2011** XIV National Conference in Chipiona (Cadiz), Spain

**Area 22 South Africa**

**July 22 – 24, 2011** “KZN 20 Year Anniversary Rally” at the Natalia ATKV Beach Resort

**Area 18B Australia** Australian National Conference “Celebrating 50 Down Under”

**August 24 - 26, 2012** Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

IRC Cherry Hill meeting will be held on Wednesday May 4, at 10:00 pm.

"Assist the fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous with International matters and help create a World Wide United Gamblers Anonymous".

**Submitted for the IRC by: Martha G. Area 28 México, IRC Chairperson**

Steve R. submitted the above report on the website. Martha G. thanked all the committee members asking them to stand. She stated the newest County to be added to our International Directory of Meetings is Bulgaria.

#### 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 CHERRY HILL CONFERENCE**

**Agenda item #5 is an agenda item to revise the literature approval process.**

**Agenda items 19 through 22 are items that passed the Merit Vote in Tampa and are up for a first approval vote.**

**Agenda item #13 (Step Writing Exercises) is up for a second vote.**

**Please acquaint yourself with these items and print them out with your agendas - they are all available on the "Download Center" link on the Trustee Website. Thank you.**

**Chuck R. (Chair, Literature Committee)**

Chuck R. gave the above report which was submitted online and mentioned the item to revise the literature approval process which is up for approval during the Rules and Procedures portion of the Agenda.

#### Member Retention Committee:

**Committee Chair – Alan J - Area 15**

**Co-Chair Liaison – Steve R.**

**Mission Statement - Through an exchange of ideas, the retention committee will create a new piece of literature suggesting ways that members, meetings, Intergroups and ISO can increase retention in Gamblers Anonymous.**

No online report was submitted. Alan J. submitted the following report during the Trustees meeting:

**Member Retention Committee Report – Cherry Hill, NJ**

I have resigned as Chairman of this committee but sincerely hope that someone will step up and volunteer to take over as I think this is very important work for the fellowship. Below is a report of some of the ideas this committee has come up with in the short time we put into it. Our objective was to create a new piece of literature on improving retention in Gamblers Anonymous.

I am at this moment planning on being in Cherry Hill but my Mother's health issues are my main priority in my life right now, so that could change. In any event I would like this report to be posted.

Thanks, Alan J.

## **IMPROVING RETENTION IN GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS**

### **1. At Meeting Level:**

#### **A) To increase retention through involvement.**

The more people involved in a meeting, the more likely the individual will feel a sense of belonging and a desire to remain in program. To achieve this participation, the chairing of each meeting is rotated among all members of the meeting with at least 90 days abstinence. Example: in a meeting with 13 members ideally each member would chair a meeting 4 times a year. The chairperson/secretary of the meeting announces each week the chairpersons for the coming 4 weeks. Meeting phone lists should be updated monthly.

Increasing participation means creating service positions to include as many members as possible:

The obvious positions are: Chairperson/Secretary, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Intergroup Rep, Sponsorship Chairperson, PRGM Chairperson.

Additional positions that might be considered to increase participation would be:

**LITERATURE CHAIRPERSON** – Person responsible for displaying all G.A. literature at each meeting and replenishing stock when necessary;

**REFRESHMENT CHAIRPERSON** – Coordinates weekly refreshments – Simple snacks (pretzels, chips, cookies, coffee or sodas);

**MEETING SETUP CHAIRPERSON** – Setup before and after;

**PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRPERSON** – Calls local high schools, colleges, civic organizations, etc., to see if they are interested in having a G.A. speaker;

**RETENTION COMMITTEE** – Members of this committee should see to it that the new member receives telephone calls, especially the first few days, has a functioning relationship with a sponsor, is encouraged to attend other meetings, and sees that the PRGM has been explained and hopefully set up within the first 5 weeks of attendance.

**B) After the close of the first meeting, to have an experienced member speak with the newcomer to welcome, give encouragement, and offer suggestions for any immediate financial pressures.**

**C) To enhance the newcomer's retention in G.A., provide the new member with knowledge of Gam-Anon as a support group for the family.**

### **2. At Intergroup Level:**

Intergroup is encouraged:

\*to sponsor events that bring members from different meetings together to further experience, strength, and hope such as dinner dances, mini-conferences, open meetings, anniversary meetings, international conferences;

\*to encourage family events (picnics, etc.) to increase family understanding and support;

**\*to encourage Intergroup reps to bring all information concerning G.A. to the meeting level and encourage active participation in all Intergroup sponsored events, e.g. dinner dances, mini-conferences, open meetings, anniversary meetings;**

**\*to create a monthly calendar/newsletter announcing events, anniversaries, conferences to be distributed to all meetings in the area.**

### **3. At I.S.O. Level**

**\*to include this piece of literature in all starter kits**

The above committee has been disbanded.

A new committee was formed with Vinny B. being named as Chairman. Committee members are John D., Area 12; Matty C., Area 12; Tom Z., Area 14; Levi B., Area 2; Cathy K., Area 8D; Joe B., Area 15; Mike K., Area 7B; Mary C., Area 2J; Andy D., Area 13; Al B., Area 12; Julian F., Area 3F; Alan J., Area 15 and Larry B., Area 15.

### **Pressure Relief Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Lloyd A.– Area 6**

**Co-Chair Liaison – Steve R.**

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

No online report was submitted. Steve R. gave the report. Lloyd A. spoke asking for input regarding Pressure Relief.

### **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 2010 – April 2011**

**To my G.A. Brothers and Sisters:**

**During the above period, the data collection actively continued. Research has shown that we started one new meeting in Kansas and two are pending, one each in Arizona and Michigan. One holdup is that the facilities are asking for a local representative to help them (Ypsilanti, MI) and one is awaiting a room. We will continue to monitor their status. We found that there is an existing meeting in Wisconsin (Waupun) only because it was mentioned in a letter from an inmate who wanted materials than what the G.A. volunteer provided.**

**The following statistics represent the current status of G.A. meetings in Jails, Institutions, and Prisons in the United States:**

**Current known active meetings – 32. A list of these meetings with details is attached to this report and a copy will be sent to the I.S.O. for their use.**

**I.S.O. sent out 3 prison starter kits (Marana, AZ, Leavenworth, KS and Ypsilanti, MI).**

**One potential meeting previously reported has not been verified. Someone from Chester, Pennsylvania emailed that they have meetings at their facility but there still has been no response to verify this. Maybe the local Trustee could look into this.**

**I.S.O. sent out 13 prison information packets: 2 to California (Patton and Blythe); 1 to Idaho (Boise); 2 to Massachusetts (Bridgewater and Shirley); 1 to Pennsylvania (La Belle), 1 to North**

Carolina (Butner); 5 to New York (1 each to Hudson County, Beacon, and Collins and 2 to Coxsackie); 1 to Missouri (Vandalia) and 1 to Wisconsin (Waupum). It is interesting to note that requests came from Patton, CA and Butner, NC and we have them as already having G.A. meetings. Maybe I.S.O. personnel could cross-check information requests against our list of existing meetings and inform the requestor that a meeting already exists in their facility. There was 1 new requests for a pen pal (from Waupum, WI). Due the fact that I'm no longer a Trustee and can't attend conferences, I would appreciate if any Trustee who represents any of the above areas and is interested in finding someone to correspond with these inmates could contact me and I will provide them the necessary information.

After speaking with several facility coordinators, I feel a major problem we are facing is that often they need G.A. 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 and get someone to come forward and volunteer. I hope that the Trustees will cooperate in this effort.

Respectfully submitted, Mike M. (Area 3D), Chairperson

Steve R. gave the above report which was submitted online. Sal S. from Area 16 volunteered to be on this committee.

#### **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 October 2010, there has been very little activity on our Committee. Attached is a list of known J.I.P. meetings in Canada. No new meeting was started.

A Prison starting kit had been sent by I.S.O. in the Spring of 2010 to the Fenbrook Institution in Gravenhurst, Ontario. After investigation, we learned that it was sent by ISO following a letter received by an inmate looking for help. He also sent us a letter last December asking for help and we refered the matter to the local Trustee. The inmate has already applied for a transfer into an institution with GA meeting available inside the walls. Several institutions, especially in Quebec, were contacted and, although they have no request for a meeting presently, they know we exist and we are ready to help. We are working on reopening a meeting at the Leclerc institution in Laval, Quebec.

Our weekly meeting in a man shelter in Montreal is still going strong. We are giving away a lot of Newcomers kit, just hoping someone will see hope and attend regular meetings as well. We are still sending every month our current meeting listing to most known Therapy facilities in Quebec so they can refer their patients to Gamblers Anonymous once their therapy is over. We see more and more newcomers being refered by these institutions.

We strive to keep those meetings running smoothly and to bring a little hope to a compulsive gambler who 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 which was submitted online. Volunteers are needed for this committee.

**Public Relations Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Richard F. - Area 4**

**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).**

No online report was submitted. Richard F. gave the above report.

**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.**

**Demarcation Committee Report – Cherry Hill, NJ**

**Debb W. – Chair**

**Pete K. - Co-Chair**

**Greg M.**

**John V.**

**Mary-Lou L.**

**Since our last report we have been faced with many challenges.**

**After ruling out the second program that we were considering for possible purchase, I downloaded a 60-day trial version of the original software from Microsoft and enlisted the help of a family member with extensive computer knowledge.**

**I have been working diligently to learn its capabilities.**

**Contrary to the information I was given originally this software is not capable of mapping our areas worldwide and it may be impossible to find software that can.**

**The most specific boundaries we can create (from where I'm at right now) are by zip codes. Because North America will be the most challenging from the mapping standpoint we will make it a priority at this time.**

**I located and purchased an academic copy of this software and am in the process of completing the mapping of North America based on the area boundaries that we were given, and in the most precise manner at which I am capable. Upon completion it will then be presented to the BOT, in what form I am uncertain.**

**From there we will ask the BOT in which direction they want us to proceed.**

**Debb W., Area 2-G, Committee Chair**

Steve R. and Pete K. both gave the above report which was submitted online.

**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.**

No online report was submitted. David M. gave the above report.

**Trustee Removal Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Ed E.. – Area 2**

**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.**

**1. The committee’s purpose is:**

***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. The committee was formed after the Montreal BOT (Fall ‘09), and the members are: Andy R. & Pete K., Area 13B; David M., Area 12; Ed E., Area 2; Jeanne B., Area 8A; Linda S., Area 3A. Since the Tampa BOT, committee members have met generally once every two weeks for an hour+ long conference call in the evening.**

**4. The committee will outline the procedural steps in the removal of any Trustee separately in a new document and introduce the document as a piece of GA appropriate literature at the Los Angeles BOT in October 2011.**

**5. The committee has identified certain key elements that would be incorporated in the procedural steps:**

**A.**

**B. General concepts:**

- a. For the process to be expedient.**
- b. For petitioner’s concerns to be heard and discussed.**
- c. For the Trustee to be given the opportunity to be heard.**
- d. For the Trustee to be given the choice of resigning or bringing the complaint before a BOT vote.**
- e. For the voting to be by secret ballot and require two-thirds majority.**

**C. Actions:**

- a. Any GA member (claimant) can file a complaint.**
- b. Claimant would be asked to resolve the complaint at Intergroup level; and if it is resolved, there would be no further action.**
- c. If the complaint is not resolved, the claimant would submit the complaint to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.**
- d. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees will forward the complaint to the Chairman of the Trustee Removal Panel.**
- e. The Executive Board (Chairman and 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> co-Chairs) will be responsible for impaneling a group of 5 current Trustees.**
  - i. Panel will be a Standing Committee with a continued existence formed on an ongoing basis.**
  - ii. Term of service will be 2 years starting with the Fall meetings in the even years to coincide with the new term of the Trustees.**
  - iii. Panel of 5 Trustees will represent 5 compass points from regions of East, West, South, Midwest and Canada.**

- iv. **There will be 1 back-up Trustee from each compass point impaneled by the Executive Board in the event any panel member resigns or otherwise vacates his/her position on the panel.**
- v. **If the 2-year term expires during an ongoing petition process, the current panel will continue in service and see the process through completion or resolution.**
- vi. **Panel will provide its recommendation.**
  - 1. **If removal is not warranted, there would be no further action.**
  - 2. **If removal is warranted, the Chairman of the Trustee Removal Panel will submit the agenda item.**
- f. **The Board of Trustees will review, discuss and decide on removal.**
- g. **If vote is for non-removal, there would be no further action.**
- h. **If vote is for removal, the Trustee is removed from office.**

Ed E. gave the above report which was submitted online.

**Trustee Website Committee:**

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

**Co-Chair Liaison – Denis M.**

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

No online report was submitted. David M. reported on the presentation that was given this morning prior to the Trustees meeting on the different aspects of the Trustees Website. Committee members Andre G., John B., Leanne W. and Pete K. were all thanked for their assistance with typing several years of all past Board of Trustees minutes in order to have them in a searchable data base on the Trustee Website for all to view.

**Video Conferencing Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Andy R. – Area 13B**

**Co-Chair Liaison – Chuck R.**

**Mission Statement - Feasibility of Video Conferencing of the Trustee meetings to Trustees outside of North America.**

**Video Conferencing Committee Report**

**Mission Statement: Feasibility of video conferencing of the Trustee meetings to Trustees outside of North America.**

**The Video Conferencing Committee currently has 3 members, Cathy K, area 8D, Jim H, area 8, and Andy R, area 13B.**

**Our first objective was to determine all the reasons why this would not work and then find a solution as to how it could work.**

**We determined that our primary purpose is to reach out to our fellow Trustees and show our support with the hopes that once they see how the trustee meetings were run, it would entice them further to make a stronger attempt at joining us for a physical meeting.**

**We were all concerned about anonymity. In order to keep in line with it, we found it would be possible to broadcast the meetings without showing any faces by blurring the camera. The participants would be able to get an overall view of the meeting, but no faces would be seen.**

**Cost was another concern of the committee. After some research, we found that there are several services on-line that would be virtually free. The only cost involved would be a feed from the microphones to the computer in use. This generally runs about \$100 from the hosting hotel.**

**There were several other concerns that we were faced with such as the time differences, how many Trustees would actually participate? How do we know who is on the other end of the video conference? These are questions that will be answered in time.**

**As all things in our fellowship, change does not come easy, therefore we feel it would be advisable to start this process slow. start off with a live feed for viewing purposes only. Send a questionnaire to all participants to get feedback as to how long they viewed, did they find it helpful, etc.?**

#### **Video Conferencing Committee**

Andy R. gave the above report which was submitted online. Committee members are Cathy K., Area 8D and Jim H., Area 8.

#### **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.**

No online report was submitted. The Board was given a demonstration of the new Website by David M. and Karen H. with the appreciated technical help of Bill W. The new Website should be up and running no later than June 30, 2011.

#### **Rules and Procedures**

##### **1. David M. - Area 12**

**Rules and Procedures - Literature Approval Process, new section Literature Attachments Pending Approval**

**No potential literature item can be handed out at any Board of Trustee meeting unless each page is clearly and diagonally watermarked in large letters with statements similar to the following:**

**This item is NOT GA-Approved Literature**

**It is NOT to be distributed or used in any GA room.**

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to make rule effective next Trustee meeting.

Failed

On the motion.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

##### **2. Richie S. - Area 6**

**Rules and Procedures**

**Any agenda item that requires an interpreter shall be allotted 25 minutes per item**

Motion to accept above.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

##### **3. Herb B. - Area 5**



**Rules and Procedures**

**All handouts to be distributed at any International Gamblers Anonymous Trustee Meetings must first be approved by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees before they can be passed out or transmitted to the Trustees.**

Motion to accept above.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**4. Gary S. - Area 12**

**Rules and Procedures - Committees section**

**A trustee can only be on no more than two (2) committees at any time.**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**5. Chuck R. - Area 15**

**Rules and Procedures - New version of approving literature**

Motion to approve new Literature Approval Guidelines as presented on website as attachment to Cherry Hill agenda to take effect as of the next Trustee meeting.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**6. Joe B. - Area 6C**

**Rules and Procedures - Executive Board, New Section - Chair Qualifications**

**Any GA member may run for the office of Chair of the Board of Trustees, providing he/she meets the requirements of a Trustee and has previously served on the Executive Board of the Board of Trustees.**

Motion to accept above.

Motion and item were ruled out of order.

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**7. David M. - Area 12**

**Rules and Procedures - New Section, Door Collections**

**All door collections at Trustee meetings will go to the hosting area's GA Intergroup for distribution as per the instructions of that area's GA Intergroup.**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**8. Herb B. - Area 5**

**Rules and Procedures**

**Agenda items for combo book changes will only be accepted on the agenda every 2 years.**

**This procedure will start at the conference immediately following the approval of this item.**

Motion to accept above.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**9. Denis M. - Area 12**

**Rules and Procedures**

**Discuss allowing past Trustees to raise a point of information and or a point of order**

Motion to allow past Trustees to raise points of information and/or points of order in the Trustee meeting.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Chuck R., 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chair.

**10. Herb B. - Area 5**

**Rules and Procedures - Committee Reports.**

**Committee reports should only be introduced to the Board of Trustees if there is an actual report with committee progress. The Board of Trustees will still have the option to direct questions to the committee.**

Motion to accept above.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**11. Denis M. - Area 12**

**Rules and Procedures - Section 17. Mail Meetings - Deadline for returning mail meeting votes**

**Current: All votes must be returned to the ISO no later than 3 weeks subsequent to the mail meeting distribution date. All responses should have the words 'Mail Meeting Vote' on the envelope.**

**Proposed: All votes submitted via regular mail must be returned to the ISO no later than 3 weeks subsequent to the mail meeting distribution date. All regular mail responses should have the words 'Mail Meeting Vote' on the envelope. Votes may be submitted electronically through a platform approved by the Board of Trustees using the same deadlines as those utilized by regular mail ballots.**

Motion to accept above.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Chuck R., 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chair.

**12. Denis M. - Area 12**

**Rules and Procedures - Section 25. Quick Response Meetings - Submitting Ballots**

**Current: 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.**

**Proposed: 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. Votes may be submitted electronically through a platform approved by the Board of Trustees using the same deadlines as those utilized by regular mail ballots. All ballots must be received by the 15-day response deadline**

Motion to accept above.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Chuck R., 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chair.

### **Items Requiring a 2nd Vote**

#### **13. Mike M. for Pam K. - Area 3D**

**Request the Board Of Trustees accept, the "Step Writing Exercises" as approved GA literature.**

**Passed 1st literature approval vote in Tampa as item #5**

Passed

2<sup>nd</sup> Vote

The above item was chaired by Chuck R., 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chair.

#### **14. David M. - Area 12**

**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.**

**Passed 1st vote in Tampa**

Passed

2<sup>nd</sup> Vote

The above item was chaired by Chuck R., 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chair.

#### **15. Linda S. - Area 3A**

**Guidance Code, Article VII, Groups, Add New Section 1A**

**Meetings may be classified as special interest meetings; such as "Women Preferred," "Gay/Lesbian Preferred," "Men Preferred," etc. but no meeting can exclude other**

**Gamblers Anonymous members who wish to attend who don't match the room preference.**

**Passed 1st vote in Tampa**

**84-9, 90.3% Margin**

Approved 97 Against 4

Passed

2<sup>nd</sup> Vote

The above item was chaired by Chuck R., 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chair.

#### **16. Norman B. - Area 10A**

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS WORKING THE STEPS PAMPHLET, STEP 3 (PAGES NOT NUMBERED) MIDDLE OF THE PAGE**

**CURRENT VERSION: When gambling ceases, a door closes on the past horrors, which you have survived. A visit to the past so you won't forget to dwell there brings remorse and self-pity, two deadly pitfalls for compulsive gamblers.**

**PROPOSED VERSION: When gambling ceases, a door closes on the past horrors, which you have survived. You must visit the past so you won't forget, but to dwell there brings remorse and self-pity, two deadly pitfalls for compulsive gamblers.**

**Passed 1st vote in Tampa**

Passed

2<sup>nd</sup> Vote

The above item was chaired by Steve R., 2nd Co-Chair.

**17. David M. - Area 12**

**Hosting an International Conference, Page 6, 2nd paragraph. 3rd sentence. Change percentage split of profits**

**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: In the event of a profit proceeds are divided between GA ISO and Gam-Anon in a percentage equal to the number of attendees from each Fellowship.**

**Passed 1st vote in Tampa**

This item was being chaired by Steve R., 2<sup>nd</sup> Co-Chair who was challenged as to whether or not this item is out of order. He stated the item is in order. At that time Denis M., Chairman took over the Chair. The vote on the challenge fails therefore the Chair is in order and so is the item.

Vote on the item.

Failed

**18. Benni F. - Area 1**

**By-Law for Article III, Section 5.**

**The following changes were proposed and will take effect when concurred with by the Board of Trustees.**

**In the event an individual elected to the Board of Regents is unable to fulfill that position, he or she will be replaced by the next highest vote receiver from the election previously conducted by the Board of Trustees, for appropriate area. If there are no individuals available to fulfill such term, the Board of Regents will submit a list of names to the Executive Board of the Board of Trustees. The Executive Board shall, within 30 days, select an individual to fill such vacancy. The newly selected member will serve out the balance of the vacated term.**

**Passed 1st vote in Tampa**

Approved 95 Against 0

Passed

2<sup>nd</sup> Vote

The above item was chaired by Steve R., 2nd Co-Chair.

**Items that Passed the Literature Merit Vote**

**19. Paul S. - Area 17**

**Recommend the attached Treasury Guidelines be included in new group packages and be made available to all GA Groups. This item has been edited by the author and the Literature Committee. Submitted for the 1st of 2 literature approval votes.**

**Passed merit vote in Tampa as Item #67**

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1<sup>st</sup> Vote

The above item was chaired by Steve R., 2nd Co-Chair.

**20. Conchetta B. - Area 13A**

**Approve a pocket-sized card dealing with the urge to gamble. This item has been edited by the author and the Literature Committee. Submitted for the 1st of 2 literature approval votes.**

**Passed merit vote in Tampa as Item #68**

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to remove acronym H.A.L.T. from the card.

Failed

On the motion.

Passed

1<sup>st</sup> Vote

The above item was chaired by Steve R., 2nd Co-Chair.

**21. Ralph D. - Area 6A**

**Booklet entitled "Introduction to the Twelve Steps of Gamblers Anonymous"**

**Passed merit vote in Tampa**

**See attachment #69**

Motion to accept above.

Item ruled out of order.

The above item was chaired by Steve R., 2nd Co-Chair.

**22. Frank L. for Andy D. - Area 12**

**Suggestions for a successful 90-day room.**

**Passed merit vote in Tampa as item #70**

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1<sup>st</sup> Vote

The above item was chaired by Steve R., 2nd Co-Chair.

**Elections**

**23. Election of the Board of Regents**

Seventy-seven 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: Arnie B. (Chicago), Bernie G., Bob W., John C., Marie R., Marty G., Richard C. (Calgary), Russ M. and Tom L. First on the replacement list from out of the 200 mile area is Bill B. from Florida. There is no one on the replacement list for within the 200 mile area.

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**24. Election of the International Executive Secretary**

Nominations for International Executive Secretary were accepted during the 3rd session of the meeting. Karen H. was nominated and elected by acclamation for a two-year term.

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**25. Election of the Board of Trustees Chair**

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

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair and Chuck R., 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chair.

**26. Election of the Board of Trustees 1st Co-Chair**

After the election of the Chairman, nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chairman were submitted. Ten members accepted and after three votes, Gary B., from Louisville was elected 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chairman

of the Board for a two-year term.

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**27. Election of the Board of Trustees 2nd Co-Chair**

After the election of the 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chairman, nominations were submitted for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Co-Chairman position. Nine members accepted and after the three votes, Herb B., from Montreal was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Co-Chairman of the Board for a two-year term.

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**Conference Bids**

**28. The Spring 2013 Conference is open for bids from any/all Areas.**

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

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**BOT Procedures**

**29. David M. - Area 12**

**Rescind the complete decision of the Board of Trustees from the Montreal '92 Conference, agenda item #8, which stated:**

**Resolved:**

- \* Whereas: Gamblers Anonymous Open Meetings commonly include Gam-Anon members;**
- \* Whereas: Gamblers Anonymous Intergroup meetings commonly reserve a portion of time in which Gam-Anon members are invited to discuss matters of interest to both groups;**
- \* Whereas: Gamblers Anonymous Step Meetings are often Open Meetings in which Gam-Anon members are welcome to attend and participate;**
- \* Whereas: Gamblers Anonymous social functions and Conferences are commonly co-hosted with Gam-Anon members;**
- \* Whereas: Gamblers Anonymous Hot Lines commonly serve both Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon, with each group sharing the financial burden;**
- \* Whereas: Gamblers Anonymous has a responsibility to make new members aware of the existence of Gam-Anon and does so through our literature;**
- \* Therefore: The Board of Trustees of Gamblers Anonymous does not perceive any of the above to violate any Step of the Gamblers Anonymous Unity Program.**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**30. Jeanne B. - Area 8A**

**We propose that the question of holding one International Conference and one BOT meeting annually be put to a vote of the groups, according to Guidance Code Article 8, Section 14 and in accordance with Guidance Code Article 19, Section 2. This vote will serve as a determination of the will of the GA membership as to whether there is support**

**among the fellowship to reduce the number of BOT meetings and International Conferences to one per year.**

Motion that the question of holding one International Conference and one Board of Trustees meeting per year will be put to a vote of the Groups, according to Guidance Code, Article 8, Section 14 and in accordance with Guidance Code Article 19, Section 2.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**31. Jim H. for Darrin W. - Area 8**

**To establish an ISO approved online Gamblers Anonymous meeting.**

This item was being chaired by Chuck R., 1st Co-Chair who ruled the item out of order.

The Chair was challenged that this item is not out of order. At that time Denis M., Chairman took over the Chair. After some discussion Chuck R. reversed his decision to ruling this item out of order. A request to form a committee to see the feasibility and challenges of establishing an online Gamblers Anonymous meeting was made. Those who volunteered to be on the committee are Jim H., Area 8; Carol K., Area 9; Cathy K., Area 8D; Richard C., Area 2K; Pete K., Area 13B; Bill W., Area 15; Pat D., Area 9A; Richard F., Area 4; Linda M., Area 1; Linda S., Area 3A and Steve F., Area 3D. Committee Chair is Jim H.

**By-Laws**

**32. Herb B. - Area 5**

**By-Law change, Article III, Section 6. Change in last sentence from 2 to 4**

**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: 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 or video conferencing attendance constitutes attendance. A maximum of four (4) Regents residing outside of 200 miles of the International Service Office who do not physically attend meetings can be seated at one time.**

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to remove “or video conferencing” from the original motion.

Failed

On the motion.

Passed

1st Vote

The above item was chaired by Chuck R., 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chair.

## Combo Book

### 33. Jimmy D. - Area 1A

Combo book - page 16

**Delete bottom paragraph explaining the twenty questions.**

Item ruled out of order. Does not meet the two year rule.

The above item was chaired by Chuck R., 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chair.

### 34. Dave J. - Area 14

**Combo Book, Page 14, Change the definition of gambling, and do so in all other areas where it applies.**

**Current version: 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: Gambling, for the compulsive gambler is defined as follows: Any betting, wagering, or involving oneself in any form of gambling, 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.**

Item withdrawn.

### 35. Martha G. - Area 28

**Combo Book, Page 10, 3rd paragraph, line No. 7. Change: wagering on the spin of a wheel or the turn of a card - to gambling.**

**Actual version: 3. IMMATURITY. 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. Many Gamblers Anonymous members accept the fact that they were unwilling to grow up.**

**Subconsciously they felt they could avoid mature responsibility by wagering on the spin of a wheel or the turn of a card, and so the struggle to escape responsibility finally became a subconscious obsession.**

**Proposed version: 3. IMMATURITY. 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. Many Gamblers Anonymous members accept the fact that they were unwilling to grow up. Subconsciously they felt they could avoid mature responsibility by gambling, and so the struggle to escape responsibility finally became a subconscious obsession.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 59 Against 57

Passed

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
1	Anita R.	No	6B	Rick B.	Yes	14	Paul C.	No
	David W.	No		Dina P.	*	Yes	Mary R.	No
	Linda M.	No		Dina P.		Yes	15 Alan J.	-
	Steve F.	Yes	6C	Joe B.	Yes		Chuck R.	No
	Wendy B.	No		Gary G.	Yes		Mike R.	No



1A	Doug L.	Yes	7	Marlene M.	Yes		Stanley C.	No
	Jimmy D.	No	7A	Bill A.	AB		Bill B.	Yes
2	Levi B.	Yes		Mike K.	No		Bill W.	Yes
	Paul N.	No	8	Debbie M.	Yes		Bruce W.	Yes
	Roger L.	No		Fred L.	Yes		Abe C.	Yes
2A	Richard F.*	No		Jim H.	Yes		Howard C.	No
2B	Steve R.	Yes		Kathy H.	Yes		Joe B.	Yes
2C	Debbie W.	Yes	8A	Jeanne B.	Yes	16	John V.	No
2E	Debra M.	No		Karen E.	Yes		John N.	No
2G	Rose P.	No	No	8B Michelle J.	No	17	Ron W.	No
	Sharon W.	No	8C	Jeanne B.*	Yes		Paul S.	Yes
2H	Linda W.	No	8D	Cathy K.	Yes	18	Joe B.*	Yes
	Popeye E.	No		Jo K.	No		Ron M.**	Yes
2J	Mary C.	Yes	9	Carol K.	Yes	18A	Trevor S.**	Yes
3	Elaine S.*	No		Paul K.*	Yes		Yvonne R.**	No
	Jo Jo B.*	No	9A	Pat D.	Yes	18B	Lloyd A.*	No
	JoJo B.	No	10	Paulette M.	No	19	Leo R.*	Yes
	Elaine S.	No	10A	Norm B.	No		Leo R.	Yes
3A	Linda S.*	No		Jim P. .	No	20	Andre G.*	No
	Linda S.	Yes	10B	Chuck B.	Yes	21	Rick B.*	Yes
3B	Bill S.	Yes		Mark B.	No	22	Steve R.*	Yes
	Ed L.	Yes	11	Bob B.	No	23A	Steve F.*	Yes
3C	Rick O.	Yes		Paul K.	Yes	24	Tommy S.*	Yes
3D	Steve F.	Yes	12	Bob W.	Yes		Tommy S.	Yes
	Marilyn L.	Yes		Betty S.	No	25	Luca G.**	Yes
3F	Julian F.	Yes		Matty C.	No		Salvatore P.**	No
4	Richard F.	No		Frank L.	No	26	Bill W.*	Yes
	Petru C.	No		John D.	No		Carol K.*	Yes
5	Herb B.	Yes		Vinny B.	No	27	Herb B.*	Yes
5A	J.R. E.	Yes	13	John B.	No	28	Andy R.*	Yes
5B	Andre G.	No		Ron C.	No		Doug L.*	Yes
	Claude C.	No		Dave S.	No		Martha G.	Yes
5C	Pierre C.	No	13A	Kevin O.	-	29	Stepan G.	No
6	Richie S.*	No		Bob F.	No	31	Martha G.*	Yes
	Lloyd A.	No	13B	Andy R.	Yes	32	Bill B.*	AB
	Richie S.	No		Andy D.	No		Karen E.*	Yes
6A	Pat D.*	Yes	14	Brad B.	No	35	Ramon Z.	Yes
	Marilyn L.*	Yes		Tom Z.	No			

\* Proxy Vote

\*\* Absentee Vote

Approved 64 Against 60 Abstained 2  
Passed 1st Vote

The above item was chaired by Chuck R., 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chair.

### 36. Andre G. for Dany G. - Area 5B

**Combo Book, page 17, item #6. Add "and the 12 Steps of Unity" at the end of the last sentence.**

**Current version: GET A SPONSOR, IT IS DIFFICULT TO RECOVER ON YOUR OWN! Sponsorship gives an opportunity for members to work on a one-on-one basis to achieve recovery by sharing, practicing, and working the 12 steps of recovery.**

**Proposed version: GET A SPONSOR, IT IS DIFFICULT TO RECOVER ON YOUR OWN! Sponsorship gives an opportunity for members to work on a one-on-one basis to achieve recovery by sharing, practicing and working the 12 Steps of Recovery and the 12 Steps of Unity.**

Motion to accept above.

**Amendment GET A SPONSOR, IT IS DIFFICULT TO RECOVER ON YOUR OWN! Sponsorship gives an opportunity for members to achieve recovery by sharing, practicing and working the 12 Steps of Recovery and 12 Steps of Unity on a one to one basis.**

Passed

(The amendment now becomes the motion.)

On the motion.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**37. Ron W. - Area 17**

**Combo Book, Page 17, #6**

**Current Version: GET A SPONSOR, IT IS DIFFICULT TO RECOVER ON YOUR OWN! Sponsorship**

**gives an opportunity for members to work on a one-on-one basis to achieve recovery by sharing, practicing and working the 12 Steps of Recovery.**

**Proposed Version: GET A SPONSOR, IT IS DIFFICULT TO RECOVER ON YOUR OWN! Sponsorship gives an opportunity for members to achieve recovery by sharing, practicing and working on a one-to-one basis the 12 Steps of Recovery & Unity.**

Item withdrawn.

**38. Tom Z. for Sam S. - Area 14**

**Combo Book wording change involving pages 14 and 17. Specifically, the first paragraph on page 14 and item #3 of page 17 (returning a section now on page 14 back to page 17 where it originated from). No actual change in wording, just a shift in where the sentence is placed.**

**Page 14. First paragraph current version:**

**"Does this mean I can't even participate in a little penny ante game or a World Series pool? It means exactly that. A stand has to be made somewhere and Gamblers Anonymous members have found the first bet is the one to avoid, even though it may be as little as matching for a cup of coffee. This includes Internet gambling, the stock market, commodities, options, buying or playing lottery tickets, raffle tickets, flipping a coin or entering the office sports pool."**

**Page 17, item #3, Current version: "Don't test or tempt yourself. Don't associate with acquaintances who gamble. Don't go in or near gambling establishments. DON'T GAMBLE FOR ANYTHING."**

**Page 14. First paragraph proposed version: "Does this mean I can't even participate in a**

little penny ante game or a World Series pool? It means exactly that. A stand has to be made somewhere and Gamblers Anonymous members have found the first bet is the one to avoid, even though it may be as little as matching for a cup of coffee."

Page 17, item #3 proposed version:

**"Don't test or tempt yourself. Don't associate with acquaintances who gamble. Don't go in or near gambling establishments. DON'T GAMBLE FOR ANYTHING. includes Internet gambling, the stock market, commodities, options, buying or playing lottery tickets, raffle tickets, flipping a coin or entering the office sports pool.**

Motion to move the first paragraph on page 14 back to page 17. It will read: "Don't test or tempt yourself. Don't associate with acquaintances who gamble. Don't go in or near gambling establishments. DON'T GAMBLE FOR ANYTHING. This includes internet gambling, the stock market, commodities, options, buying or playing lottery tickets, raffle tickets, flipping a coin or entering the office sports pool.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**39. Tom Z. for Sam S. - Area 14**

**Combo Book change. Page 17, #1. Change the second line at the top from "MEETINGS MAKE IT" to "RECOVERY MAKES IT".**

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

**Proposed Version: Attend as many meetings as possible per week. "RECOVERY MAKES IT"**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**40. Bob W. - Area 12**

**Change the Serenity Prayer on the front cover of the Combo Book, removing the word 'the' before the word 'Wisdom'.**

**Present Version:GOD GRANT ME THE SERENITY TO ACCEPT THE THINGS I CANNOT CHANGE, COURAGE TO CHANGE THE THINGS I CAN, AND THE WISDOM TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE.**

**Proposed Version: GOD GRANT ME THE SERENITY TO ACCEPT THE THINGS I CANNOT CHANGE, COURAGE TO CHANGE THE THINGS I CAN, AND WISDOM TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE**

Item withdrawn.

**41. Betty S. for Irwin S. - Area 12**

**Combo book, Page 2, Paragraph 2, add line before last sentence. 'However, we do invite selective Gam-Anon cooperation.'**

**Current version: The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop gambling. There are no dues or fees for Gamblers Anonymous membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions, Gamblers Anonymous is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any cause. Our primary purpose is to stop gambling and to help other compulsive gamblers do the same.**

**Proposed version: The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop gambling. There are no dues or fees for Gamblers Anonymous membership; we are self supporting through our own contributions. Gamblers Anonymous is not allied with any sect; denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any cause. However, we do invite selective GamAnon cooperation. Our primary purpose is to stop gambling and to help other compulsive gamblers do the same.**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**42. Steve R. for Frank H. - Area 2B**

**Combo book, page 14, first paragraph, 3rd sentence.**

**Motion: Move the first paragraph, third sentence on page 14 of the Combo book to the end of the Definition of Gambling at the bottom of page 14, inserting the word "defintion" between "This" and "includes".**

**Current version: 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 on chance or "skill" constitutes gambling.**

**Proposed version: 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 on chance or "skill" constitutes gambling. This definition includes Internet gambling, the stock market, commodities, options, buying or playing lottery tickets, flipping a coin or entering the office sport pool.**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**43. Kathy H. - Area 8**

**Combo book, page 8 - change answer to question 'What is compulsive gambling?'**

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

**New version: Compulsive gambling is uncontrolled gambling in which the gambler is compelled to continue. It is an illness, progressive in its nature, which can never be cured, but can be arrested.**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Steve R., 2nd Co-Chair.

**44. Andy R. - Area 13B**

**Combo Book Change. Page #2, third paragraph, second sentence. Change the word fellows to peers.**

**Current version: Most of us have been unwilling to admit we were real problem gamblers. No one likes to think they are different from their fellows.**

**Proposed version: Most of us have been unwilling to admit we were real problem gamblers. No one likes to think they are different from their peers.**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Steve R., 2nd Co-Chair.

**45. Larry B. - Area 15**

**Combo Book, Page 17, #7**

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

**PROPOSED VERSION: Every Gamblers Anonymous member should have a Pressure Relief Group Meeting as it offers guidance toward a normal way of thinking and living. The PRGM may help alleviate legal, financial, employment and personal pressures. Adherence to it will aid in your recovery.**

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to change “can” to “should”.

This item was being chaired by Steve R., 2<sup>nd</sup> Co-Chair who ruled the amendment out of order. He was challenged that the amendment is not out of order. At that time Denis M., Chairman took over the Chair. The vote on the challenge fails therefore the Chair is in order and the amendment is out of order.

Amendment to add “We encourage” prior to “Every Gamblers Anonymous member” and change “can” to “to”. So the motion will now read: We encourage every Gamblers Anonymous member to have a Pressure Relief Group Meeting as it offers guidance toward a normal way of thinking and living. The PRGM may help alleviate legal, financial, employment and personal pressures. Adherence to it will aid in your recovery.

On the motion.

Passed

1st Vote

**46. John D. - Area 12**

**Combo Book, Page 12**

**Current Version: Gamblers Anonymous members have found that the best road to financial recovery is through hard work and repayment of our debts.**

**Proposed Version: Gamblers Anonymous members have found that the best road to financial recovery is through hard work and repayment of our debts, when able to do so.**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Chuck R., 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chair.

## **Committee Related**

**47. Lou W. - Area 3B**

**Change Mission Statement of Pressure Relief Group Process Committee to read as follows:**

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

**Proposed: To provide leadership and support throughout Gamblers Anonymous by coordinating, educating, training and clarifying the Pressure Relief Group Process that will**

**aid in fostering an atmosphere of continuity, cohesiveness and unity as well as understanding within our Fellowship which will bring about an alleviation of pressures for our Members and thus strengthen and empower Members, Groups and Gamblers Anonymous as a whole.**

Motion to accept above.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Chuck R., 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chair.

**48. Bill W. - Area 15**

**Discuss ideas and direction of the national Hotline**

Item withdrawn.

**49. Bill W. - Area 15**

**Motion to form a Hotline Implementation Committee**

Item withdrawn.

**50. Carol K. - Area 9**

**The new blue book is to include the reprinting of the “Promises” from pages 83-84 from the AA Big Book and the final draft of the blue book will be submitted to AA for their approval as to the insertion prior to printing.**

Motion to accept above.

Motion ruled out of order.

Motion to table.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Chuck R., 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chair.

**51. Andy R. - Area 13B**

**Discuss Video Conferencing**

Motion to have a trial run live video conferencing line, for viewing purposes only at the Fall 2011 Conference in Los Angeles for our Trustees outside of North America.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Chuck R., 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chair.

**52. David M. - Area 12**

**Discuss the Trustee website features**

Item withdrawn.

## **Group Procedures**

**53. Bob W. - Area 1**

**Discuss designating the week in which September 13th appears to be Gamblers Anonymous Week with all meetings in the world donating a percentage of their collection to GA ISO. (Amount to be determined by group conscience with 50% suggested)**

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to read: Designate the week in which September 13<sup>th</sup> appears to be Gamblers Anonymous Gratitude week. All meetings in the world donating a percentage of their collection to G.A.I.S.O.

Passed

Motion will read: Designate the week in which September 13<sup>th</sup> appears to be Gamblers Anonymous Gratitude week with all meetings in the world donating a percentage of their collection to G.A.I.S.O. (Amount to be determined by group conscience with 50% suggested.)

Passed

The above item was chaired by Chuck R., 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chair.

**54. Jim H. for Darrin W. - Area 8**

**To allow remote access to meetings for guest speakers.**

Item withdrawn.

**Guidance Code**

**55. David M. - Area 12**

**Guidance Code, Article VIII, Board of Trustees, new section 12A**

**Any changes to the By-Laws must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at two (2) consecutive meetings of both the Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 2 Against 97

Failed

The above item was chaired by Chuck R., 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chair.

**56. Pete K. - Area 13B**

**Guidance Code, Article XVII, Section 2A, 1st sentence.**

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

**Proposed version: To request a new geographical area the following information must be received by the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees before the start of the first session of the Board of Trustees meeting in which the area wishes to be recognized**

Motion to add to Guidance Code, Article XVII, Section 2A, 1st sentence; To request a new geographical area, the following information must be received by the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees before the closing of the agenda in which the area wishes to be recognized.

Approved 97 Against 6

Passed

1st Vote

The above item was chaired by Chuck R., 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chair.

**57. David M. - Area 12**

**Guidance Code, Article XVII, New Section 1A**

**Any overseas area that was newly approved by the Board of Trustees less than 5 years ago, will be allowed to request increases in the number of Trustees for that area at any Trustee meeting through an agenda item.**

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to change “increases” to “changes”.

Passed

On the motion.

Approved 99 Against 2

Passed

1st Vote

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**58. David M. - Area 12**

**Guidance Code, Article XVII, Election of Trustees, Section 2A**

**Add items the following 3 items and reallocate the order of all the items:**

• **Confirmation that the proposed area must have an Intergroup that has been meeting for at least 1 year on a monthly basis.**

• **Confirmation that the Guidance Code has been translated into the language of the area and has been distributed to every room in the area.**

• **Confirmation that every room is complying with all the provisions of the Guidance Code**

**Current version: 1. The number of Gamblers Anonymous meetings in the proposed geographical area.**

**2. The approximate number of Gamblers Anonymous members in the proposed geographical area.**

**3. The geographic size of the proposed area.**

**4. The number of Trustee(s) requested for the proposed geographical area.**

**Proposed version: 1. The number of Gamblers Anonymous meetings in the proposed geographical area.**

**2. The approximate number of Gamblers Anonymous members in the proposed geographical area.**

**3. The geographic size of the proposed area.**

**4. Confirmation that the proposed area has an Intergroup that has been meeting for at least 1 year on a monthly basis.**

**5. Confirmation that the Guidance Code has been translated into the language of the area and has been distributed to every room in the area.**

**6. Confirmation that every room is complying with all the provisions of the Guidance Code**

**7. The number of Trustee(s) requested for the proposed geographical area.**

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to change “monthly” to “regular” on Item #4.

Passed

On the motion.

Approved 62 Against 47

Failed

2/3 Vote Needed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**59. Martha G. - Area 28**

**Guidance Code, Article XVIII, Section 3**

**Current Version: Each area selected from which a Trustee or Trustees are to be elected shall hold their own individual area election prior to May 15th and elect a Trustee and/or Trustees if the area is represented by more than one Trustee.**

**Proposed Version: Each area selected from which a Trustee or Trustees are to be elected shall hold their own individual area election prior to May 15th and elect a Trustee and/or**



**Trustees if the area is represented by more than one. Trustees from non-USA areas must be permanent residents of the area.**

Motion that each area selected from which a Trustee or Trustees are to be elected shall hold their own individual area election prior to May 15th and elect a Trustee and/or Trustees if the area is represented by more than one. Trustees from overseas areas must be permanent residents of the area.

Amendment was made and then ruled out of order.

On the motion.

Approved 55 Against 44

Failed

2/3 Vote Needed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**60. Joe B. - Area 6C**

**Change the Name of the Guidance Code of Gamblers Anonymous**

**Current: Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code**

**Proposed: Gamblers Anonymous Service Structure Code**

Item withdrawn.

**61. Denis M. - Area 12**

**Guidance Code Article XVI, section 9. Change "fourteen (14) working days" to "thirty (30) days"**

**Current Version: The International Executive Secretary shall be the recording secretary of the Board of Trustees at all annual International Conferences and International Meetings of the Board of Trustees, and perform such other duties as required by them. The minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings shall be sent to all Trustees within fourteen (14) working days of the meetings.**

**Proposed Version: The International Executive Secretary shall be the recording secretary of the Board of Trustees at all annual International Conferences and International Meetings of the Board of Trustees, and perform such other duties as required by them. The minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings shall be sent to all Trustees within thirty (30) days of the meetings.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 98 Against 1

Passed

1st Vote

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**62. Joe B. - Area 6C**

**Guidance Code - Article VII, Section 4 - Add following: and military stationed overseas, after medical reasons**

**Current Version: Abstinence from gambling and regular attendance of at least thirty-nine (39) Gamblers Anonymous meetings (exceptions can be made, via group conscience decisions, for medical reasons) in the prior 12 months is required for pinnings and for all successive anniversaries. Date of abstinence starts from your first meeting after your last bet.**

**Proposed version: Abstinence from gambling and regular attendance of at least thirty-nine (39) Gamblers Anonymous meetings (exceptions can be made, via group conscience**

decisions, for medical reasons, and military stationed overseas) in the prior 12 months is required for pinning's and for all successive anniversaries. Date of abstinence starts from your first meeting after your last bet.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 100 Against 2

Passed

1st Vote

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**63. David M. - Area 12**

**Guidance Code, Article VII - Groups, Section 1, 1st sentence. Add: 'at the same physical location' after the word 'together'**

**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, at the same physical location, 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**

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to change "the same" to "a".

Passed

On the motion.

Approved 57 Against 45

Failed

2/3 Vote Needed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**64. Bob W. - Area 1**

**Guidance Code, Article VIII, Section 13.**

**Add the following to the first paragraph: Literature changes can only be made every 2 years and at the Spring Conference in the even years beginning at the spring conference in 2012 with the second vote coming in the Fall conference in the same year.**

**Present Version: The Board of Trustees unequivocally will have the sole right to add to, delete or change any word of the Twelve Steps of RECOVERY, the Twelve Step UNITY PROGRAM and the Twenty Questions. All Gamblers Anonymous literature or books must be first approved by the Board of Trustees before being published. No changes can be made in any Gamblers Anonymous literature by the International Service Office (I.S.O.) without the approval of the Board of Trustees.**

**Changes can be made by the Board of Trustees at two (2) consecutive physical meetings of the Board of Trustees.**

**Proposed Version: The Board of Trustees unequivocally will have the sole right to add to, delete or change any word of the Twelve Steps of RECOVERY, the Twelve Step UNITY**

**PROGRAM and the Twenty Questions and all other approved Gamblers Anonymous literature. All Gamblers Anonymous literature or books must be first approved by the Board of Trustees before being published. No changes can be made in any Gamblers Anonymous literature by the International Service Office (I.S.O.) without the approval of the Board of Trustees. Literature changes can only be made every 2 years and at the Spring Conference in the even years beginning at the Spring conference in 2012 with the second vote coming in the Fall conference in the same year.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 62 Against 40

Failed

2/3 Vote Needed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**65. Steve R. - Area 2B**

**Guidance Code, Article IX, Section 3, 1st paragraph and 1st sentence.**

**Replace the words " twenty (20) or more votes" with the words " a majority of current trustees".**

**Current Version: Board of Trustees meetings may be conducted by mail, fax or email, however twenty (20) or more votes are needed for a quorum.**

**Proposed Version: Board of Trustees meetings may be conducted by mail, fax or email, however a majority of current trustees are needed for a quorum.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 91 Against 2

Passed

1<sup>st</sup> Vote

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**66. David M. - Area 12**

**Guidance Code, Article XI, Regional Service Office, New Section 8:**

**1. Any R.S.O. that publishes any websites, must monitor those sites and fully comply with all website guidelines, as approved and amended by the Board of Trustees.**

**2. The R.S.O. must also adhere to any directives from the International Service Office regarding intellectual property issues, including but not limited to copyrights and trademarks.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 35 Against 62

Failed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**67. Paul N. - Area 2**

**Guidance Code, Article VII (New Section) page 6, Section 9.**

**No group can be expelled from Gamblers Anonymous without approval of the Board of Trustees.**

Motion to table.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**68. David M. - Area 12**

**Guidance Code, Article XI - Regional Service Offices, New Section 8**

**Any Regional Service Office (R.S.O.) that offers or produces non GA-approved or GA-appropriate material or utilizes Gamblers Anonymous intellectual property without the specific written approval of the International Service Office (I.S.O.), will cease to be an R.S.O. unless full compliance is achieved within 60 days of notification of the problems by the I.S.O.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 94 Against 3

Passed

1<sup>st</sup> Vote

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**69. Richard C. - Area 2K**

**Guidance Code, Article VII, Groups Section 1A (pending 2nd vote in Cherry Hill at the time of this submission)**

**Add the following to the end of the Section: An exception can be made to exclude Gamblers Anonymous members of the opposite sex from a special interest meeting, if the meeting is held in a "male only" or "female only" treatment center.**

**Current version (if approved by 2nd vote in Cherry Hill): Meetings may be classified as special interest meetings; such as "Women Preferred," "Gay/Lesbian Preferred," "Men Preferred," etc. but no meeting can exclude other Gamblers Anonymous members who wish to attend who don't match the room preference.**

**Proposed version: Meetings may be classified as special interest meetings; such as "Women Preferred," "Gay/Lesbian Preferred," "Men Preferred," etc. but no meeting can exclude other Gamblers Anonymous members who wish to attend who don't match the room preference. An exception can be made to exclude Gamblers Anonymous members of the opposite sex from a special interest meeting, if the meeting is held in a "male only" or "female only" treatment center.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 5 Against 73

Failed

The above item was chaired by Steve R., 2nd Co-Chair.

**70. Denis M. - Area 12**

**Guidance Code, Article IX – Officers of the Board of Trustees, Section 3**

**Add: or electronically through a platform approved by the Board of Trustees.**

**Current: Board of Trustees meetings may be conducted by mail, fax 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.**

**Proposed: Board of Trustees meetings may be conducted by mail, fax or email, or electronically through a platform approved by the Board of Trustees. 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 read: Board of Trustees meetings may be conducted by mail, fax or email, or electronically through a platform approved by the Board of Trustees. 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.

Passed

The amendment now becomes the motion.

On the motion.

Approved 96 Against 5

Passed

1<sup>st</sup> Vote

The above item was chaired by Steve R., 2nd Co-Chair.

## **ISO Procedures**

### **71. Dina P. - Area 6B**

**Discussion Item: To create a memorial wall at the ISO as a way to remember our departed brothers and sisters.**

Discussion only.

The above item was chaired by Steve R., 2nd Co-Chair.

### **72. Tom Z. - Area 14**

**Meetings should be listed in chronological order on the ISO Website.**

Item withdrawn.

### **73. Tom Z. - Area 14**

**Discussion Item: Should groups use gambling terms to describe their meetings on the ISO Website?**

Motion to remove the meeting names from the I.S.O. website.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Steve R., 2nd Co-Chair.

### **74. Bill W. - Area 15**

**Trustees will have the option to not reveal their last name for distribution on the Confidential Trustee Listing.**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

If any Trustee wants their last name removed from the Confidential Trustees Listing, contact Karen H., International Executive Secretary and it will be taken care of.

The above item was chaired by Steve R., 2nd Co-Chair.

## **Other Literature**

### **75. Steve F. - Area 1**

**HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, PAGE 6, 1ST 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. In the event the conference loses money, which should not happen if a budget is followed, the hosting area or group should make every attempt to cover the shortage before turning to the GA ISO for assistance.**

**Proposed Version: In the event of a profit the proceeds are divided with 55% going to GA ISO and 45% going to Gam-Anon. In the event the conference loses money, which should not happen if a budget is followed, the hosting area or group should make every attempt to cover the shortage. If financial assistance still needs to be made, GA ISO shall be responsible for 55% and Gam-Anon shall be responsible for 45%.**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Chuck R., 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chair.

**76. Steve F. - Area 1**

**Hosting an International Conference, Page 6, 2nd paragraph. 3rd sentence.**

**Current version: In the event of a profit proceeds are divided between GA ISO and Gam-Anon in a percentage equal to the number of attendees from each Fellowship.**

**Proposed version: In the event of a profit proceeds are divided between GA ISO and Gam-Anon in a percentage equal to the number of attendees from each fellowship. In the event the conference loses money, which should not happen if a budget is followed, the hosting area or group should make every attempt to recover the shortage. However, if financial assistance is still needed, the hosting area shall seek help from both GA ISO and Gam-Anon in a percentage equal to the number of attendees from each fellowship.**

Item withdrawn.

**77. Joe B. - Area 6C**

**Establish a new Board of Trustees listing on "Past Trustees Motions".**

**All agenda items that receive a motion and are passed that don't have a designated destination in GA literature, will become part of the Past Trustee's Motions. The Executive Board of the Board of Trustees will have the right to add items to the Past Trustees Motions at its discretion. Said listing will be posted on the Trustee website, and updated after each Trustee conference.**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Chuck R., 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chair.

**78. Herb B. - Area 5**

**Hosting an International Conference, Add the following Workshop Guidelines Acknowledgment Sheet for conference workshops to the Hosting an International Conference booklet.**

Motion to accept above.

Motion to table.

Passed

Motion is pending.

The above item was chaired by Chuck R., 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chair.

**79. Linda S. - Area 3A**

**FOR DISCUSSION: We offer Literature on CD for members who are blind or sight-impaired; what assistance can we or should we offer to members who are hearing-**

impaired? Is it acceptable to allow a member's spouse to 'read' a therapy they have written even though it is considered not "GA-approved" material? What is our threshold?  
Discussion only.

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**80. Linda S. - Area 3A**

**Literature Change: Red Book, "A New Beginning," page 10; "Gamblers Anonymous - Gam-Anon Combined Therapy Meeting"**

**CURRENT VERSION: A meeting, unlike an open meeting but similar, where the Gamblers Anonymous group and the Gam-Anon group join for the purpose of increased understanding between the Fellowships. There are two chairpersons - one from Gamblers Anonymous, one from Gam-Anon. Excerpts from Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon literature are read; first one, then the other. The meeting itself is held under the exact conditions as if they were being held separately. There are many variables as far as speakers are concerned. The presiding chairperson can alternate speakers, one Gamblers Anonymous, one Gam-Anon or two Gamblers Anonymous speakers in a row, and then two Gam-Anon speakers in a row, or if agreed upon in advance, one-half of the meeting for Gamblers Anonymous and the other half of the meeting for Gam-Anon. The main purpose of the meeting is the same as any other Gamblers Anonymous or Gam-Anon meeting, but by holding them together, the individual Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon members have the opportunity to learn and understand more about the respective Fellowships.**

**REPLACE THIS PARAGRAPH WITH: A "Combined Therapy Meeting" is similar to an open meeting; a Gamblers Anonymous group and a Gam-Anon group join for the purpose of increased understanding between the Fellowships. Two chairpersons are selected by their groups: one chair from the Gamblers Anonymous group and one chair from the Gam-Anon group. There are many variables in selecting the order of speakers and by group conscious, the group can decide the order of speakers: one at a time each, or two in a row from each, etc. Another option is that one-half of the meeting can be under the auspices of Gamblers Anonymous and the other-half under the auspices of Gam-Anon. Again, this is a group decision.**

**The topic for therapy should be common to both groups (i.e. trust, hope, open-mindedness, etc.) and not unique to any one particular group. Awareness and respect are keys to this type of meeting's success.**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**81. Bob W. - Area 12**

**Change the Serenity Prayer on the Gold Embossed Serenity Prayer (5" x 6" on Heavy Stock), removing the word 'the' before the word 'Courage' and before the word 'Wisdom'.**

**Current Version: God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change - the courage to change the things I can - And the wisdom to know the difference.**

**Proposed Version: GOD GRANT ME THE SERENITY TO ACCEPT THE THINGS I CANNOT CHANGE, COURAGE TO CHANGE THE THINGS I CAN, AND WISDOM TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE.**

Motion to change the Serenity Prayer on all Gamblers Anonymous printed literature to read "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference".

Passed

1<sup>st</sup> Vote

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**82. Steve F. - Area 1**

**In the "Working The Steps" pamphlet, in Step 5, on the 2nd or back page, in the Discussion Section, Item "B." change to read the following:**

**Current Version: B. Is identifying our defects (problems) 90% of the solution?**

**Proposed Version: B. Is identifying our defects the first step towards our recovery?**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**83. Linda S. - Area 3A**

**DISCUSS changing the word "bid" in our literature to an alternative word, i.e. "proposal," "presentation," etc.**

No discussion.

**Overseas Areas**

**84. Salvatore P. - Area 25**

**Area 25 Italy requests from the Gamblers Anonymous Board of Trustees the approval to translate into Italian, make and sell the following Gamblers Anonymous gadgets:**

**G.A. Medallions in Roman Numerals**

**G.A. Coin (Serenity Prayer & G.A. Logo)**

**G.A. Key Chains (Welcome, 30 Days, 60 Days, 90 Days, 6 Months, 9 Months).**

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to change "gadgets" to "materials".

Passed

On the motion.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**85. Leo R. - Area 19**

**Report of the RSO - Area 19 – Argentina**

Leo R. gave a report on Argentina's Regional Service Office (R.S.O.). They currently have 156 weekly meetings. They have created a second Intergroup composing four provinces. Their Conference this year had over 400 people in attendance. He thanked everyone for all of their help. Leo's report was given in Spanish and was simultaneously translated by Julian F. from Area 3F.

The above item was chaired by Steve R., 2nd Co-Chair.

**86. Balazas M. - Area 27**



**Hungary, Area 27, request for financial assistance to help with the translation of the Guidance Code and the Blue Books printing into Hungarian, for a total of \$ 1,500**

Motion: Hungary, Area 27, requests that they be able to use the \$1,500.00 already approved by the Board of Trustees to translate the Red and Blue Books be used to translate the Guidance Code and Red Book. This is due to the fact the new Blue Book is a considerable time away.  
Passed

The above item was chaired by Steve R., 2nd Co-Chair.

**Request For Committee**

**87. Carol K. - Area 9**

**Request that the Chair form a committee to review all literature for conflicts with the Guidance Code, paying particular attention to the 12 Steps of Recovery and the 12 Steps of Unity which are part of the Guidance Code, along with literature that has direct contradictions in them. Notification of the existence of and suggestions for corrections for such items to be presented to the BOT.**

Item withdrawn.

**Steps**

**88. Jimmy D. - Area 1A**

**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.**

**Proposed version: Gamblers Anonymous ought never endorse, finance or lend the Gamblers Anonymous name, except for Gam-Anon to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 2 Against 94

Failed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**89. Jimmy D. - Area 1A**

**Unity Step 7**

**Current version: Every Gamblers Anonymous group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.**

**Proposed version: Every Gamblers Anonymous group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions, except Gam-Anon may contribute.**

Motion: Every Gamblers Anonymous group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions, except Gam-Anon and family members may contribute.

Approved 15 Against 73

Failed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**90. Jimmy D. - Area 1A**

**Unity Step 11**

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

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

Motion to accept above.

Approved 82 Against 12

Passed

1st Vote

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**91. Larry B. - Area 15**

**STEP 6 OF THE UNITY PROGRAM**

**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.**

Item withdrawn.

**92. Dave J. - Area 14**

**Unity Program, Step 3, The only requirement for Gamblers Anonymous membership is a desire to stop gambling.**

**Discussion of what this means and how is it applied in the Gamblers Anonymous program.**

Discussion only.

The above item was chaired by Chuck R., 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chair.

**93. Ron W. - Area 17**

**Unity Step 11**

**Current Version: Gamblers Anonymous public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; personal anonymity need always be maintained at the level of press, radio, films and television.**

**Proposed Version: Gamblers Anonymous public relations policy is to carry the message of hope to the compulsive gambler who still suffers, using approved or appropriate G.A.**

**Literature; personal anonymity need always be maintained at the level of press, radio, films, television and the Internet.**

Item withdrawn.

**94. Jaime B. - Area 18B**

**Change Unity Step 2**

**Current version: Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.**

**Proposed version: For our group purpose, there is but one ultimate authority—a loving**

**God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.**

Motion to table.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**95. Leo R. for Antonio B. - Area 19**

**Change the first sentence of the First Step of Recovery Program, Combo and whole literature of GA**

**The First step says: We admitted we were powerless over gambling that our lives had become unmanageable**

**The proposal is: We admitted we are powerless over gambling that our lives had become unmanageable**

Motion to change the statement of Step 1 from “we were powerless over gambling” to “we are powerless over gambling”.

Amendment to change “admitted” to “admit”.

Failed

On the motion.

Approved 6 Against 82

Failed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**96. Ron W. - Area 17**

**Unity Step 5**

**Current version: Gamblers Anonymous has but one primary purpose - to carry its message to the compulsive gambler who still suffers.**

**Proposed version: Gamblers Anonymous has but one primary purpose - to carry the message of hope to the compulsive gambler who still suffers.**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 13 Against 83

Failed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

**Omitted From The Agenda**

**97. Emergency Item – Area 8**

**Removal of Trustee**

The above item was brought to the Board of Trustees by three of the four Area 8 Trustees. The Chair stated that this would be taken care of during a “closed session” and only current Trustees, the Chair and two Co-Chairs and the International Executive Secretary would be in attendance. The Chair was challenged that a “closed session” is out of order. The Chair ruled the item in order and a vote on the challenge fails therefore the Chair is in order and so is the “closed session”.

Motion that Kathy H. of Area 8 be removed as Trustee.

Approved 30 Against 86

Failed

The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at 1:15 A.M. on Saturday, May 7, 2011. The collection for the six (6) sessions was \$967.55.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held October 13, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. in Los Angeles, California.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen H.*

Karen H.,  
International Executive Secretary

**ROLL CALL**

<b>AREA</b>	<b>SESSIONS</b>	<b>AREA</b>	<b>SESSIONS</b>	<b>AREA</b>	<b>SESSIONS</b>
1	Anita R. 6	6B	Rick B. 6	14	Paul C. 6
	David W. 6		Juan A. *Abst.		Mary R. 6
	Linda M. 6		Dina P. 6	15	Alan J. 5
	Steve F. 6	6C	Joe B. 6		Chuck R. 6
	Wendy B. 6		Dennis A. Abst.		Mike R. 6
1A	Doug L. 6		Gary G. 5		Stanley C. 6
	Jimmy D. 6	7	Marlene M. 6		Bill B. 6
2	Levi B. 6	7A	Mike K. 6		Bill W. 5
	Paul N. 5		Bill A. 6		Bruce W. 5
	Roger L. 6	8	Debbie M. 6		Howard C. 6
	Tim H. Abst.		Fred L. 6		Abe C. 6
2A	Paul N. *Abst.		Jim H. 6		Joe B. 6
2B	Steve R. 6		Kathy H. 6	16	John V. 6
2C	Debbie W. 4	8A	Jeanne B. 6		John N. 6
2E	Debra M. 6		Karen E. 6	17	Ron W. 6
2G	Rose P. 6	8B	Michelle J. 6		Paul S. 6
	Sharon W. 6	8C	Deni M. *Abst.	18	Andy D. *6
2H	Linda W. 6	8D	Cathy K. 6		Ron M. **6
	Popeye E. 6		Jo K. 6	18A	Trevor S. **6
2J	Mary C. 6	9	Carol K. 6		Yvonne R. **6
3	Gladys C. *Abst.		Michael Y. *Abst.	18B	Jamie B. *6
	Jan A. *Abst.	9A	Pat D. 6	19	Antonio B. *6
	JoJo B. 6	10	Paulette M. 6		Leo R. 6
	Elaine S. 6	10A	Norm B. 6	20	Oscar B. *6
3A	Doug E. *Abst.		Jim P. 6	21	Lluis R. *6
	Linda S. 6	10B	Chuck B. 6	22	Dudley B. *6
3B	Bill S. 5		Mark B. 5	23A	Vera T. *6
	Ed L. 6	11	Bob B. 6	24	Frederik A. *6
3C	Rick O. 6		Paul K. 6		Tommy S. 6

3D	Steve F.	6	12	Bob W.	6	25	Luca G.	**6
	Marilyn L.	6		Betty S.	6		Salvatore P.	**6
3F	Julian F.	6		Matty C.	6	26	Chris K.	*5
4	Richard F.	6		Frank L.	6		Mr. Kwon	*6
	Petru C.	6		John D.	6	27	Balazs M.	*6
5	Herb B.	6		Vinny B.	6	28	Rafael Z.	*6
5A	JR.E.	6	13	John B.	6		Javier H.	*6
5B	Andre G.	6		Ron C.	6		Martha G.	6
	Claude C.	6		Dave S.	6	29	Stepan G.	6
5C	Pierre C.	6	13A	Kevin O.	6	31	Donatas Z.	*6
6	Harvey C.	*Abst.		Bob F.	6	32	Masayuki N.	*6
	Lloyd A.	6	13B	Andy R.	6		Toshi K.	*6
	Richie S.	6		Andy D.	6	35	Ramon Z.	6
6A	Leavy T.	*Abst.	14	Brad B.	6			
	Sal F.	*Abst.		Tom Z.	6			

Chairman BOT – Denis M. 6  
 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chair BOT–Chuck R. 6  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Co-Chair BOT–Steve R. 6  
 Chairman BOR – Benni F. 6  
 I.E.S. - Karen H. 6

\* Proxy Received  
 \*\* Absentee Ballot Received