

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS TRUSTEES MEETING
OCTOBER 18 & 19, 2012
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

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

Denis M. called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The head table was introduced and Denis let everyone know that Gary B., 1st Co-Chair of the Board had resigned this morning prior to the beginning of the meeting. Herb B. will move up to 1st Co-Chair and nominations for the 2nd Co-Chair position will take place during the first session. Acceptances and declinations will take place during the second session with the election taking place during the third session. All new Trustees were asked to introduce themselves. There are 46 new Trustees here who have not served as Trustee prior to this meeting.

Fourteen proxy's were received and read to be voted as follows:

Area 2C – from Debbie W., given to Kathy S. (Area 7)
Area 4 – from Richard F., given to Petru C. (Area 4)
Area 5A – from JR E., given to Joe B. (Area 6C)
Area 6 – from Lloyd A., given to Richie S. (Area 6)
Area 8 – from Larry J., given to Fred L. (Area 8)
Area 15 – from Joe B., given to Bill B. (Area 15)
Area 20 – from Jose G., given to Andre G. (Area 5B)
Area 21 – from Lluís R., given to Rick B. (Area 6B)
Area 21 – from Jose R., given to Martha G. (Area 28)
Area 24 – from Tommy S., given to Pete K. (Area 13B)
Area 24 – from Fredrick A., given to Herb B. (Area 5)
Area 28 – from Jackie Z., given to Rafael Z. (Area 28)
Area 29 – from Konstantin U., given to David M. (Area 12)
Area 35 – from Ramon Z., given to Juan A. (Area 6B)

Fifteen absentee ballots were received and handed out to the following current Trustees to vote as per instructions on their respective ballots.

Area 10 – from John H., given to Paulette M. (Area 10)
Area 10B – from Steve B., given to Chuck B. (Area 10B)
Area 18 – from Andy D., given to Ara H. (Area 1)
Area 18 – from Ron Mac, given to Mike Y. (Area 9)
Area 18A – from Trevor S., given to John T. (Area 3A)
Area 18B – from Brian F., given to Paul N. (Area 2A)
Area 19 – from Ina K., given to Karen E. (Area 8A)
Area 19 – from Tony B., given to Deni M. (Area 8C)
Area 25 – from Alessandro B., given to Debbie M. (Area 8)
Area 25 – from Marco Z., given to Jo K. (Area 8D)
Area 25 – from Renzo D., given to Paula C. (Area 3C)
Area 25 – from Ricardo B., given to Pat D. (Area 9A)
Area 33 – from Amparo R., given to Howard C. (Area 15)
Area 33 – from Miriam T., given to Vicki G. (Area 12)
Area 34 – from Jeysa V., given to Renee P. (Area 2H)

B) Remembrance of our departed members- Marshall R.

Marshall R. read a list of our brothers and sisters who had passed away since the last Trustees meeting held in Boston, Massachusetts as follows:

Pat H., Sarasota, Florida
Kerry S., Calgary, Alberta, Canada, 10 years, passed 01/20/12, age 56
Craig P., Portland, Maine, 2 years, passed 02/28/12
Mario V., Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, passed 01/01/12
Jack A., Las Vegas, Nevada, 15 years, passed 05/06/12
Herb S., Gulfport, Mississippi, 11 years, passed 04/30/12
Jerry G., Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, 47 years, age 91
Betsy F., Las Vegas, Nevada, 27 years
Mike P.A., Las Vegas, Nevada, 18 years
Myrna L., Las Vegas, Nevada, 15 years
Dana G., Las Vegas, Nevada, 2 years
Marty S., Margate, New Jersey, 10 years, passed 08/2012
Joe M., Wantagh, New York
Nick I., Salem, Massachusetts, 26 years
Bernie S., Ventura, California, 24 years
Frank H., Charleston, South Carolina, 15 years, passed 11/2011
Mary R., Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, 13 years, passed 08/10/12
Walt D., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 26 years, passed 06/15/12, age 82
Roberta S., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 5 months, passed 09/02/12, age 59
Valentina, Anaheim, California, 1 year, passed 08/2012
Tom K., Anaheim, California, 18 years, passed 03/2012, age 81
Bob V., Anaheim, California, 18 years, passed 08/2012, age 68
Joe P., North Andover, Massachusetts, 4 years, passed 08/2012, age 54
Gil M., Newton, Massachusetts, 25 years, passed 10/2012, age 70
Joe P., Tampa, Florida, 8 years, passed 09/2012, age 63
Harvey W., Fayetteville, North Carolina, 9 years, passed 08/2012, age 64
Jack Q., Wilmington, Massachusetts, 2 years, passed 09/2012, age 70
Joe R., Boca Raton, Florida, 5 years, passed 09/2012, age 70
Jenny S., Romeoville, Illinois, 6 years, passed 06/09/12
Joan Q., Bloomington, Illinois, 2 years, passed 06/24/12
Harry Z., Oaklawn, Illinois, 7 years, passed 07/27/12
Allan S., Schaumburg, Illinois, 25 years, passed 08/05/12
Chuck A., Schaumburg, Illinois, 22 years, passed 09/09/12
Joe K., Levittown, New York, 30 years
Irwin S., East Northport, New York, 4 years
Nick H., East Northport, New York, 6 months

A moment of silence was held for all the members of Gamblers Anonymous who have passed away.

C) Reading from "A Day at a Time Book"

Ana E. from Mexico read the Reflection for the Day for October 18th to begin the 1st session of the meeting.

Antimina G. from New York read the Reflection for the Day for October 19th to begin the 4th session.

D) Reading of the "12 Steps of Unity"

Peter A. from Eastern Pennsylvania read the 12 Steps of Unity on October 18th and October 19th to begin both the 1st and 4th sessions.

E) Roll Call-Karen H. International Executive Secretary

Karen H. took roll and there are 135 votes to begin the first session.

F) Approval of Minutes from Boston

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

G) ISO / Lifeliner - Karen H.

Karen H. gave a report on Lifeliners handing out a chart showing 37 states and 6 countries along with the number of members (488) who contributed over the past year. The total for this year is \$74,383.51, which is a decrease over last year's total of \$75,261.31. An explanation of what a Lifeliner is and how beneficial it can be was given. Marshall R. once again stressed the importance of being a Lifeliner. Questions were asked and answered. Everyone was thanked for their continued support.

H) Report from the Board of Regents – Bob W., BOR Chairman

Bob W. gave the report on the International Service Office which included a report on Gratitude Week and the 6th Annual Walk-A-Thon.

I)Conference Committee Reports

For information purposes, the BOT Agenda is inputted exactly as it appears on the Trustee Website therefore Gary B.'s name will remain as part of these minutes in all Committee Reports.

Boston Spring '12 – Gary B.

Denis M. reported on the Boston Conference stating the Conference lost over \$3,000.00 and that the final Conference report has not been received. Paul K. said he had talked to Tim H. and Tim told Paul that all information has been turned in. It was also said that the New England Intergroup has covered the shortfall.

The following report was received via FAX by Karen H. at the International Service Office on July 24, 2012.

**Spring 2012 International Conference
July 20, 2012**

REVENUE

Registrations	67,438.00	
Less Refunds	(2,611.00)	
Tours	1,305.00	
Less Refunds	(180.00)	
Trustee Dinner	1,515.00	
Shirts	3,868.00	
Miscellaneous	406.00	
GAISO Literature	2,788.45	
GAM ANON Literature	<u>589.50</u>	
Total Revenue		75,118.95

EXPENSES

Hotel	49,932.39	
Hospitality	2,307.32	
Gift Bags	6,076.70	
Entertainment	2,850.14	
Decorations	1,134.70	
Registrations	375.94	
Conference Booklet	2,055.08	
Printing and Signage	646.00	
Miscellaneous	332.42	
Transportation	3,301.40	
Trustee Dinner	1,489.99	
Tours	916.84	
Shirts	3,226.60	
GAISO Literature	2,840.10	
GAM ANON Literature	589.50	
Bank Service Charges	<u>169.55</u>	
Total Expenses		78,244.67
LOSS		(3,125.72)

Loss will be funded by New England Intergroup

San Diego Fall '12 – Conference Review Committee

Herb B. gave the above report stating that all bank statements and committee reports have been received. He has been very happy with everything submitted. Malcolm B. welcomed everyone to San Diego. As of today they have 450 reservations. They expect a lot of walk-ins and are looking forward to a great time. Dina P., member of the Conference Oversight committee asked that if anyone is thinking of hosting an International Conference that they make sure to read the Oversight committee pamphlet.

Vancouver Spring '13 – Conference Review Committee

Andre G., Chair of the Oversight committee gave the report on the above conference to be held April 19 – 21, 2013 at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond, British Columbia. The committee has held fund raising events and are doing a great job. Steve W. spoke stating that they are expecting a great Conference. A lot of tours are being planned along with a Trustee dinner. There will be a complimentary shuttle and free parking at the hotel. There will also be a 15% discount on food in the hotel restaurants.

Orlando Fall '13 – Conference Review Committee

Fred L., member of the Oversight committee introduced Richie S. Richie spoke about how excited he is about this Conference. The dates have been changed from October 11 – 13, 2013 to October 18 – 20, 2013 at the Sheraton Lake Buena Vista in Orlando, Florida. There was some confusion as to reports being submitted. They will now be sent to Fred L.

Election of the Board of Trustees 2nd Co-Chair

Nine nominations were submitted for the vacant Co-Chair position of the Board of Trustees and six members accepted. After three votes by secret ballot (to get a final

count of 50% plus 1) Andy R. from New Jersey was elected to serve as 2nd Co-Chair of the Board of Trustees through June 30, 2013.

J) Committee Reports

Anonymity Committee

Committee Chair – Paul C. – Area 14

Co-Chair Liaison – Gary B.

Mission Statement - To develop a new piece of approved GA literature specific to the principles and issues related to Anonymity in the Gamblers Anonymous program.

ANONYMITY COMMITTEE

San Diego FALL 2012 Conference Report (submitted 10/2/12)

Purpose: To develop a new piece of approved GA literature specific to the principles and issues related to Anonymity in the Gamblers Anonymous program.

Board of Trustees Chair Liaison: Gary B. - Area 10B

Chair of the Committee: Paul C. - Area 14

Committee members are listed below

Andy D. 13B, Linda M. 1, Mike Y. 9, Pat D. 9A, Paul C. 14, Rick O. 3C, Roger L. 2, Steve F. 3D and Tim H. 2

Committee Report:

No progress was made this period with further development of a draft of new literature. It has been noted that a number of Agenda items for the San Diego conference look to address a many issues regarding Anonymity in the GA program. The discussion surrounding these agenda items and the resolution of these items may affect the development of the new literature. Therefore, the committee will plan to reconvene after the San Diego conference to discuss the resolution of these agenda items and continue efforts to finalize a draft piece of literature for submission at the Spring 2013 Vancouver Conference.

Paul C. gave the above report which was submitted online.

Blue Book Committee:

Committee Chair – Carol K. – Area 9

Co-Chair Liaison – Gary B.

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

There is no current Chair for this committee. No report was submitted. Levi B., from Area 2 stepped up to Chair the committee. Volunteers also stepped up to be on this committee.

Members are John T., Area 3A; Deni M., Area 8C; Nancy K., Area 16A; Karen E., Area 8A; Linda S., Area 7C; Dave K., Area 8A; Warren S., Area 2J and Sue F., Area 3D.

BOR Procedural Review Committee:

Committee Chair – Herb B. – Area 5

Co-Chair Liaison – Denis M.

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

BOR Procedural Review Committee San Diego Conference

The BOR Procedural Review Committee is almost finished the updating of the By-Laws of Gamblers Anonymous. The last items we will recommend for change or to be altered will be placed on the Vancouver agenda in the Spring of 2013.

Our mission statement is to: "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 the Board of Trustees specific functions within the fellowship." One of the tasks of this committee is to reduce the duplication in both the By-Laws and the Guidance Code. We decided to do this with individual Agenda items for each change, rather than create a new By-Laws and a new Guidance Code and attempt to pass each as a completed document. This procedure was attempted many years ago and resulted in a complete rejection by the BOT because some trustees did not agree with some of the proposed changes. We knew that our process would take years to complete and we did not want complete rejection. We are attempting to create a By-Laws document that will be relevant to the working procedures of Gamblers Anonymous, for example, the Board of Regents, the International Service Office and the International Executive Secretary. Similarly we are attempting to create a Guidance Code that is relevant to the Board of Trustees and the members of Gamblers Anonymous. Both documents (pieces of literature) are very important to the fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous and for this reason, we feel that the 3 countries that stated that they do not need nor use the By-Laws (only the Guidance Code) should re-think this decision for the following reasons as well.

We strongly recommend that every area world-wide use the By-Laws and have them translated into the local language (legal) to assure that every member of Gamblers Anonymous has the opportunity to know and understand the make-up and functions of the Board of Regents, the International Service Office, and the International Executive Secretary as well as they know the Board of Trustees. The By-Laws is the only approved document (literature) in our Fellowship that fully explains all these functions and explains to all members what happens to all the funds we collect and send to Gamblers Anonymous.

Statements made in Boston which resulted in the unnecessary defeat of some of this committees proposed changes were misstated because these countries have chosen not to use the By-Laws. We emphasize that these By-Laws do not need to be used for Incorporation only, but as vital information to all members of Gamblers Anonymous.

Logical change is progress, and, we must change with the times in order to attract and retain compulsive gamblers worldwide.

Herb B. – Chairman, BOR Procedural Review Committee

Herb B. gave the above report which was submitted online.

Conference Oversight And Review Committee

Committee Chair – Andre G. – Area 5B

Co-Chair Liaison – Denis M.

Mission Statement - To oversee all processes dealing with International Conferences and to encourage and provide assistance to Areas seeking to host an International Conference as well as to provide advice and assistance after a Conference has been awarded.

CONFERENCE OVERSIGHT & ASSISTANCE COMMITTEECOMMITTEE REPORT SAN DIEGO 2012-10

Since our last committee report in Boston, in April 2012, the committee has been quite active through e-mail exchanges and live conference calls. The committee has worked on establishing simple yet efficient procedures which will help areas bidding for a conference, assisting the areas after a bid is awarded, and helping to ensure that all guidelines of the fellowship are adhered to.

We are presenting three agenda items at this Board of Trustees meeting, suggesting changes to the Hosting an International Conference pamphlet. They are items #49, 50 and 51, the first two with attachments. We hope each trustee will take the time to review these attachments before the San Diego meeting. We really believe that these items are necessary for the committee to fulfill its oversight mandate.

The committee has also established contact with the conference committees of the San Diego, Vancouver and Orlando international conferences and is receiving documentation from these committees on a regular basis.

The committee was asked in Boston to research the necessity and feasibility of liability insurance. The committee members each searched the liability insurance in their own areas consisting of Florida, Texas, Illinois and Canada.

Our findings are that liability insurance has a wide range of cost and coverage. We were given quotes based on either one or two million dollars' worth of coverage. The rates for these amounts of coverage vary from \$295-\$800 per day. These rates are also based on coverage for roughly 400-500 attendees. We did get a rate from one company that was 15-28 cents per/person per/day with a \$350 minimum premium. There was one company that would cover 500 attendees for \$75 a day. The policies would cover issues such as; bringing food into the hotel from the outside, damage to the hotel, damage to an attendee's property, personal injury not caused by hotel negligence, problems(damages)caused by inebriation. Location within each state seemed to also make a difference in the cost.

Also, two members of the committee contacted the hotels that were previously used to host our International conference in their area. Upon speaking to the hotel event coordinators from both hotels our committee has found that many hotels rarely require event insurance from organizations occupying their hotel for conferences. The hotel's insurance will cover everything if the hotel is negligent. Many hotels will not allow outside food, therefore the need for event liability drastically decreases. Most other issues would be covered under the hotels insurance policy.

The Committee believes that each international conference should look at the possibility of acquiring liability insurance but it should remain on a case by case basis. The local conference committees should seriously consider acquiring such insurance if they bring food from outside the hotel or hold activities outside of the hotel.

Dina P. gave the above report which was submitted online. Three items are being presented today.

Digital Media Committee

Committee Chair – Jimmy D. – Area 1A

Co-Chair Liaison – Gary B.

Mission Statement - To explore methods for recording and digitizing printed GA approved literature in a cost-effective manner for possible future sale/distribution so GA members will have an alternative to printed versions.

DIGITAL MEDIA COMMITTEE, SAN DIEGO CONFERENCE

To The Board of Trustees, Hello, First and foremost here is an overview/background on how the committee was created. As a person of low vision i felt that an alternative was needed for myself and others who have a lack of sight or a lack of understanding of the English language, to create a recorded version of G.A. approved literature. The first step was to get approval by the Chair of the BOT to grant the committee. The chair at the time was Tom M who took a vote of the trustees and there was an

overwhelming vote of approval, so the committee was formed. I started to work on a mission statement and gather volunteers to be on the committee. We began with 5 members . Jimmy D as Chair ,Joe B as Co Chair ,Steve K, Cliff H. and Tom K. We created recordings from a small studio, which successfully worked for Towards 90 Days, Beyond 90 Days and The Combo Book. All three recordings have been and still are being sold through the ISO. The committee also has two versions of the New Member Packet using the suggested pieces of approved literature from the Group Handbook. We need to make the appropriate updates to the Master combo book CD. Also a new version of the Combo Book matches the printed version. Furthermore we need to edit the New Member Packet recording so it can be forwarded to Karen H at the ISO for review and then onto Pricing and Production. The process stalled due to medical issues and a lack of communication between myself and BOT so the committee was disbanded, which brings us to the newly

formed committee known as The Digital Media Committee. We have current and past trustees as well as dedicated members of our fellowship working currently to see what is the Best method of technology to use to create alternative forms of our printed literature so NO MEMBER will ever feel he or she does not belong because of not being able to use or follow our printed literature. At this time I would like to personally THANK all of my past and current committee members for their extraordinary efforts. The committee is planning to play a version of The Combo Book at the San Diego BOT meeting to get an opinion of what the body wishes in order for us to proceed. We also need to address issues pertaining to the Website and collection of monies when members download the recorded literature. We also want to proceed with the CD if possible. The committee will have a meeting on Wednesday night at the hotel prior to the BOT meeting to gather additional information which will be reported at the time of our committee report.

The following items will be discussed Wednesday night

- 1) CD
- 2) MP3
- 3) COLLECTION OF MONIES
- 4) UPCOMING RECORDING'S
- 5) ANY OTHER SUGGESTED ITEMS PRESENTED AT TIME OF MEETING

SINCERELY YOURS, JIMMY D., TRUSTEE AREA 1-A

Jimmy D. gave the above report which was submitted online.

GA / Gam-Anon Conference Committee

Committee Chair – Alan J. - Area 15

Co-Chair Liaison – Herb B.

Mission Statement - Our joint GA & Gam-Anon committee will work together to review the current, separate, Conference Guidelines in their entirety, and recommend a revised joint conference guidelines booklet to both the BOT and BOD.

GA/Gam-Anon Conference Committee Report

The committee addressed the B.O.T. concerns of the split of profits at joint conferences and suggested a split of 65% G.A and 35% Gam-Anon for the Spring Conference and 80% G.A. and 20% Gam-Anon for the Fall Conference.

This has passed the first vote of the B.O.T. and was approved by the B.O.D.

We reviewed the current Hosting Conference Guidelines and rewrote them including the best of the previous guidelines.

We included and incorporated the recommendations of the Conference Oversight and Review Committee.

This is a G.A. Literature. Gam-Anon has its own Hosting Guidelines. All comments and suggestions that made when the committee originally posted this item for Boston were heard and adjusted in the current version up for approval here in San Diego.

Alan J. gave the above report which was submitted online.

Hotline Implementation Committee:

Committee Chair – Paul S. – Area 17

Co-Chair Liaison – Denis M.

Mission Statement - Implement and oversee a Gamblers Anonymous national hotline.

October 2012 Hotline Committee Report

Committee Members: Paul S. (Area 17), Chuck B. (Area 10B), Richard F. (Area 4), Jim T. (Area 2B), Bill W. (Area 15)

Current Areas on the Ring Central System:

- Area 6 – South Florida
- Area 6A – Central and Northern Florida
- Area 8A – Minnesota
- Area 13 – Delaware Valley
- Area 13B – South New Jersey
- Area 15 – New York
- Area 17 – Connecticut and Western Massachusetts

Areas in process of setup:

- Area 10B – Ohio, Kentucky, Indianapolis
- Area 12 – New Jersey

Areas in discussion:

- Area 2G – Oregon
- Area 2H – Western Washington
- Area 3B – Colorado
- Area 7 – Mississippi, Louisiana, Southern Alabama

Status

Currently working one-on-one with Hotline coordinators to set up each local account and load in volunteer information and set up message prompts, average time to set up is 8-10 hours. Recently setup system so that all calls to the new number for areas not on the system will get a message that directs them to the GA website or allows them to leave a message. Several calls have come in that I passed to local Trustees for follow up.

Initially we asked Erlang to forward calls from his system to the 855-222-5542 number, but Erlang states the two systems are not compatible, Ring Central states they can receive calls from any current telcon technology. We recently requested that Erlang just play a message and ask callers to hang up and dial the 855-222-5542 number.

Current effort is to set up the capability to select another area by putting in the area code for that area. Current status of this will be reported at the conference. This will allow someone with a New York cell phone in Florida to select a Florida area code instead of getting stuck with the New York hotline.

Savings

With the Areas that have opened Ring Central Accounts so far, their previous costs with Erlang were \$1099 per month, their cost on Ring Central is \$500 per month. Just for these seven areas, it is a savings of \$599 per month or \$7188 per year! Additionally, all these areas are paying on a monthly basis; if we pay on a yearly basis, there is another 17% savings. Areas 15 and 17 are switching over this month to a yearly basis. For those areas that are seeing these savings, please

consider sending a portion of those savings to ISO; these funds would support some of the motions to be presented at the Spring 2013 conference.

Lessons Learned

As new areas sign up for Ring Central, it is recommended that you use an email assigned by the trustee website administrator for your account set up. Otherwise, when a new hotline coordinator takes over for your system, they will have to change all the previous administrators' emails on the system.

When closing your Erlang account, request that they play a message asking callers to hang up and dial 855-222-5542 (855-2 CALL GA).

Plan Forward

The goal is to get all areas moved over to Ring Central by the Spring 2013 Conference. Please work with your Intergroups to authorize the changeover. I will put several items on the ballot for that conference:

1. A motion to define the name of the new system: Gamblers Anonymous National Hotline or Gamblers Anonymous National Helpline. Our system is not manned 24 hours a day by volunteers, do we want to call it a hotline?
2. A motion to establish a standing position for a National Helpline/Hotline chairperson with a two year rotation. (I don't plan to do this forever)
3. A motion to start publishing the new number on all GA literature printed following the Spring 2013 conference.
4. A motion for ISO and the Helpline/Hotline committee and the Public Relations committee to conduct a six month effort to publish the new number in as many places as possible. We need to get the word out about the new number.
5. A motion for ISO to cover any costs on the 855-222-5542 billing for usage greater than 1000 minutes. As more areas join the system, the usage will increase over the current 700-900 minutes per month since it is routing all calls around the US and Canada. Additional minutes come in blocks of 455 (\$20) and 2273 (\$100). Respectfully Submitted, Paul S., Hotline Implementation Committee Chair Area 17 Trustee

Paul S. gave the above report which was submitted online. Paul is asking for volunteers to join this committee.

International Relations Committee:

Committee Chair – Martha G. – Area 28

Co-Chair Liaison – Herb B.

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

International Relations Committee Report

San Diego, California, October, 2012

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

Our committee of 25 members presents to the Board of Trustees of Gamblers Anonymous the following report of our work and efforts done from the close of the last Trustee meeting until the 2012 San Diego Trustee meeting. This covers the period from March 2012 to September 2012.

ISO Overseas Emails

Our committee has answer 187 emails since April 2012 from 29 different countries. Argentina, Canada, Costa Rica, Colombia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Lithuania, Mexico, Namibia, Norway, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Ireland, Romania, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela and Paraguay.

ISO has sent out 2 starter kits for new meetings, as follows: (1) Orizaba, Veracruz (MEXICO) and (1) Aguascalientes (MEXICO) we want to make sure each new meeting is going to be in full compliance with the Guidance Code and keep contact with them as long as is needed.

ISO received 9 international group meeting information forms: Tipperary (Ireland), Querétaro (México), Aguascalientes (México), Orizaba (México) and Zielona, Gora (Poland). Attention has been given to a member in dire straits in Kenya. Dudley B., Vigil M. and Steve R. have been in constant contact with him for more than a month. He was suicidal at first and seems to be progressing along better now with hope. He was also hooked up with a member over in Kenya by the name of Jackson O.

G.A. World Wide

- **Gratitude week September 9-15, 2012**

- **Update meetings information at GA International Meeting Directory.**

- **Encourage to buy literature from the ISO online store and RSO.**

- **Area 25 Italy had a special video conference Tutorial Trustee Website session, David M. and the five new elected trustees' review all function with the help of bilingual member.**

- **An attempt was made but because the conflict of time zone, it was not possible to do the video conference Tutorial Trustee Website session for the new elected Hispanic trustees from Areas 19, 20, and 34. New trustees from Area 33 had a tutorial on their request.**

Spanish Translation Literature

The San Diego BOT Agenda is available in a Spanish version and sent to all GA Hispanic recognized areas, so they will have feedback from the area's groups. The STL is working on different pieces of approved literature for the unification of language.

Overseas Trustee Sponsorship

Members from our committee keep in contact with all overseas Trustees to help those areas with the election of Trustees for 2012-2014 and agenda items for San Diego BOT. We encourage overseas Trustees to use the Digital version of the Absentee Ballot to reflect their Areas decisions.

Appropriate Literature - Agenda item # 11

Approve "Guidelines for Foreign Translation of Gamblers Anonymous Approved and Appropriate Literature". The Guidelines are to stand by themselves as a separate piece of Gamblers Anonymous appropriate literature.

Guidance Code - Agenda item # 35

Guidance Code, Article VIII, Section 13A and 13B

Replace Article VIII Section 13A and 13B with a new Section 13A with all other sections moving up accordingly.

Poland – Agenda item # 55

Overseas Areas

Approve the request for Poland to translate Gamblers Anonymous approved and appropriate literature provided they follow the Guidelines of the Board of Trustees regarding foreign translations.

Area 25 Italy - Agenda item # 56

Overseas Areas

Area 25 Italy asks permission to make any necessary changes to the Pressure Relief Forms to adapt them to our customs and laws.

News from G.A. Worldwide

Area 19 - Argentina National Conference, May 25 – 26, 2012.

Area 21 – Spain XV National Conference, June 1 – 3, 2012. Albacete, Spain.

Area 27 – Hungary 10th National Conference, June 16 - 17, 2012. Budapest, Hungary

**Area 33 - Colombia 4th National Conference, June 17 - 18, 2012. Bogota, Colombia
Election for new trustees was held.**

Area 28 – Mexico Mini – Conference, June 22 – 24, 2012. Monterrey, Mexico

Area 34 – Venezuela 4th National Conference, July 28 – 29, 2012. Barquisimeto, Venezuela

Election for new trustees was held.

**Area 18B - Australia Australian National Conference “Celebrating 50 Down Under”
August 24 - 26, 2012. Brisbane, Queensland, Australia**

IRC San Diego meeting will be held on Wednesday April 18th at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by: Martha G.

Martha G. gave the above report which was submitted online. Martha asked the committee to stand and thanked them all. Herb B. thanked Martha for all of her hard work.

Literature Committee:

Committee Chair – Chuck R. - Area 15

Co-Chair Liaison – Gary B.

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

Literature Committee Report for San Diego Conference

The following items on the San Diego agenda are related to the Literature Committee:

4 through 7 - Current changes to literature requiring a second vote

49 through 54 - Suggested changes to current literature

Item #8 passed the Merit Vote in Boston. It has been amended by the author in conjunction with the Literature Committee as per Literature Committee approval guidelines and is on the agenda for a first approval vote.

Chuck R. gave the above report which was submitted online. Chuck reminded everyone that Combo book changes are done in the Fall of the odd year.

Liability Insurance Committee:

Committee Chair – Norm B. - Area 10B

Co-Chair Liaison – Gary B.

Mission Statement - To investigate the viability, availability and affordability of securing liability insurance for all scheduled group meetings in the United States.

Liability Insurance Committee Report For San Diego Conference

There has been little progress since formation of committee in Boston.

Several insurance carriers have SOME interest in quoting, subject to Loss Runs from ISO. Although there has NEVER been a claim, a signed form is required and will be obtained from ISO.

There will be quotes before the next Trustee Meeting.

Andre G. advises that the Regional Service Office in Montreal carries a Fire, Theft and LIABILITY policy for that location. The liability portion includes all rented meeting rooms in the Province of Quebec.

ISO office policy DOES NOT include such coverage. The quotes that have been requested would combine office AND meeting coverage.

Norm B. gave the above report which was submitted online. Since the report was submitted online, loss runs from the I.S.O. were received. The committee will continue and should have a recommendation in Vancouver.

Member Retention Committee:

Committee Chair –

Co-Chair Liaison – Herb B.

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.

Member Retention Committee Report

This Committee met in Boston and several ideas were exchanged to help membership retention in the fellowship. Our objective was to create a piece of literature with all of these suggestions. Vinny had been the chair but resigned shortly after the Boston conference and there was no activity over the past 6 months. This is an important committee and hopefully can be revitalized with members willing to do the work necessary to create this piece of Literature.

Alan J. gave the above report which was submitted online. The Chair has resigned and Alan volunteered to Chair this committee. Committee volunteers are Chair – Alan J., Area 15; Committee members – Wendy B., Area 1; Jimmy D., Area 1A; Paul N., Area 2A; Pauline D., Area 2B; Harriet K., Area 3; Debbie M., Area 8; Charmaine S., Area 13A; Richard K., Area 13B and John S., Area 15.

Online GA Meeting Committee:

Committee Chair – Jim H. – Area 8

Co-Chair Liaison – Denis M.

Mission Statement - To explore the possibilities and challenges of establishing an on-line GA meeting that will be listed on the gamblersanonymous.org website.

No report was submitted. Denis spoke with Jim H. who has resigned from the committee. Kent C., Area 7C is the new committee Chair. Committee member volunteers are Bea A., Area 3; Dave C., Area 11; George N., Area 16; Linda S., Area 7C; Paula C., Area 3C; Paulette T., Area 6B; Tom Z., Area 14 and Roger O., Area 6D.

Pressure Relief Committee:

Committee Chair – Alan J.– Area 15

Co-Chair Liaison – Herb B.

Mission Statement – 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.

Pressure Relief Committee Report

Committee had discussion about rewriting the two current pieces of literature that pertain to Pressure Relief. Discussed adding a disclaimer to avoid any future law suits against G.A. Neither of these has been completed.

Conducted workshops at two mini conferences. Through the posting in the I.S.O. bulletin a few member contacted our committee and we conducted Pressure Relief Group Meetings for them via conference calls.

We will be hosting a workshop on Pressure Relief at this conference on Saturday morning.

Alan J. gave the above report which was submitted online. Chair – Alan J., Area 15; Committee members – Lou W., Area 3B; Lenny S., Area 3D; Peter A., Area 13; Bob F., Area 13A and Howard C., Area 15.

Prison Committee, US:

Committee Chair – Rick B. – Area 6B

Co-Chair Liaison – Herb B.

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

US Jails, Institutions and Prisons Committee Report at 10-3-12

The US Jails, Institutions, and Prisons Committee is presently in the process of refocusing and redirecting our efforts re our mission statement. The relative inactivity of 2011 and, therefore, potential termination was fully explained in the BOT chairman's email of May 16.

Two grateful acknowledgments are appropriate. Thanks to Mike M., for his service as the past committee chairperson and present willingness to remain as a committee member despite physical health issues; thanks to the BOT chairperson for his confidence evidenced in my June appointment as co-founder of this committee again to function as the JIP chairperson.

Our re-organizational meeting is scheduled in San Diego 1700-1800 PDT on October 20 in the Tropic Room. We hope for resounding interest/attendance particularly from current trustees. Primary agenda items are:

- Re-verification of existing US Jail, Institution, and Prison meetings including day, time, frequency, and approximate attendance.**
- Consultation/confirmation with respective trustees of all 2012 starter kit requests re actual meeting start verification.**
- Discussion of improved committee structure and delineation of member responsibilities.**
- Q & A (time permitting)**

Only 1 past committee member has indicated his desire not to remain. We have not presently received ongoing commitment from 3 other past committee members and plan to speak with all prior to October 20.

With gratitude that "the committee is open to additional members who would like to be involved with this process", we are pleased to welcome 4 past, present, and/or returning trustees to the committee: Bob F., (Area 2G, Oregon), Bea G-A, (Area 3, southern Nevada, Ed E., (Area 2, northern California), and Leni S., (Area 9, Michigan).

Finally, we welcome all interaction with any fellowship member in person during the San Diego weekend, and always at jipcommittee@aol.com Thanks for your collective efforts in assisting still suffering, incarcerated gamblers.

Respectfully submitted, Rick B., JIP chairperson

Rick B. gave the above report which was submitted online. The committee will meet on Saturday at 5:00 P.M.

Prison Committee, Canada:

Committee Chair – Jean-Marc L. – Area 5B

Co-Chair Liaison – Herb B.

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

PRISON MEETINGS IN CANADA Committee Report

In the Province of Quebec, we have resumed the bi-weekly meeting at the Centre Federal de Formation (Federal minimum security institution). The member in charge now has enough GA volunteers to attend the meeting. That was a problem before but not anymore. We are also looking to have another meeting at that same institution, in English this time. The Joliette prison for women meeting is running just fine.

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 still sending every month our current regular meetings listing to most known Therapy facilities in the Province of Quebec so they can refer their patients to Gamblers Anonymous once their therapy is over. We see more and more newcomers being referred by these institutions.

We still need every trustee in Canada to contact the Committee and let us know of any activities in local prisons and institutions. Any Canadian member or trustee who wants to be of service on our committee is welcome.

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

Andre G. gave the above report which was submitted online.

Public Relations Committee:

Committee Chair – Richard F. - Area 4

Co-Chair Liaison – Gary B.

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).

Public Relations Committee Report Fall 2012 – San Diego Conference

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

Since Boston this committee has done no work due primarily to the chair person dealing with other priorities in his life.

It is the intent of the committee to re-focus in the coming months in order to continue this work. We are open to more committee members should anyone wish to join.

Our plans moving forward include:

- **Follow-up on gathering of contact information for Intergroup Public Relations Coordinators**
- **Development and distribution of a questionnaire to the Intergroup Public Relations Coordinators to understand some of the local challenges and needs**
- **Development of a Public Relations Workshop for Vancouver**

Frank L. gave the above report which was submitted online. Herb B. will ask the new Board of Trustees Co-Chair to get intouch with Richard F.

Trustee Area Demarcation Committee:

Committee Chair – Debb W. – Area 2G

Co-Chair Liaison – Herb B.

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

As of today the changes that were approved in Boston, adding Area 2M and Area 7C have been made to map.

We are currently working on how we will present the map at the Board Of Trustees meeting in San Diego. We are experiencing major challenges but remain optimistic that we will find the solution to these obstacles .

Once the Trustees from all of the areas have had a chance to view the map any editing will be done at that time.

Debb W. Committee Chair, Levi B-Co-Chair

Debb W. gave the above report which was submitted online. Area maps were given to Area Trustees for review and to make any needed changes.

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.

Rules and Procedures Committee Report

The Rules and Procedures committee is a standing committee that is charged with the following responsibility:

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

The Rules and Procedures manual is downloadable under the Download Center of the Trustee website and viewable under the GA Reference Material link on the same site. 3 provisions of the rules and procedures are appropriate for display. The first of which is the process for how and item is changed or added. This is especially important based on the progression of the Trustee meetings.

Changing or Adding a Procedure

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

Montreal '09

Changing Literature

Rules and Procedures provisions and changes do not automatically change existing literature. Kansas City '09

Maintenance of the Rules and Procedures manual

The rules and procedures committee will be responsible for updating and maintaining the rules and procedures manual on the Trustee website.

Herb B. gave the above report which was submitted online.

Trustee Poll Agenda Committee:

Committee Chair – David M. – Area 12

Co-Chair Liaison – Herb B.

Mission Statement - To provide a recommendation to the Board of Trustees on a procedure that would pre-qualify submitted agenda items and allow for the filtering of

those submitted items for possible inclusion and exclusion from the Trustee agendas based on consensus opinion of the Trustees.

Trustee Agenda Poll Committee Report – San Diego 2012

In 2003, the BOT saw a significant change in the preparation of the Trustee agenda to an Internet-based platform. As a result, a much more efficient platform for handling all the items was created. Over the years, the quantity of agenda items continues to expand. Unfortunately, when the amount of items greatly expands, the Trustees have a tendency to worry more about rushing through the latter part of the agendas in order to not have to go into an additional session after the normally allotted time of 2 days.

As the last session of the Trustee meeting on Friday draws closer to the end, remaining items on the BOT agenda seem to be pushed along faster than other items early in the Trustee meeting. The same question is always asked about what can be done to reduce the size of the agenda.

Numerous attempts have been made recently with BOT agenda items to place restrictions on the number of agenda items in various forms. Each one failed. The Trustees have indicated they want to do something to cut the numbers of items that appear on the Trustee agendas, but so far, nothing reasonable has been brought to the BOT floor for a positive decision.

Invariably, there are items on the BOT agendas that fail in a very grand way, and the natural undertone on the BOT floor is asking why so much time was wasted on items that should never have been on the agenda to begin with, based solely on the margin of defeat. In an attempt to remedy all these problems, a committee was formed in Los Angeles to try and figure out a way to utilize the Trustee Poll system to screen the agenda items prior to the final compilation of each Trustee agenda.

The Boston committee report asked to have the committee dissolved because of poor performance participation by the current Trustees to the existing Trustee Poll. The thinking was that without overwhelming levels of participation in voting for the items on the Trustee Poll, that there would be no viable way to utilize the poll as an agenda-screening tool. Oddly enough, the Trustees indicated through an almost unanimous show of hands that they wanted committee to continue its chosen task.

Features of the Agenda Poll

1-Use a new improved form of the Trustee Poll, named the Agenda Poll, to get a consensus of the voting Trustees as to whether or not each item on the agenda under the New Business section of the BOT agenda, submitted by a current or past Trustee should either be included or excluded from the agenda.

2-Specific New Business Item exclusions to this process would be as follows:

- A)-Items submitted by Executive Board members
- B)-Discussion items
- C)-New literature items up for a merit vote
- D)-Requests for committees
- E)-Items from committees

3-Decisions on each item should not be left to an appointed small group of BOT representatives. As such, voting will be determined by all the current Trustees, and whatever the number of Trustees is that votes on each item, those results will be final.

4-Different from the current agenda process, each item submitted to the poll will allow for commentary from the author to help explain why the item should be included.

Positives

1-Different from the actual BOT meetings, all those who vote on the Agenda Poll will have their votes registered anonymously.

2-A greater level of transparency will be in place when authors have the ability to explain why their items should be included on the agenda.

3-Trustees have greater control over which items be finally be placed on the agenda

4-The voting process will show which Trustees have voted on each item, but not how they voted

Negatives

1-Participation on the current Trustee Poll has historically been very low.

2-If participation on the Agenda Poll is equally low, then the decisions will in fact be made by a small group of Trustees.

3-Implimentation of such a platform will require another stated deadline in the agenda process for Trustees to vote for each item.

4-The voting process will show which Trustees have not voted on each item.

5-Early voters on each item will most likely reveal their vote through the process of elimination when viewers see the first few results posted to the Agenda Poll items.

Process for adoption of an Agenda Poll.

1-This will require significant changes to the current version of the Trustee website.

2-A stand alone highly modified Trustee Poll will have to be created.

3-The agenda submission process will have to be augmented to include a reason for the author having submitted the agenda item.

4-A grid will be established to show which items the Trustees have voted for, but not their actual vote. This will allow the areas to show how diligent their Trustees have been with this process.

5-Results will still be tabulated for display by anyone accessing the website, including non-Trustees. This will show the total voting for or against, not how each individual Trustee voted.

Changes to existing procedures with the agenda process

1-The agenda will close for submissions one week earlier than the current 60 days. New date will be 67 days before the Trustee meeting starts. This is a Guidance Code change to Article VIII, Section 17.

2-Voting on the Agenda Poll will continue for an additional week, terminating at 60 days before the Trustee meeting. This is also a change to the Guidance Code, same section as above.

3-In the 15 days before the final agenda is released, the Chair of the BOT will coordinate and confirm with the Trustee Website Admin, exactly which items of new business submitted by the Trustees will be added to the agenda, providing they have been properly submitted to the agenda poll.

4-All other timelines regarding the agenda will remain in place.

David M. gave the above report which was submitted online.

Trustee Removal Committee:

Committee Chair –

Co-Chair Liaison – Gary B.

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.

No report was submitted. Chair is asking for a committee and will appoint members. As soon as committee is formed they will be listed on the Trustee website under Committees.

Trustee Website Committee:

Committee Chair – David M. – Area 12

Co-Chair Liaison – Denis M.

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

Trustee Website Committee Report San Diego Conference 2012

One of the continuing issues with the Trustee website is a noticeable lack of interest by the majority of the Trustees in participating in the various parts on the website. This can be seen by the low participation with the Trustee Line, the Trustee Poll and other features available on the site.

This report highlights the changes that have occurred to the site since the Boston conference. It also touches upon some other aspects of the site.

Translation Feature

Since the Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous continues to branch out internationally, a 63 language translation module has been integrated into the website on key web pages. If anyone wishes to have that function available on other pages, please contact the Trustee website committee.

Registration

Since the elections for Trustee were held after Boston, all Trustees who submitted their information to Karen were automatically added to the registered list of Trustees on the site. Registration allows Trustees to participate in functions of the website that are only available to current Trustees. Additionally, those Trustees who no longer are current Trustees, were removed from that list. If anyone believes they are not registered to that site, it is probably because their information was not provided in detail. This is easily remedied and will be discussed later in this report.

Trustee Line

This is still an underutilized part of the website and meant to inspire bold commentary about issues that affect the Trustees and their local areas. The platform is open to virtually any idea a current or past Trustee wants to discuss.

Trustee Poll

Since straw voting is not allowed for any item on the Trustee agendas, the Trustee Poll is meant to take its place. Any past or current Trustee can float an idea for the current Trustees to respond to. It could be the beginning of an agenda item, or just to see what the feeling of the Trustees is on a specific item. The Trustee Poll is visible to all GA members, but only current Trustees can vote for items on the Trustee Poll. This requires being registered to the Trustee website.

Trustee Information Details

New to the site, because of the recent Trustee elections, is a module that allows information on the new Trustees to be filled in. The information is sent to Karen at ISO and a copy goes to the website admin to allow for registration to the site.

Website Tutorial

After the Trustee elections and just after the new term of office started in July, 2 separate website tutorials were conducted to help familiarize the new Trustees with the workings of the website. Over those 2 sessions, we had close to 50 participants for what turned out to be an hour-long session. The presentation session that had a robust question and answer component, utilized a telephone conference call in addition to a screen-sharing website application. The conference call was very orderly and comprehension of the Trustee website features by the new Trustees was greatly enhanced.

Website Guidelines

Local area websites are popping up in greater frequency than years past. Some areas have tried to get some sense of compliance issues for the site with the currently approved website guidelines. Although it is not the job of the website committee to review the sites, if asked, the site will be reviewed in great detail for compliance. It is always up to the area to bring the site to compliance. The BOT may want to consider stronger, more formal actions in dealing with local area websites that are not in compliance.

New Area/New Trustee Accommodation Fund

Area 36 was approved by the BOT in the Boston Trustee meeting. The Trustee from that area is the only one eligible for accommodation in San Diego. The procedure and amounts are spelled out on the Trustee website.

Local Area Help Flyers

Any area can have flyers personalized for their local area telephone hotline number to distribute to the general public at their discretion. There is a procedure outlined on the web page on exactly how to do this. Once the flyer is constructed, the local area members can download as many copies as they wish. A lot of areas have not requested any such flyers.

Trustee Memorial Honor Roll

When any Trustee, either past or current, passes away, the event is memorialized on the Trustee Memorial Honor Roll. It is the responsibility of someone from the deceased Trustee's area to notify the website committee with the details. This allows others to write in their personal comments to the site, in memory of that Trustee. Participation with this feature has been very low.

Email Blasts

When situations warrant, emails are sent to all the current Trustees. The list is maintained by the website committee and is currently used by the IES for the monthly distribution of the Board of Regents minutes. The Chair of the BOT uses the email blast for purposes designated as important for the BOT. Anyone who wishes to have something distributed in this manner, must seek the prior approval of the Chair of the BOT.

Anonymity With The Email Blasts

Although the Confidential Trustee Listing has the full names of the current Trustees, their email addresses are only incorporated into BCC formatting. This is done because some Trustees choose to circulate such email blasts to other GA members in their area, without using the BCC function on their email.

More than 1/3 of the current Trustees use emails that incorporate their last names and by definition violate the anonymity aspects of this program. Agenda item 43 on the San Diego agenda deals with this issue. Irrespective of its passage, all Trustees should reconsider the use of email addresses that violate their own anonymity. Any emailing that originates from the Trustee website that involves other Trustees will always be done with the BCC function.

David M. gave the above report which was submitted online.

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.

ISO Website Revision Committee Report San Diego Trustee Meeting

The ISO Website Revision Committee was originally created to revise the ISO website. That revised site is in operation. Since that time, some enhancements have been made to make the website more efficient. These changes usually come about as a result of suggestions and/or difficulties users have with their time on the website.

The most significant change was a conversion of the meeting locator to both a graphic interface and also a listing of all the meetings. This involved a reworking of the search database on the website, and considerable expense.

As of the end of the Los Angeles conference, a GA member from San Diego volunteered to create an app for use by all of the tablet and smart phone platforms that exist today. After numerous attempts to contact him through the Boston conference and beyond, this person has moved and there seems to be no forwarding number.

The purpose of exploring the creation of an app would be to further penetrate the market for those who need the help of Gamblers Anonymous. This is being looked into on a more formal basis with the current website designers being the most likely source. If this is practical from a monetary standpoint, it would become an issue for the committee to work in conjunction with the Board of Regents and the ISO for a determination of costs versus perceived benefits. As of this report, no costs have been discussed with any source.

Possibly in the new year, once the finances stabilize for the Fellowship, we will be able to move into an important phase, which will be to establish a contribution module that will allow for online contributions at all levels. This would also allow for a tremendously improved Lifeline platform. It would eliminate the postage and envelop costs currently used for the current system and allow members to have deductions made from their bank account on a regular basis, or through a credit card. Contributions could expand by more than 25% from current levels and make the entire process much simpler.

Such a system will require yet another enhancement to the site that would be extensive due to the controls that would need to be put into place in order to not violate Unity Step 7 – Every Gamblers Anonymous Group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions. Critical to the completion of this step is for total approval of the ISO with the proper security and audit controls to be put in place. There may be a possible update with some progress toward such a major move by Vancouver.

Other than this report, Karen would be best to fill in the blanks and other events that have happened with the ISO website.

David M. gave the above report which was submitted online. Karen H. gave a short update on some current revisions that are taking place with the G.A. online store. The updates will make the store more user friendly and complete by having more capabilities for all members looking to order literature online.

The Committee Reports were completed at 9:00 P.M. on Thursday.

Rules and Procedures

1. David M. - Area 12 Rules and Procedures, Absentee Ballots
Replace entire section with new version

Current version: If a Trustee cannot attend the upcoming Trustee meeting he/she should send an absentee ballot for the agenda items they wish to vote on. These absentee ballots will be assigned by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees to a

current trustee and should be voted as indicated and is limited to one absentee ballot per eligible Trustee.

Proposed version: Any Trustee who cannot attend any upcoming Trustee meeting should submit an absentee ballot, as designated by the Chair of the Board of Trustees, for the agenda items they wish to vote on. The completed absentee ballots will be given to the Board of Trustees Executive Board and the International Executive Secretary for tabulation with the voting results of the Trustees during the Trustee meetings.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

All Absentee Ballots that were handed out at the beginning of the meeting were returned and accounted for. Karen H., International Executive Secretary will tabulate the voting results and give the count to the Board of Trustees Executive Board during the final count of agenda items.

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

2. Alan J. - Area 15 Rules and Procedures, Discussion on Item, Alternating Opinions

Replace the entire section with new version

Current: The chair will accept alternating opinions to be heard starting with those in favor of the item. If a motion is on the floor and only one opinion is available for that item, the chair will only hear a maximum of 5 qualified speakers before calling for the vote. Items without a motion do not need alternating opinions and will run the full allotted time or until there are no further speakers.

Proposed: The chair will request alternating opinions to be heard starting with those in favor of the item. Once opinions have been heard both for and against a motion, the chair will follow the speakers list regardless of opinion. If a motion is on the floor and only one opinion is available for that item, the chair will only hear a maximum of 5 qualified speakers before calling for the vote. Items without a motion do not need alternating opinions and will run the full allotted time or until there are no further speakers.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

3. Jimmy D. - Area 1A Rules and Procedures

Add under responsibilities and duties of the Executive Board

It is suggested that members of the Executive Board not speak on items when they are facilitating/chairing the meeting.

Tabled Items From Boston

Motion to accept above.

Passed

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

Hosting an International Conference

4. 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.

See Attachment 4

Motion pending

Amendment to add "the conference" at the end of #1.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 56 Against 56

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 a dash (-) will be noted. Since this is an amendment Absentee Ballots will not count.

Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote
1	Anita R.	Yes	5B	Claude C.	No	12	Vicki G.	No
	Ara H.	Yes	5C	Pierre C.	Yes	13	John B.	No
	Carlos F.	Yes	6	Richie S.*	No		Ron C.	No
	David W.	No		Barbara L.	No		Peter A.	Yes
	Wendy B.	Yes		Richie S.	No	13A	Bob F.	Yes
1A	Jimmy D.	Yes	6A	Sal F.	-		Charmaine S.	Yes
	Marc L.	No	6B	Rick B.	No	13B	Pete K.	Yes
2	Levi B.	No		Paulette T.	Yes		Richard K.	No
	Joe T.	No		Juan A.	Yes	14	Mary R.	No
	Roger L.	No	6C	Joe B.	Yes		Tom Z.	No
	Susan W.	No	6D	John M.	Yes		Paul C.	No
2A	Paul N.	No		Roger O.	Yes		Steve T.	No
2B	Steve R.	Yes	7	Kathy S.	Yes	15	Alan J.	Yes
	Pauline D.	Yes		Helen Y.	Yes		Chuck R.	Yes
2C	Kathy S.*	Yes	7A	Bill A.	No		Mike R.	Yes
2E	Debra M.	Yes		Mike K.	No		Stanley C.	No
2G	Sharon W.	-	7C	Kent C.	Yes		Bill B.	Yes
	Bob F.	Yes		Mark S.	Yes		Howard C.	Yes
2H	Gary M.	No	8	Debbie M.	No		Bill B.*	Yes
	Renee P.	No		Fred L.	No		John S.	No
2J	Warren S.	No		Rich S.	No		Carolyn S.	Yes
3	Bea A.	No		Fred L.*	No		Antimina G.	Yes
	Gloria H.	No	8A	David K.	No	16	George N.	No
	Harriet K.	No		Karen E.	Yes	16A	Nancy K.	Yes
	Tom S.H.	No	8B	Michelle J.	No	17	Ron W.	No
3A	Charlotte M.	Yes	8C	Deni M.	No		Paul S.	No
	John T.	Yes	8D	Jo K.	No	18	Steve A.	AB
	Pete U.	Yes	9	Mike Y.	Yes	20	Andre G.*	AB
3B	Bill S.	No		Leni S.	No	21	Rick B.*	No
	Ron G.	No	9A	Pat D.	No		Martha G.*	Yes
3C	Paula C.	Yes	10	Paulette M.	No	24	Herb B.*	Yes
	Tom F..	No	10A	Norm B.	Yes		Pete K.*	Yes
3D	Sue F.	Yes		Jim P.	Yes	28	Rafael Z.	Yes
	Lenny S.	Yes	10B	Chuck B.	No		Javier G.	Yes
3F	Dora H.	Yes	11	Billy C.	Yes		Martha G.	Yes
4	Petru C.*	No		Dave C.	No		Rafael Z.*	Yes
	Petru C.	No		Jodi P.	No		Ana E.	Yes
5	Herb B.	Yes	12	Artie R.	No	29	David M.*	Yes
5A	Joe B.*	Yes		David M.	Yes	35	Juan A.*	Yes
5B	Andre G.	No		Frank L.	No	36	Odie B.	No

* Proxy Vote

Approved 58 Against 58 Abstained 2
Failed

After the above vote the motion was ruled out of order because of a change in committees.

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

Items Requiring a 2nd Vote

5. 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 during the Spring Conferences, the profit will be divided with 65% going to GA ISO and 35% going to Gam-Anon. In the event of a profit during the Fall Conferences, the profit will be divided with 80% going to GA ISO and 20% going to Gam-Anon.

Passed 1st vote in Boston

Passed

2nd Vote

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

6. Nick S. - Area 6A "STEP ONE THE FOUNDATION OF RECOVERY FROM COMPULSIVE GAMBLING"

Change the references from "I" to "we".

Current version: Page 4 line 2 reads "I respect that view, but to a very limited degree. I am more inclined to stress the idea that it is we alone that cause most of our problems, and not gambling."

Proposed version: "We respect that view, but to a very limited degree. We are more inclined to stress the idea that it is we alone that cause most of our problems, and not gambling."

Page 4 from bottom of page 4th line up

Current version: "I challenge everyone....."

Proposed version: "We challenge everyone....."

Passed 1st vote in Boston

Passed

2nd Vote

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

7. Ed E. - Area 2 Gamblers Anonymous Group Handbook

To insert the following on page 12, to be placed immediately after "OPEN MEETINGS AND CLOSED MEETINGS" and before "Gam-Anon",

Current Version: (Non-existent)

Proposed Version: CLOSING DOWN A G.A. GROUP

Occasionally, due to lack of attendance or a plan/need to relocate to a different meeting space, it becomes necessary to move or discontinue a G.A. Group. When this occurs, the following protocols should be observed to preserve order and avoid confusion:

- 1. A group conscience vote of attending members should be conducted on whether or not to move or close down the meeting.**
- 2. The group secretary should ensure that rent and other group-related expenses have been paid and are up to date.**
- 3. The group secretary or an appointee should notify Area Trustees of the meeting**

closure within 24 hours of the group conscience vote.

4. The group secretary or an appointee should notify Intergroup Trusted Servants within 24 hours of the group conscience vote.

5. Intergroup Trusted Servants should update the telephone hotline and the Area meeting list, and notify the International Service Office to update the U.S. Meetings page of the G.A. website within 24 hours of being notified of the group conscience vote.

6. The group secretary or an appointee should notify the meeting facility at least 3 to 4 weeks in advance of the final meeting date, regarding the decision to move or close down the group.

7. A member designated by the group secretary should continue to go to the meeting facility at regular meeting times for 2 weeks after the official closure of the meeting, in order to ensure that no unwitting G.A. member shows up and is unpleasantly surprised to find an empty meeting space.

8. The Group secretary or treasurer should take any existing funds or literature and turn it into the areas Intergroup if one exists, or to the International Service Office.

Passed 1st vote in Boston

Item tabled for corrections.

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

Items that Passed the Merit Vote

8. **Steve F. for Pam K. - Area 3D The Sponsor-Sponsee Relationship:
HOW It Works**

See attachment 8

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

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

Conference Bids

9. **The Spring 2014 Conference is open for bids**

Houston Intergroup was the only area presenting a bid for the above Conference.

Motion to accept the above bid for the Spring 2014 Conference to be held April 25 – 27, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency Houston in Houston, Texas.

Passed

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

10. **The Fall 2014 Conference is open for bids**

No bid was presented for the above Conference therefore this item will be on the Vancouver agenda for bidding.

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

Appropriate Literature

11. **Steve R. - Area 2B Approve “Guidelines for Foreign Translation of Gamblers Anonymous Approved and Appropriate Literature” listed below. The Guidelines are to stand by themselves as a separate piece of Gamblers Anonymous appropriate literature.**

See attachment 11

Item withdrawn.

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

BOT Procedures

12. Steve R. for Kathy C. - Area 2B Rescind the BOT approval of a geographical realignment of Area 2B granting the 6 Redding/Anderson meetings their own area (Area 2M) from the Boston BOT meeting under agenda item #48.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

(Only one vote needed)

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

13. Marc L. - Area 1A Discussion: What are the priorities and mission statement of the Board of Trustees Meeting?

Discussion only.

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

14. Denis M. - Area 12 Bi-annual selection of the Trustee Removal Panel
The Panel will be a Standing Panel with a continued existence formed on an ongoing basis. The term of service will be two (2) years starting with the fall meetings in the even years, coinciding with the new term of the Trustees. The Panel will consist of five (5) currently-sitting Trustees and represent five (5) compass points from the regions of East, West, South, Midwest and Canada (see Zone Mapping, Section III, Paragraph 3.). There will be one (1) back-up Trustee from each compass point impaneled by the Executive Board of the Board of Trustees in the event any Panel member resigns or otherwise vacates his or her position on the Panel.

The Chair is waiting for a list of volunteers. Appointment of committee members will be made as soon as possible.

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

By-Laws

15. Herb B. - Area 5 By-Laws, Article VIII, Directors, Powers, and Meetings, Section 2

Clarify the order of responsibilities in the event the Chairman is incapable of doing so.

Current Version: The Vice-Chairman, or in his/her absence or inability to act, the Treasurer shall in the absence or disability of the Chairman, perform the duties and exercise the responsibility of the Chairman and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Regents shall prescribe.

Proposed Version: The Vice-Chairman shall in the absence or disability of the Chairman, perform the duties and exercise the responsibility of the Chairman and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Regents shall prescribe. Should the Vice-Chairman be unable to discharge such substitute duties, the Treasurer will assume those responsibilities.Passed

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

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

16. Herb B. - Area 5 By-Laws: Article XIII- Offices and Seal. Section 1
Redefine location limitations of the Corporation of Gamblers Anonymous
Current Version: The principal office of this Corporation shall be located at such place within the County of Los Angeles as may be fixed by the Board of Regents.
Proposed Version: Offices: The Principal Office of the Corporation of Gamblers Anonymous shall be located in the State of California at a location fixed by the Board of Regents.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

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

17. Herb B. - Area 5 By-Laws, Article XI: Bonds, Insurance and Audit, Section 3

Clarify wording.

Current Version: An audit of the books and records of the Corporation shall be made of each fiscal year within ninety (90) days after the close of each fiscal year by a certified public accountant who is not a member of Gamblers Anonymous. Special audits may be called by the Board of Regents at any time. A copy of all audits will be on file at the Gamblers head office of Gamblers Anonymous International Service Office and subject to inspection by any member of Gamblers Anonymous at any time during regular office hours of the International Service Office.

Proposed Version: An audit of books and records of the Corporation shall be made of each fiscal year, within ninety (90) days after the close of each fiscal year by a Certified Public Accountant who is not a member of Gamblers Anonymous. Special audits may be called for by the Board of Regents at any time. A copy of all audited financials will be on file at the Gamblers Anonymous International Service Office and will be available with a written request to any member of Gamblers Anonymous.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

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

18. Pete K. for John C. - Area 1 By-Laws: ARTICLE VII - DIRECTORS, POWERS, and MEETINGS, Section 5

Remove the word 'salaries' and replace with 'compensation'. Remove the word 'salaried'.

Current Version: The Board of Regents shall review the salaries of all salaried employees of this Corporation at least once each year.

Proposed Version: The Board of Regents shall review the compensation of all employees of this Corporation at least once each year.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

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

19. Pete K. for John C. - Area 1 By-Laws, ARTICLE X - BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Section 1:

Remove the word 'governed' and replace with the word 'guidance'

Current version: The Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous shall be governed by a Board of Trustees. This Board shall be elected by the members of the Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous in the manner provided in the Guidance Code.

Proposed version: The Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous shall be under the guidance of a Board of Trustees. This Board shall be elected by the members of the Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous in the manner provided in the Guidance Code.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

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

20. Pete K. for John C. - Area 1 By-Laws, ARTICLE XII - STANDING RULES, Section 1

Update language of the section.

Current version: The Board of Regents may, from time to time, adopt such Standing Rules for the general supervision and conduct of the business of the Corporations it may deem advisable. A copy of these Standing Rules shall be placed in a binder and be available for easy reference for each succeeding Board of Regents.

Proposed version: The Board of Regents may, from time to time, adopt such Standing Rules for the general supervision and conduct of the business of the Corporations it may deem advisable. A copy of same will be on file at the Gamblers Anonymous International Service Office and available with a written request to any member of Gamblers Anonymous.

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to delete "s" from Corporations.

Passed

Amendment to change "to" to "by" in the last sentence.

Failed

Amendment to change second sentence to read a copy of same will be on file at the Gamblers Anonymous International Service Office and available to any Gamblers Anonymous member upon written request.

Passed

On the motion.

Passed

1st Vote

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

21. Pete K. - Area 13B By-Laws, ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS of the B.O.R. AND the I.E.S., Section 1:

Change Section 1 as follows: Add ~Standing Rules of the Board of Regents after By-Laws.

Current Version: The Chairman of the Board of Regents shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation and subject to the control of the Board of Regents, have general supervision, direction and control of the affairs and Officers of the Corporation. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Regents. He/she shall have other duties and responsibilities as may be prescribed by the Board of Regents or these By-Laws.

Proposed Version: The Chairman of the Board of Regents shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation and subject to the control of the Board of Regents, have general supervision, direction and control of the affairs and Officers of the Corporation. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Regents. He/she shall have other duties and responsibilities as may be prescribed by the Board of Regents, these By-Laws or Standing Rules of the Board of Regents.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

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

22. Pete K. - Area 13B By-Laws, ARTICLE XI - BONDS, INSURANCE, and AUDIT., Section 1:

Change Section 1 as follows: ~If in the opinion of the Board, any Regent, officer, appointive officer, or salaried employee to ~If any Regent, officer, appointive officer, or employee

Current version: Section 1: If in the opinion of the Board, any Regent, officer, appointive officer, or salaried employee of this Corporation need be bonded, they shall be bonded in such amounts and in such manner as prescribed by Board of Regents.

Proposed version: If any Regent, officer, appointive officer, or employee of this Corporation need be bonded, they shall be bonded in such amounts and in such manner as prescribed by Board of Regents.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

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

23. Pete K. - Area 13B By-Laws: ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS of the B.O.R. AND the I.E.S Change Section 6(F) as follows:

Current Version: Section 6(F): In the event of the termination of the International Executive Secretary for any reason, the Chairman of the Board of Regents will become interim-acting International Executive Secretary until the International Board of Trustees elects a permanent International Executive.

Proposed version: Section 6(F) Should the International Executive Secretary be terminated or unable to carry out the functions, duties and responsibilities of the position, the Chairman of the Board of Regents will temporarily assume the position of the International Executive Secretary until the International Board of Trustees elects a permanent International Executive Secretary.

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to change "6(F)" to "6(G)".

Passed

On the motion.

Passed

1st Vote

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

24. Bob W. - Area 1 By-Laws, Article IV, Section 2

Change officer elections of the BOR from odd years to each year.

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

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

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

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

25. Bob W. - Area 1 By-Laws, Article VII – Directors, Powers, and Meetings, Section 6:

Change By-Laws to delete "on the 3rd Friday of each month or at such other time

as may be designated by the Board” and replace with “at least once a month, day and time to be determined by the Board of Regents”.

Current: Regular meetings of the Board of Regents shall be held at the principle office of the Corporation or at such other place as may from time to time be designated by the board of Regents. Such meeting shall be held on the 3rd Friday of each month or at such other time as may be designated by the Board. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Chairman or if he/she is absent or unable to act, by the Vice –Chairman or if both the Chairman and Vice- Chairman are absent or unable to act, by the Treasurer. Notice of the time and place of special meetings shall be given to each Regent personally at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the time of holding such meeting.

Proposed: Regular meetings of the Board of Regents shall be held at the principal office of the Corporation or at such other place as may from time to time be designated by the board of Regents. Such meeting shall be held at least once a month, day and time, to be determined by the Board of Regents. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Chairman or if he/she is absent or unable to act, by the Vice –Chairman or if both the Chairman and Vice- Chairman are absent or unable to act, by the Treasurer. Notice of the time and place of special meetings shall be given to each Regent personally at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the time of holding such meeting.

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to change second sentence to read such meeting shall be held at least once a month. Add after second sentence, In July of each year, the Board of Regents shall schedule the date and time of the monthly meetings for one year.

A member stated the amendment is out of order. The Chair ruled the amendment in order and was then challenged. The vote on the challenge fails (58 – 48) therefore the Chair is in order and so is the amendment.

On the amendment.

Failed

On the motion.

Passed

1st Vote

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

26. Pete K. - Area 13B By-Laws: ARTICLE VII - DIRECTORS, POWERS, and MEETINGS, Section 1

Remove the word 'jurisdiction' and replace with 'guidance'.

Current Version: The International Executive Secretary shall be responsible for the operation of the International Service Office (I.S.O.). He/she shall be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents who shall have complete charge, management and control of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) and property of this Corporation subject to the terms and conditions of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.

Proposed Version: The operation of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) shall be the responsibility of the International Executive Secretary. He/she will be under the guidance of the Board of Regents and Board of Trustees. However, all business affairs and property of the Corporation shall be under direct supervision of the Board of Regents, subject to the terms and conditions of the Guidance Code, Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 50 Against 66

Failed

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 1st Co-Chair.

27. Pete K. - Area 13B By-Laws: ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS of the B.O.R. AND the I.E.S. Section 3

Add additional duties for the Treasurer: If the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are both incapable of performing their duties, the Treasurer shall perform the duties of the Chairman, whose duties are prescribed by the Board of Regents.

Current Version: The Treasurer shall examine and report on the financial procedures and operations of the Corporation and perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the Board of Regents.

Proposed Version: The Treasurer shall examine and report on the financial procedures and operations of the Corporation and perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the Board of Regents. If the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are both incapable of performing their duties, the Treasurer shall perform the duties of the Chairman, whose duties are prescribed by the Board of Regents.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 1st Co-Chair.

28. Pete K. - Area 13B By-Laws, ARTICLE XI - BONDS, INSURANCE, and AUDIT. Section 2

Add: 'or prior to any annual policy renewal, when necessary.'

Current version: All Insurance coverage of the Corporation shall be reviewed by the Board of Regents at the beginning of each fiscal year.

Proposed version: All Insurance coverage of the Corporation shall be reviewed by the Board of Regents at the beginning of each fiscal year, or prior to any annual policy renewal, when necessary.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 1st Co-Chair.

Group Procedures

29. Steve T. - Area 14 Discussion on whether or not playing the McDonald's Monopoly Game (for cash or prizes) is considered gambling for the compulsive gambler.

Discussion only.

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 1st Co-Chair.

30. Malcolm B. - Area 3A Discussion: Is a meeting which calls itself a 'Women's Only Meeting' allowed to bar male members from their meeting?

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 1st Co-Chair.

Guidance Code

31. David M. - Area 12 Guidance Code, Article VIII, Section 6, 1st sentence - Change quorum amount and clean up ambiguous language. 2nd sentence - Delete the words 'and proxies' after the words Absentee ballots.

Current Version: Two-thirds (2/3) or more members of the Board of Trustees present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum. Absentee Ballots and Proxies

shall be counted to determine the number present at any meeting for the purpose of a quorum.

Proposed Version: 50% plus 1 of the elected Trustees of the Board of Trustees, must be present at any meeting to constitute a quorum. Absentee Ballots shall be included to determine the number present at any meeting for the purpose of a quorum.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 91 Against 37

Passed

1st Vote

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 1st Co-Chair.

32. David M. - Area 12 Guidance Code, Article VIII, Sections 13C and 13D Delete both sections.

Section 13C:

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

Section 13D:

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

Motion to accept above.

Approved 82 Against 31

Passed

1st Vote

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 1st Co-Chair.

33. David M. - Area 12 Guidance Code, Article VIII, Section 21, 3rd sentence. Delete the words 'and proxies' after the words 'Absentee ballots'.

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

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

Motion to accept above.

Approved 77 Against 36

Passed

1st Vote

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 1st Co-Chair.

34. Steve R. - Area 2B Guidance Code, Article XVII, Section 2A

Current: 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.

1. The number of Gamblers Anonymous meetings in the proposed geographical area.

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

geographical area.

3. The geographical size of the proposed area.

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

Proposed: To request a new geographical area or a geographical realignment of an existing area, splitting that existing area into two areas, the following information must be received by the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees. This information must be received prior to the closing of the agenda in which the area wishes to be recognized.

1. The number of gamblers anonymous meetings in the proposed new or realigned geographical area.

2. The approximate number of gamblers anonymous members in the proposed new or realigned geographical area.

3. The geographical size and boundaries of the proposed new or realigned geographical area.

4. The number of trustee(s) requested for the proposed new or realigned geographical area.

5. The submitter and/or presenter of the agenda item asking for a proposed new or realigned geographical area must have written documentation stating they are authorized to make the request for the new or realigned area. Said documentation should include a letter from the local area intergroups involved (if any), and or some kind of documentation from the local groups involved in the request for the new area.

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to eliminate the phrase "splitting the existing area into two areas".

Passed

On the motion.

Approved 100 Against 0

Passed

1st Vote

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

35. Steve R. - Area 2B Guidance Code, Article VIII, Section 13A and 13B Replace Article VIII Section 13A and 13B with a new Section 13A with all other sections moving up accordingly.

Current Version: Article VIII Section 13A

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

Article VIII Section 13B

Procedures for translation of approved Gamblers Anonymous literature into other languages will be as follows:

- 1) Obtain approval of the Board of Trustees to translate the literature.
- 2) Translation must be as close to "Word for Word" as possible.
- 3) Once the literature is translated, copies of each piece must be sent to the International Service Office."

Proposed Version: Article VIII Section 13A

The Board of Trustees must approve foreign language translation of all Gamblers Anonymous approved and appropriate literature in any form, as per the procedures set forth by the Board of Trustees.

Item withdrawn.

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

36. David M. - Area 12 Guidance Code, Article VIII, new Section 1A
All decisions of the Board of Trustees, passed in the form of a motion are binding. In the event of conflicting decisions, the most recent decision will prevail. However, provisions of the Guidance Code supersede all Board of Trustee decisions.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 106 Against 5

Passed

1st Vote

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

37. John B. - Area 13 Guidance Code, Page 15, Article X, Section 5, New Item 16:

An intergroup has the right to impose term limitations on the trustees it elects to the Board of Trustees from its respective area.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 26 Against 89

Failed

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

38. David M. - Area 12 Guidance Code, New Article XXI - Internet, Electronic Media and Public Appearances - Section 1 or next available section number.

Personal publicity is always shunned, and anonymity is carefully preserved because the Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous is more important than any one member. By maintaining this policy, any problems that accrue to an individual member cannot harm the Fellowship.

Anonymity is not an option of any member of Gamblers Anonymous, including when dealing with the Internet or electronic media. In the meaning of Unity Step 11, it is not breaking anonymity if we choose to relate to family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, that we are members of Gamblers Anonymous.

Motion to table until Vancouver items 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45 and 46.

Passed

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

39. David M. - Area 12 Guidance Code, New Article XXI - Internet, Electronic Media and Public Appearances - Section 2 or next available section number. Broadcasting audio, pictures, videos of any Gamblers Anonymous members are not allowed during any Gamblers Anonymous meetings, workshops or business meetings, whether local, regional or international. Members who meet outside of the aforementioned GA functions, may take pictures and/or videos for their private use, providing they do not identify anyone in the pictures and/or videos as members of Gamblers Anonymous.

Item tabled until Vancouver.

40. David M. - Area 12 Guidance Code, New Article XXI - Internet, Electronic Media and Public Appearances - Section 3 or next available section number. With the exception of Gamblers Anonymous Board of Trustee meetings, no recording devices of any type may be utilized at any time. In Board of Trustee meetings, only the International Executive Secretary, or other designated person, may use a voice recording device, and only for the purpose of historical archiving of the proceedings of the meetings. Such recordings contain matters that affect

Gamblers Anonymous as a whole.

Local and regional area business meetings are not allowed to use recording devices. In such cases a Recording Secretary should be utilized to capture the minutes of any business meeting.

Item tabled until Vancouver.

41. David M. - Area 12 Guidance Code, New Article XXI - Internet, Electronic Media and Public Appearances - Section 4 or next available section number. When involved in any online venture, either business or personal, a member is not allowed to show any pictures, videos or make any statements regarding an association with Gamblers Anonymous, past, present or future. This includes anything in print.

Item tabled until Vancouver.

42. David M. - Area 12 Guidance Code, New Article XXI - Internet, Electronic Media and Public Appearances - Section 5 or next available section number. Social media applications may not always be private or secure. Gamblers Anonymous members should always be aware that anonymity issues also apply equally to these situations, as per Unity Step 11.

Item tabled until Vancouver.

43. David M. - Area 12 Guidance Code, New Article XXI - Internet, Electronic Media and Public Appearances - Section 6 or next available section number. When using email or any platform that carries the identity of the sender for Gamblers Anonymous correspondence, the account name cannot disregard anonymity issues. Use of last names and domain names that breach anonymity are not allowed.

Item tabled until Vancouver.

44. David M. - Area 12 Guidance Code, New Article XXI - Internet, Electronic Media and Public Appearances - Section 7 or next available section number. Speaking engagements, involving any groups in which Gamblers Anonymous members will identify themselves as members of the Fellowship, are to be considered an extension of an open- meeting, based on our experience that most of the individuals in the audience are not members of Gamblers Anonymous. All parties participating in such engagements must ensure that these events are not recorded via audio or video in any way.

Members who participate in speaking engagements do not speak for Gamblers Anonymous as a whole. They are there to share their experience, strength and hope and work toward making our Fellowship more effective in carrying the message to the compulsive gambler who still suffers.

Item tabled until Vancouver.

45. David M. - Area 12 Guidance Code, New Article XXI - Internet, Electronic Media and Public Appearances - Section 8 or next available section number. Any type of radio or Internet voice interviews in which GA members will identify themselves as members of Gamblers Anonymous require the GA member(s) to use a different name than their own.

Item tabled until Vancouver.

46. David M. - Area 12 Guidance Code, New Article XXI - Internet, Electronic Media and Public Appearances - Section 9 or next available section number. Any type of video interviews in which GA members will identify themselves as members of Gamblers Anonymous are not allowed for display of any distinguishable facial features. The recording entity must find the means to hide or obscure the members' faces. The members cannot use their own names. An anonymity release form must be signed by the recording entity agreeing to these conditions.

Item tabled until Vancouver.

Intergroup Procedures

47. Mary R. - Area 14 Discuss tax exemption for groups.

Discussion only.

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

ISO Procedures

48. Richie S. - Area 6 Discuss and form a procedure to update and correct our National Meeting List

Discussion only.

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

Other Literature

49. André G. - Area 5B Hosting an International Conference, Page 1, Section 1, Initial planning

Replace the whole section with the following:

See attachment 49

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

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

50. André G. - Area 5B Hosting an International Conference, Page 1, Section titled Reports

Replace the whole section (4 paragraphs) with the following:

See attachment 50

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to add the words "if possible" after bank signature cards.

Failed

Amendment to change paragraph 2, second line to read "signed final hotel contract and if possible, bank signature cards.

Passed

On the motion.

Passed

1st Vote

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

51. André G. - Area 5B Hosting an International Conference, Page 11, Section 4, Follow-up

Replace the second to last phrase of the first paragraph with the following:

Current version: Copies of this report must be forwarded within 90 days of the

close of the Conference to both the ISO office and the co-chair of the Board of Trustees.

Proposed version: Copies of this report must be forwarded within 90 days of the close of the Conference to both the ISO office and the Conference Oversight & Assistance Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

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

52. Alan J. - Area 15 Hosting an International Conference

Replace current "Hosting an International Conference" with the new "Hosting an International Conference" attached.

See attachment 52

Motion to table until Vancouver.

Passed

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

53. Artie R. - Area 12 Group Handbook, Page 12

Add a new section on Sit Downs

See attachment 53

Discussion only.

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

54. Jimmy D. for David N. and Mark H. - Area 1A

GA Questions and Answers pamphlet, page 8 under the heading, 'Why are Gamblers Anonymous members anonymous'

Remove the second sentence of the second paragraph, "Therefore, we guarantee the newcomer as much anonymity as they choose".

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

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

Overseas Areas

55. Steve R. for Marek (Poland) - Area 2B Approve the request for Poland to translate Gamblers Anonymous approved and appropriate literature provided they follow the Guidelines of the Board of Trustees regarding foreign translations.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

(Only one vote needed)

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

56. Marco Z. - Area 25 Area 25 Italy asks permission to make any necessary changes to the Pressure Relief Forms to adapt them to our customs and laws.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

(Only one vote needed)

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

Steps

57. Ara H. for Sharon Y. - Area 1 Unity Step 3

Current version: The only requirement for Gamblers Anonymous membership is a

desire to stop gambling.

New version: The only requirement for Gamblers Anonymous membership is the willingness and desire to not gamble today.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 10 Against 90

Failed

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

58. Steve F. for George D. - Area 1 Recovery Step 2

Change the word "normal" to "balanced"

Current Version: Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to a normal way of thinking and living.

Proposed Version: Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to a balanced way of thinking and living.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 6 Against 110

Failed

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 1st Co-Chair.

59. Ara H. for Sharon Y. - Area 1 Recovery Step 6

Current version: Were entirely ready to have these defects of character removed.

Proposed version: Were entirely ready to have these flaws of character removed.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 2 Against 109

Failed

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 1st Co-Chair.

60. Jimmy D. - Area 1A Unity Step 2.

Add 'However they will follow group conscience'

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

Proposed Version: Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

However they will follow group consciousness.

Motion to change Unity Step 2 to the following: Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern. However they will follow group conscious.

Approved 25 Against 88

Failed

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 1st Co-Chair.

61. Joe B. - Area 6C Unity Step 3.

Change 'desire to stop gambling' to 'desire not to gamble again'

Current: The only requirement for Gamblers Anonymous membership is a desire to stop gambling.

Proposed: The only requirement for Gamblers Anonymous membership is a desire not to gamble again.

Item withdrawn.

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

Items Omitted From The Agenda

62. Any items omitted from the agenda

There were no items omitted from the agenda.

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at 5:15 P.M. on Friday, October 19, 2012. The collection for the five (5) sessions was \$880.46.

The next physical meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held April 18, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen H.,
International Executive Secretary

ROLL CALL							
AREA	SESSIONS	AREA	SESSIONS	AREA	SESSIONS	AREA	SESSIONS
1	Anita R. 5	6B	Rick B. 5	15	Alan J. 5		
	Ara H. 5		Paulette T. 5		Chuck R. 5		
	Carlos F. 5		Juan A. 5		Mike R. 5		
	David W. 5	6C	Joe B. 5		Stanley C. 5		
	Wendy B. 5	6D	John M. 5		Bill B. 5		
1A	Jimmy D. 5		Roger O. 5		Howard C 5		
	Marc L. 5	7	Kathy S. 5		Joe B. *Abst.		
2	Levi B. 5		Helen Y. 5		John S. 5		
	Joe T. 5	7A	Bill A. 5		Carolyn S. 5		
	Roger L. 5		Mike K. 5		Antimina G. 5		
	Susan W. 5	7C	Kent C. 5	16	George N. 5		
2A	Paul N. 5		Mark S. 5	16A	Nancy K. 5		
2B	Steve R. 5	8	Debbie M. 5	17	Ron W. 5		
	Pauline D. 5		Fred L. 5		Paul S. 5		
2C	Debbie W. *Abst.		Rich S. 5	18	Andy D. **5		
2E	Debra M. 5		Larry J. *Abst.		Steve A. 2		
2G	Sharon W. 5	8A	David K. 5		Ron M. **5		
	Bob F. 5		Karen E. 5		Gennaro S. Abst.		
2H	Gary M. 5	8B	Michelle J. 5	18A	Trevor S. **5		
	Renee P. 5	8C	Deni M. 5	18B	Brian F **5		
2J	Warren S. 5	8D	Jo K. 5	19	Inda K. **5		
2K	Zachary L. Abst.	9	Mike Y. 5	5	Tony B.		
**5							
3	Bea A. 5		Leni S. 5	20	Jose G. *5		
	Gloria H. 5	9A	Pat D. 5	21	Lluis R. *5		
	Harriet K. 5	10	Paulette M. 5		Jose R. *5		
	Tom S.H. 5		John H. **Abst.	22	Abdurahman I. Abst.		
3A	Charlotte M. 5	10A	Norm B. 5	24	Fredrick A. *5		
	John T. 5	5	Jim P. 5	5	Tommy S.		
*5	Pete U. 5	5	10B Chuck B. 5	5	25 Allesandro		
R**5							
3B	Bill S. 5		Steve B. **Abst.		Marco Z. **5		

	Ron G.	5	11	Billy C.	5		Renzo D.	**5
3C	Paula C.	5		Dave C.	5		Ricardo B.	**5
	Tom F.	5		Jodi P.	5	27	Balazs M.	Abst.
3D	Sue F.	5	12	Artie R.	5	28	Rafael Z.	5
	Lenny S.	5		David M.	5		Javier G.	5
3F	Dora H.	5		Frank L..	5		Martha G.	5
	Richard F.	*Abst.		Vicki G.	5		Jackie Z.	*5
	Petru C.	5	13	John B.	5		Ana E.	5
5	Herb B.	5		Ron C.	5	29	Konstantin U.	*5
5A	JR.E.	*Abst.		Peter A.	5	32	Kiichiro I.	Abst.
5B	Andre G.	5	13A	Bob F.	5		Toshi K.	Abst.
	Claude C.	5		Charmaine S.	5	33	Amparo R.	**5
5C	Pierre C.	5	13B	Pete K.	5		Miriam T.	**5
6	Lloyd A.	*Abst.		Richard K.	5	34	Jose G.	Abst.
	Richie S.	5	14	Mary R.	5		Doraida B.	Abst.
	Barbara L.	5		Tom Z.	5		Jeysa G.	**5
6A	Leavy T.	*Abst.		Paul C.	5	35	Ramon Z.	*5
	Sal F.	5		Steve T.	5	36	Odie B.	5

Chairman BOT – Denis M. 5
1st Co-Chair BOT– Herb B. 5
2nd Co-Chair BOT- Andy R. 5
Chairman BOR – Bob W. 5
I.E.S. - Karen H. 5

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