

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS TRUSTEES MEETING
OCTOBER 17 & 18, 2013
SHERATON LAKE BUENA VISTA HOTEL, ORLANDO, FLORIDA**

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

Denis M, Chairman of the Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, October 17, 2013. The head table was introduced followed by opening remarks which included procedures for the meeting along with an explanation of points of order and points of information and the difference between them. New Trustees were asked to introduce themselves and state which Area they are from. They were all welcomed and encouraged to participate in the meeting.

Six proxy's were received and read to be voted as follows to begin the 1st session:

Area 14 – from Tom Z., given to Mary R. (Area 14)
Area 15 – from Eddie M., given to Howard C. (Area 15)
Area 15 – from Joe B., given to Chuck R. (Area 15)
Area 15 – from Stanley C., given to Alan J. (Area 15)
Area 27 – from Balazs M., given to Martha G. (Area 28)
Area 28 – from Javier G., given to Ana E. (Area 28)

Twenty-three absentee ballots were received as follows:

Area 1	Wendy B.	Area 18A	Trevor S.	Area 25	Ruggero M.
Area 2	Joseph T.	Area 18B	Brian F.	Area 28	Rafael Z.
Area 2J	Warren S.	Area 20	Jose G.	Area 31	Darius L.
Area 3A	John T.	Area 21	Lluis R.	Area 33	Miriam T.
Area 3C	Paula C.	Area 21	Jose R.	Area 33	Amparo R.
Area 13B	Richard K.	Area 22	Dudley B.	Area 35	Ramon Z.
Area 18	Ron M.	Area 24	Fredrik A.	Area 36	Odie B.
Area 18	Steve A.	Area 25	Carlo C.		

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 Vancouver, British Columbia as follows:

Pete L., North Miami Beach, Florida, passed 03/01/13
Mike K., Absecon, New Jersey, passed 11/2012
Nick S., Fort Walton Beach, Florida
Paul M., Des Moines, Iowa, 10 years, passed 05/11/13
Bernard B., Hamilton, Montana, 8 years, passed 05/03/13
Karen Jean L., Hamilton, Montana, 8 months, passed 05/03/13
Glyn G., Bellaire, Texas, 17 years, passed 05/29/13, age 63
Reggie J., Renton, Washington, 3 ½ years, passed 06/07/13
Susan F., New York, 21 years, passed 06/21/13
Arnold M., Southern Nevada
Ralph C., Southern Nevada, 2 years
Chess G., Calgary, Alberta, Canada, 16 years, passed 06/01/13
Bob M., Green Bay, Wisconsin
Brenda B., Grants Pass, Oregon
Nyla C., Grants Pass, Oregon, passed 04/2013
Fran T., Grants Pass, Oregon
Margaret F., West Orange, New Jersey, 8 years, passed 09/03/13, age 65
Diane L., Elgin, Illinois, 10 years, passed 05/15/13
Florence L., Chicago, Illinois, passed 05/19/13

Frank K., Oaklawn, Illinois, 30 years, passed 05/23/13, *former Trustee
Rose G., Lisle, Illinois, 8 years, passed 09/10/13
Terry R., Oak Park, Illinois, 4 years, passed 09/27/13
Dorothy L., Sacramento, California, 2 years, passed 09/30/13
Jim M., Patchogue, New York, 5 years, passed 03/06/13
Melvin L., Las Vegas, Nevada, 19 years
Heather L., Las Vegas, Nevada, 20 years
Harry P., Sydney, Australia, 47 years, passed 07/2013
Dana G., Las Vegas, Nevada, 2 years
Jack B., Seattle, Washington, 9 years
Johnnie C., Shreveport, Louisiana, 5 years
Carl J., Shreveport, Louisiana, 3 years
Andy B., Wheeling, West Virginia, 9 years, passed 01/17/13
Ida A., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 4 years, passed 08/01/13
Charlie H., Minnesota, 8 years, passed 06/13/13
Luis G., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 8 years, passed 10/01/13, age 36

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”

Marco Z., Trustee from Area 25, read the Reflection for the Day for October 17th and October 18th to begin the beginning sessions of each day.

D) Reading of the “12 Steps of Unity”

Vicki M. from Area 3D read the 12 Steps of Unity on October 17th and October 18th to begin both the 1st and 4th sessions.

E) Roll Call-Karen H. International Executive Secretary

Karen H. took roll and there are presently 121 votes to begin the first session. 97 physical Trustees are present at the beginning of the meeting.

F) Approval of Minutes from Vancouver

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held in Vancouver, British Columbia were unanimously approved as submitted.

G) ISO / Lifeline - Karen H.

Karen H. gave a report on Lifeliners handing out a chart showing 38 states and 4 countries along with the number of members (469) who contributed over the past year. The total for this year is \$73,682.27, which is a decrease over last year's total of \$74,383.51. An explanation of what a Lifeline is and how beneficial it can be was given. Marshall R. once again stressed the importance of being a Lifeline. Everyone was thanked for their continued support.

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

Benni F. gave the report on the International Service Office which included a report on the financial status of the I.S.O. along with the Board of Regents future plans to come up with guidelines to present to the Board of Trustees in Houston for selecting/hiring/firing the position of the International Executive Secretary.

Fall 2014 Trustees Meeting

Discussion was held. A motion was made that the Executive Board (Chair and Co-Chairs) of the Board of Trustees is authorized to proceed in establishing a 2014 Board of Trustee Fall Meeting involving site selection, time, fees, and necessary contracting. This will be coordinated with the Board of Regents.

Passed

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

l) Conference Reports – Conference Oversight Committee

Vancouver – Spring '13

Andre G. reported that all money and Conference reports have been turned in. Paul N. gave the report stating that his Area would like to thank everyone for their participation in this Conference. The report follows:

VANCOUVER 2013 SPRING CONFERENCE FINANCIAL REPORT

Canadian Dollar Account

REVENUE:

Meals & Registrations	\$46,350.00	
Gam-Anon Luncheon	\$1,890.00	
Trustee Dinner	\$2,660.00	
Conference Donations & Fundraising	\$3,964.28	
Hospitality Room Donations	\$855.92	
Golf Registrations	\$440.00	
City Tours & Granville Island Trip	\$330.00	
Sale of GA Literature	\$1,333.70	
Souvenirs (T-shirts, Hats)	\$1,601.20	
Sale of Hotel Room Nights	\$1,518.00	
Sale of Excess Conference Supplies	<u>\$610.05</u>	
Total Revenue in Cdn. Dollars		\$61,553.15

DISBURSEMENTS:

Hotel Payments (not including Sound System)	\$29,011.13	
Sound System	\$1,640.80	
Hospitality Room Expenses	\$4,307.62	
Loss on Currency Exchange from U.S. to Cdn. Dollars	\$482.97	
Refunds	\$252.00	
Printing of Conference Booklet**	\$374.85	
Bank Fees	\$811.65	
Conference Badges & Wallets	\$904.18	
Goodie Bags & Giveaways	\$2,338.32	
Signs & Printing	\$320.67	
Administration	\$491.61	
Entertainment	\$1,667.37	
Decorations	\$1,300.03	
Liability Insurance	\$519.00	
Souvenirs (T-shirts, Hats)	\$1,889.10	
Golf Outing	\$330.75	
City Tours	\$296.00	
Trustee Dinner at Shady Island Restaurant	\$2,409.00	
Bus to Trustee Dinner	<u>\$252.00</u>	
Less Total Disbursements in Cdn. Dollars	<u>-\$49,599.05</u>	
Subtotal in Canadian Dollars		\$11,954.10
Loss on Currency Exchange from Cdn. To U.S. Dollars		<u>-\$709.65</u>
Subtotal in U.S. Dollars		\$11,244.45
Transfer Out to U.S. \$ account		<u>-\$11,244.45</u>

Cdn. Dollar Account Final Balance		\$0.00
U.S. Dollar Account		
<u>REVENUE:</u>		
Transfer In from Cdn. Dollar Account	\$11,244.45	
Donations	\$96.40	
Souvenirs (T-shirts, Hats)	\$726.00	
Sale of GA Literature	<u>\$378.20</u>	
Total Revenue in U.S. Dollars	\$12,445.05	
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>		
Literature Purchase from GA I.S.O.	\$1,784.30	
Refunds	\$1,041.94	
Bank Fees	<u>\$24.94</u>	
Less Total Disbursements in U.S. Dollars	<u>-\$2,851.18</u>	
Net Profit in U.S. Dollars		\$9,593.87
Bank Draft to GA (65%)		- \$6,236.02
Bank Draft to Gam-Anon (35%)		<u>- \$3,357.85</u>
U.S. Dollars Account Final Balance		\$0.00

**A member donated his printing services and we paid only for the paper stock and spines. The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

Orlando – Fall ‘13

Bill A., member of the Conference Oversight committee gave the above report stating the contract was reviewed and was very solid. He never had any concerns. Richie S. spoke and so far they have over 300 registrations. There was one addition to the meals and that is lunch will be provided on Saturday. He hopes everyone enjoys themselves. The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

Houston – Spring ‘14

Fred L. gave the report on the above conference to be held April 25 – 27, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency Houston in Houston, Texas. The theme of the Conference is “Stepping into Recovery”. He stated that everything looks good. The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

Cherry Hill – Spring ‘15

Dina P. gave the report on the above conference to be held May 29 – 31, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Cherry Hill Hotel in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. She called on Andy R. who states 8 registrations have come in so far. The Conference will not be requesting any seed money from I.S.O. The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

J) Committee Reports

Anonymity Committee

Committee Chair – Paul C. – Area 14

Co-Chair Liaison – Andy R.

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.

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

Committee Report:

The draft piece of new literature was finalized based on comments received at the Spring 2013 conference. This pamphlet entitled "Anonymity The Spiritual Foundation of the Gamblers Anonymous Program" was placed on the agenda (Agenda Item #80) for new literature approval.

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

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

Blue Book Committee:

Committee Chair – Karen E. – Area 8A

Co-Chair Liaison – Andy R.

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

Blue Book Committee Report

Since the Vancouver conference, the Blue Book Committee has been working on getting feedback from the fellowship concerning what the fellowship wants and needs from the Blue Book. We have received feedback from a couple of Areas.

Our intention in the coming months is to continue seeking feedback and to work with the Committee to develop a working model for the project. In Houston, we plan to have a framework in place that addresses the needs of the fellowship. At that time, the Committee will be able to request stories and other written material that will address the framework. The overhaul of the Blue Book will be a lengthy process. We intend to be planful and deliberate as we move forward.

NOTE: The members of the Blue Book Committee understand that members of the fellowship have submitted material for the Blue Book revision over the past several years. We regret that we currently do not have possession of or access to these materials and that we will be putting out additional requests for material.

Respectfully Submitted, Karen E., Area 8A, Blue Book Committee Chair

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

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

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.

The last of the suggested Gamblers Anonymous By-Law changes proposed by our committee are currently on the Orlando Trustee meeting agenda for the second vote.

This committee feels that we have completed the mandate given to us by the Board of Trustees and we are requesting to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees that the committee be dissolved effective, immediately after our last agenda item is voted on by the B.O.T.

We wish to thank the Board of Trustees for allowing us to serve on this committee and I would also like to thank my fellow committee members, Bill B. Pete K. John C. and David M. for their many hours of service and invaluable input.

Herb B., Chair: Board of Regents Review Committee

Herb B. gave the above report which was submitted online. He stated that there are several 2nd vote items on this Agenda. Their work is done and the committee has been disbanded.

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

Conference Oversight And Assistance 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 COMMITTEE

Purpose:

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.

Board of Trustees Chair Liaison: Denis M.

Chair of the Committee: André G. - Area 5B

Use this email address to contact the Chair of this committee

committee.conference@trusteewebsite.com

The committee is NOT open to additional members.

Committee members are listed below, as of 10/18/11

André G., 5B; Bill A., 7A; Dina P., 6B; Fred L., 8

COMMITTEE REPORT ORLANDO 2013-10

Since our last committee report in Vancouver, in April 2013, the committee has been active through e-mail exchanges and live conference calls. The committee has worked with different Areas preparing bids to obtain an International Conference.

There should be two of those Areas bidding for the 2015 fall conference. The bids will be heard at item #31 on this agenda and we will let you discover by yourself which Areas are seeking to obtain the privilege of organizing an International Conference. We also worked with another Area looking to present a bid for the spring 2016 Conference. This bid should be on the agenda in Houston, spring 2014. The Committee also had regular contacts with the Vancouver, Orlando, Houston and Cherry Hill conference committees. The committee will report on each conference under item I) on the Orlando agenda.

The Committee has also asked the trustee website administrator to update the «Past Conferences database» and «Recommendations to Areas» on the Trustee website, under the Conference Oversight committee heading. Finally, the Committee will be looking into the possibility of developing an accounting template for Conference Organizing Committees.

André G. Chair, Conference Oversight & Assistance committee

Andre G. gave the above report which was submitted online. He reiterated that this is just not the Oversight committee but also the Assistance committee. All Areas are encouraged to ask for "help/assistance". Two Areas will be presenting bids for the Fall 2015 Conference.

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

Digital Media Committee

Committee Chair – Jimmy D. – Area 1A

Co-Chair Liaison – Andy R.

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 Report Orlando Conference 2013

There were many phone and email conversations to coordinates the Committees duties since Vancouver. We have created many new recordings. During the BOT Meeting the Committee will play some of the new recordings for the Trustee's review.

Additionally, the Committee will meet in Orlando to discuss the following items:

- 1. Getting current version of Combo Book released**
- 2. Discuss technical download capabilities**
- 3. Step 7 Unity issue**
- 4. Working with Website Committee for future downloads**
- 5. Working with the BOR to establish pricing**

The Chairperson thanks all the Committee members for their continued hard work and efforts.

With Serenity, Jimmy D, Trustee Area 1A

Jimmy D. gave the above report which was submitted online. He stated that an updated list of Committee members will be given to David M., Trustee Website Administrator.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

Hotline Implementation Committee:

Committee Chair – Paul S. – Area 17

Co-Chair Liaison – Denis M.

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

April 2013 Hotline Committee Report

Committee Members: Paul S. (Area 17), Joe C. (Area 2G), Helen Y. (Area 7), Chuck B.

(Area 10B), Brad B. (Area 14), Chuck R. (Area 15), Jason M. (Area 13B), Ron A. (Area 8A)

Current Areas on the Ring Central System: (currently 33, an increase of 8 since the Spring meeting)

- **Area1 – Los Angeles, Inland Empire**
- **Area 1A – Orange County, California**
- **Area 2 – Northern California**
- **Area 2B – Greater Sacramento**
- **Area 2E – Manitoba**
- **Area 2G – Oregon**
- **Area 2H – Washington**
- **Area 2K – Calgary**
- **Area 3 – Southern Nevada**
- **Area 3A – San Diego**
- **Area 3B – Colorado**
- **Area 6 – South Florida**
- **Area 6A – Central and Northern Florida**
- **Area 6B – West Coast Florida**
- **Area 6C – NC and SC**
- **Area 7 – Mississippi**
- **Area 8 – Chicago, IL**
- **Area 8A – Minnesota**
- **Area 8B – Kansas, Missouri**
- **Area 8D – Missouri, Illinois**
- **Area 10 – Ohio**
- **Area 10A – Western Pennsylvania**
- **Area 10B – Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Lexington, Louisville**
- **Area 11 – New England**
- **Area 12 – New Jersey**
- **Area 13 – Delaware Valley**
- **Area 13A – Maryland, DC**
- **Area 13B – South New Jersey**
- **Area 14 – Long Island, NY**
- **Area 15 – New York**
- **Area 16 – New York**
- **Area 16A – New York**
- **Area 17 – Connecticut and Western Massachusetts**

Status

Currently managing the system with 33 Areas on the system and answering questions and reaching out to those Areas that have not converted over to a Ring Central account. In late Spring, Ring Central converted the 855-222-5542 account to the new interface being used by most areas. This resulted in a one day loss of service to fix the links that did not convert properly.

The committee is on the third attempt to set up the capability to select another area by putting in the area code for that area. The first try was undone when the interface was changed, the second attempt tried to use a feature that limited the number of area codes that could be serviced. After an extended conversation with customer support, the committee has started again to set up the area code function; this is our number one priority. Please inform the committee via the Trustee website if you have any new area codes added in your region. This feature will allow someone with a New York cell phone in Florida to select a Florida area code instead of getting routed to the New York hotline.

Our committee has posted some of our set up documents and committee guidelines on the Trustee website for anyone who would like to read them. We are also using the Trustee website to archive and backup the system data for the hotline.

Paul S. gave the above report which was submitted online. He introduced the Committee and stated 33 Areas are currently on the system. There will be a workshop for all that are interested.

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

Intergroup Committee:

Committee Chair – Richie S. – Area 6

Co-Chair Liaison – Herb B.

**Mission Statement – To create and assemble a comprehensive guide for Intergroups.
Intergroup Committee Report**

The committee has met regularly since Vancouver and after a few conference calls we have decided to put together a pamphlet titled "Intergroup Guidelines" After discussions we have come up with a starting outline and have given out assignments to the members to start working on the wording and the different items to be addressed. The past 6 weeks we have slowed down due to the Orlando Conference, but the members are committed in doing the task at hand. As we keep our discussions open we have found there are more items to be addressed than originally anticipated. We hope to have a starting point finished to be put on the Houston agenda, and continuing to address and add sections as time goes on. We also would welcome any additional members who would like to be a part of and work on this committee.

Respectfully submitted, Richie S. Chair, Intergroup Committee

Richie S. gave the above report which was submitted online.

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

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

Orlando, Florida - October, 2013

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

Our committee of 24 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 2013 Orlando Trustee meeting. This covers the period from April 2013 to September 2013.

ISO Overseas Emails

Our committee has answer 83 emails since April 2013 from 20 different countries. Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Guyana, Italy, Ireland, Israel, Latvia, Mexico, New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, South Africa and Uruguay.

ISO has sent out 2 starter kit for a new meeting to Monterrey NL and Rosarito BC, Mexico. GAISO has received 3 international group meeting information forms; two from Mexico and one from Australia.

G.A. World Wide

- Update meetings information at GA International Meeting Directory.
- Encourage overseas Areas to buy literature from the ISO online store and RSO.
- Encourage them to be Life Liners, Area's and Room's Contributions, and Gratitude Week.

Spanish Translation Literature

The Orlando BOT Agenda is available in a Spanish version and sent to all GA Hispanic recognized areas, so they will have feedback from the groups.

Overseas Trustees Sponsorship

Members from our committee keep in contact with all overseas Trustees; we encourage overseas Trustees to use the Digital version of the Absentee Ballot to reflect their Areas decisions.

News G.A. Worldwide

Area 19 - Argentina	Two new trustees fulfill the vacant positions.
Area 21 – Spain	XXV Anniversary National Conference, May, 2014.
Area 28 – México	The 2 th Mini – Conference had 59 attendees from 12 different groups.
Area 22 – South Africa	Dudley B. new elected trustee, to end the current term 2012-2014.

IRC Orlando meeting will be held on Wednesday October 16th at 8:30 pm.

Martha G., Area 28 – International Relations Committee

Martha G. gave the above report which was submitted online. She stated that there are 3,074 total meetings Worldwide.

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

Liability Insurance Committee:

Committee Chair – Norm B. - Area 10B **Co-Chair Liaison – Andy R.**

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 - Orlando 2013

This committee was asked to investigate the viability, availability and affordability of securing liability insurance for all scheduled meetings in the United States. We believe we have completed our task and here are the findings.

After much investigation and after receiving 3 quotes, this is by far the best offer we received. Although this quote was given some time ago there should be no (or very little) change from the original premium we were quoted.

The \$30,000 yearly premium would cover all of our 1800-1900 meetings as long as they are listed on the GA website. The insurance company does NOT require a

printed list. This policy would include liability coverage for each meeting of 1 million dollars with a general annual aggregate of 3 million dollars ISO currently pays approximately \$3,300 for office insurance. This would be included in the new policy and this expense would be eliminated.

Given these numbers, the cost would be \$16/17 per meeting annually.

At this time we are handing over our findings to the BOR to determine if this is fiscally sound.

We thank you and ask that this committee be disbanded.

Norm B, Committee Chair

Norm B. gave the above report which was submitted online stating that the Committee has finished their work and they are in the process of turning their findings over to the Board of Regents.

This Committee has been disbanded.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

Literature Committee:

Committee Chair – Chuck R. - Area 15

Co-Chair Liaison – Andy R.

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

Literature Committee Report for Orlando

Item #100 on the Orlando agenda is a piece of new literature entitled "The Promises of Gamblers Anonymous". This piece passed the merit vote in Vancouver and is up for a first vote.

To arrive at the final version, the Literature Committee worked in conjunction with the author after reviewing suggestions from several BOT members.

In Vancouver, an agenda item was passed giving the Literature Committee authority to make any necessary grammar, punctuation and spelling changes to existing literature. To that end, the committee has been working with the ISO and has updated the "Working the Steps" pamphlet for the next printing. In addition, the Combo Book has been edited and will reflect the above mentioned changes at the next printing.

Respectfully submitted, Chuck R., Literature Committee Chair

Chuck R. gave the above report which was submitted online. Chuck stated that since the agenda item from the Vancouver meeting was passed giving the Literature Committee authority to make any necessary grammar, punctuation and spelling changes to existing literature, item #43 Combo book, page 17, Number 7 "replace PRGM with the spelled out version: pressure relief group meeting" has already been done, it won't need to be visited on this Agenda.

The Chair stated that spelling out PRGM is not a grammatical change and should not have been done. The Chair was then challenged. The vote on the challenge passes (50 -35) therefore the Chair is out and the change will stand.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

Member Retention Committee:

Committee Chair – Alan J. – Area 15

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.

Retention Committee Report

This committee has submitted agenda item #103, a new piece of Literature titled **Suggestions for Retention.**

We identified ideas that could potentially increase retention within the fellowship. We wrote short explanations about each of these suggestions. This piece of literature has been a culmination of a years work by this committee. The committee has decided to submit it for a merit vote to give the body opportunity to make any suggested changes or modifications.

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

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

Mobile App Committee:

Committee Chair - Richie S. – Area 6

Co-Chair Liaison – Andy R.

Mission Statement - To research the costs, qualified web designers and operational aspects of creating and deploying a Gamblers Anonymous mobile application (app) for smart phones and tablets.

Mobile App Committee Report

Sorry to say as of now this committee has only met once and not much has been accomplished. I have been approached by another Trustee who seems to be of help with securing prices from appropriate sources.

We will move forward and have more details in Houston.

Richie S

Richie S. gave the above report which was submitted online.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

Online GA Meeting Committee:

Committee Chair – Kent C. – Area 7C

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.

At this time this committee has nothing to report.

Work on this committee will continue and a detailed report should be presented in Houston.

Kent C.

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

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

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 Group Committee Report

The committee has offered assistance to any individual desiring assistance with his or her Pressure Relief. We have conducted several Pressure Relief meetings around the U.S. and Canada by conference call. It is the belief of the committee that an effective way to spread the word about Pressure Relief is through the individual member experiencing it and sharing that experience with others in there area.

We also conducted a workshop on Pressure Relief by way of Teleconference at Mini Conference in California.

Alan J. gave the above report which was submitted online stating that the recently updated Pressure Relief Group Forms are now available for purchase through the I.S.O. The Committee is looking for more members.

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

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.

Committee Report

Since our last report in Vancouver, there was only limited activity for our committee, mainly follow-up on existing prison and institutions meetings.

At the Centre Federal de Formation (Federal minimum security institution), there is now a meeting every week, alternating between a French meeting on a given Wednesday, followed by an English meeting the following week. We have a bank of volunteers and have to choose who will attend the meeting, which is amazing. 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 our current regular meetings listing every month to most known Therapy facilities in the Province of Quebec so they can refer their patients to Gamblers Anonymous once the therapy is over. We regularly see newcomers in our regular meetings who were 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.

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

Prison Committee, US:

Committee Chair – Roger L. – Area 2

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.

Report of the U.S. JIP Committee

The U.S. Jail Institutions and Prisons Committee's primary focus since it's near disbandment in fall 2011 has been to update and maintain an accurate database of active GA meetings in locked facilities. Our purpose in doing so was to provide reliable data not only to inmates and facility directors, but also to serve as a

helpful resource for Defense Attorneys, Judges, and others in the criminal justice system who may want to know of a facility with an active GA presence, for purposes of sentencing, or transferring an individual convicted of a gambling related crime.

In order to maintain an accurate database it has been determined that consistent contact with the facilities is essential, and to foster and follow-up on new meetings initiated from inside or from outside of the institution. Some institutions insist on outside participation, and others maintain meetings without outside assistance.

Our findings in updating and maintaining this database have shown the following trends and resulted in the following in-process or go-forward initiatives for the committee:

1. The U.S. JIP GA list is a work in progress. It has changed since Vancouver and will continue to change to the time of Orlando and beyond. Some changes may be more frequent than those of meetings outside of institutions. Prison meetings are often slow to initiate and may be easily disbanded or suspended due to one or more factors:

a) There are Barriers imposed by the institutions to entry from outside.

Institutions sometimes require a certification process of special training, background checks, and other security measures for GA volunteer access.

b) Many facilities are located in remote locations requiring GA members facilitating the meeting to travel great distances. A high level of commitment is necessary for members to regularly travel such distances to the institutions so remotely situated.

c) Meetings once begun are sometimes sparsely and irregularly attended on both sides of the fence. On the inside this is in part due to low priority placed on GA differentiation from other 12-step programs. Some anti-GA bias within the institutions has sometimes been detected. Some administrators have spoken of wanting regular GA meetings to be held within their institution, because gambling is not permitted, but there is often an internal stigma of weakness among the inmates that one should not attend GA meetings. There is no similar stigma pertaining to AA & NA meeting attendance. These other meetings thrive in many institutions where GA has often not thrived. On the outside, a strong sense of commitment is needed if there are only a few members willing to volunteer. The larger the list of volunteers, the better for sharing the responsibility.

d) Some administrators do not walk their talk. For example, it remains to be seen which of the administrators who have recently expressed some new interest in starting new GA meetings and the study of GA literature within the institutions will follow-through.

2. Created a comprehensive listing of all Federal Prisons and some state and regional facilities. Committee will continue to complete database for STATE facilities with the goal of producing a comprehensive list of ALL facilities in the U.S. by 2014 conference. Those facilities listed are presently categorized as having either:

a) GA Information is available at facility;

b) Active Meeting is occurring – with Dates & Times indicated;

c) Meeting has been suspended;

d) No interest in a meeting.

3. Best Practices For Establishing GA Meetings in institutions by Committee Members and individual GA members interested in helping. Best Practices includes a phone script designed to reach appropriate decision makers within the

facility to explore the possibility of implementing an inside meeting, or one assisted by outside GA members. Direct the distribution of GA Approved materials as needed, and to determine and adhere to institutional regulations/ guidelines/ requirements. *The implementation process is best assured when the interest for the meeting is generated from within the institution. Volunteers are more inclined to submit to the certification process where there is a known desire for the meeting to occur.*

4. The documents referred to above will be available for review at the BOT meeting and at the meeting referred to below.

The Committee members are to be thanked for their efforts to date to continue in this important work. *A meeting of the Committee will be held at 5:00 pm on Saturday after the regular Board meeting is concluded. Present members and those wishing to join the Committee are encouraged to attend.*

Roger L. gave the above report which was submitted online. 23 Starter Kit requests have been made with 15 active meetings going. The Committee has put together a document to be of assistance to anyone helping in getting a G.A. meeting started in a prison. A Prison Committee meeting will be held during this Conference.

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

Public Relations Committee:

Committee Chair – Susan W. - Area 2

Co-Chair Liaison – Andy

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

Committee members: Billy C. -11, Lloyd A.- 6 , Mike Y. - 9 , Paul N. - 2A, Susan W. – 2, and Vicki G. – 12

Previously this committee was inactive and a new committee was formed at the Vancouver BC BOT. With new members on board we needed to build a foundation and perspective before we became active with the committees primary purposes. We have had several phone conference meetings, and have been familiarizing ourselves with current approved pieces of literature. We have had discussion on attraction / promotion/ awareness/ anonymity, each of our area's interpretation of Unity steps and how it applies or doesn't apply to Public Relations – such as some area's interpretation that our guidelines say we absolutely cannot contact the public such as colleges, schools and the public needs to contact us. However, after reviewing our literature there are many samples of suggested letters to send to various entities. We also have exchanged ideas of what works and what doesn't work within our own area.

Here's the GA literature for Public Relations, we reviewed and discussed many of the pamphlets during our phone calls.

- 1) Public Relations fact sheet (to be used by Public relations committee – 1 page sheet)
- 2) GA Handbook for Judiciary pamphlet - Explanation for the Judiciary from the Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous about compulsive gambling
- 3) Red book “A new beginning” pages 23-25 Public Relations, Unity step11 pg. 60-61 also Unity steps 5,6,10 and 12.
- 4) Blue Book “Sharing Recovery Through Gamblers Anonymous” (short summary version of Unity Steps)

5) Information packet (Green booklet/pamphlet) - This pamphlet is sent to all new meeting rooms. Pages 1 – 2 suggested ways for a new meeting to advertise the new room. And the last few pages provide sample promotional and Public Service Materials. Letters to clergy, judge, doctor, council worker, Radio and Television directors, followed by a 4 pages of Public Service announcements.

6) GA Public Relations (Blue tri-fold pamphlet) Excellent piece of literature -- a guide to carrying the message to those still suffering - Answers question of Why should I Do public Relations? ; What guidelines do I use in doing public relations work? ; Suggested ways to do a public relations work on a local level – provides 11 suggestions; Unity step 11; what is the difference between attraction and promotion? Why must we always maintain personal anonymity?

7) Helpline Flyer for providing awareness to our program via the use of the Helpline/Hotline number. This flyer is approved by GA and is found on the www.trusteewebsite.com under Local area help flyer.

We suggest - On the flyer, cut the tabs so be able to tear off, good idea is to remove the 1st tab so others get the idea to tear and take the number.

We encourage every area (group) to provide and purchase for members Public Relations literature, for awareness and how one can become active in service in their area Public Relations committee. All items can be purchased from I.S.O. except for the Helpline Flyer, which can be printed from - www.Trusteewebsite.org In our review of the literature we found several pieces of literature with the old GA helpline number, and contacted the literature committee and Karen to update to new number 1-855-222-5542 (1-855-2CALL-GA).

About 4 months ago, one member of our fellowship contacted us via the Public Relations e-mail address requesting help from other Public Relations chairs. I reached out to a few members and committee asking is they knew any Pub Rel members who had done a workshop. No-one had, yet a connection was made and information passed on which was positive for both members. Although I found volunteers to help, this reinforces the need for a national resource site for Our primary purpose of GA is to carry the message, yet we often have a difficult time getting people to provide service in this area. We will start gathering information, starting at the Orlando BOT and we need your help as we begin our task of contacting and exchanging ideas from each Area Public Relations chairs/coordinators.

1) Please bring with you to the BOT, the name of your Area Public Relations chair/coordinator. Would appreciate if they can provide an e-mail address for contacting rather than using the Intergroup postal addresses. You may give this information to any of the current Public Relations committee members.

2) If your Area does not have a Public Relations chair/coordinator please let us know that too.

3) Once we have contacts, we will be asking questions such as what has worked or not worked? ; what are you challenges?, how much support do you have from local area volunteers?, does your area cover more than 2 states? How many committee members? , do you have any PSA's currently in use?, do you have a copy of the Public Relations blue tri-fold? and are you using it?, have you used and written any letters to clergy, schools, colleges, judiciary or other? and have you held a Public Relations workshop?

Other ideas generated this last 6 months:

- Creating a national Public Service Announcement for TV or radio. This would help groups to have a resource available if they have none or no idea of how to go about it – a starting place.**

- Our committee also has discussed bringing back and updating a pamphlet that no longer is in print. It was a Red border tri-fold on front page Gambling Problem? There is HELP! GA approved log, Call now. Inside a brief summary of our program, danger signals, and words of hope. It also listed (which is now outdated Major area telephone numbers and locations of meetings around the world).
- How do we use and carry the message on the internet? See on BOT agenda discussion item 94 - besides www.gamblersanonymous, may we (GA) consider running pop-up messages offering GA help / assistance on online gaming/casino sites to bring awareness to online gamblers?
- Possibly looking to set up an interactive comment web site for generating ideas, feedback, here is what we did – what worked and what didn't work

If you are interested in learning more about Public Relations or becoming active in a committee, sign up and join Public Relations today. Our group is energized and welcoming. Together, we can make a difference. Carry the message to the suffering compulsive gambler, in and out of our rooms. As members of our fellowship (and guidance from our Higher power) we can reach out with compassion and help our brothers and sisters.

ADAAT in recovery, Susan W – Area 2 Public Relations Chair.

Susan W. gave the above report which was submitted online.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

Telephone Conference Call Committee:

Committee Chair – Pete K. – Area 13B

Co-Chair Liaison – Herb B.

Mission Statement - 1) To administrate the creation, implementation and oversight of all conference call meetings from the Gamblers Anonymous website. These meetings will be sanctioned by Gamblers Anonymous, but will not carry the distinction of being classified as a group, as per the Guidance Code. 2) To formulate, implement and maintain rules and procedures covering all aspects of the telephone conference call meetings, with Board of Trustee approval. 3) To be responsible for coordinating the Gamblers Anonymous members who will administrate the individual telephone conference call meetings.

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL COMMITTEE REPORT-FALL 2013

Telephone conference call guidelines.

The committee worked diligently in creating the guidelines for a telephone conference call to be listed on the ISO website. These guidelines are available in the download center for agenda number 78. We are asking the BOT to approve these guidelines so we may begin listing meetings and begin holding meetings if approved by the BOT.

Approval of Telephone Conference Call Meetings.

Once the guidelines are approved, the committee will be asking that the BOT approve telephone conference call meetings to be listed on the ISO website (agenda number 77). These meetings will follow the guidelines as set forth by the Telephone Conference Call Committee and the BOT.

Pete K., Telephone Conference Call Committee Chair

Pete K. gave the above report which was submitted online.

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

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

At this point we have 21 areas that have sent information on the area boundaries. The website will not reflect all of these areas are complete until the information has been sent by the committee to the website administrator . This still leaves us with 20 areas incomplete.

By adding every state map along with a second map broken down by counties to the website our website administrator gave us the biggest possible chance for completion of this project.

Not only was the information readily available for the trustees but the simplicity of the process was second to none that we have tried since this committee was formed. We have been working on this for over 4 years and still have almost half of the areas incomplete. I believe it is the best interest of the BOT as well as the Committee members involved that this committee be dissolved . If the BOT does not agree and determines that the committee will remain active I would like to resign as Chairperson.

Debb W., Demarcation Committee Chair

Debb W. gave the above report which was submitted online. She stated that the request for Area participation was slim and asked that the Committee be disbanded. The Chair then stated that the above Committee has been disbanded.

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

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 - Orlando Trustee Meeting – Fall 2013

The committee has been in place, as a standing committee, for 5 years and continues to provide the Board of Trustees with the structure of how things are done at the Board of Trustees meetings and other matters related to Board of Trustee functions.

Important to the process is that new rules and/or procedures invoked by the Board of Trustees get included to the Rules and Procedures, as they happen. All provisions that are modified, added or deleted, take effect immediately.

The committee is responsible for collecting, compiling, maintaining and amending the Rules and Procedures. A current copy is always available on the Trustee website.

All items that are changed or added are noted with the date and conference in which the items were modified.

The committee also assists the 3 Chairs with validation questions that might arise regarding the Rules and Procedures.

The committee makes best efforts to amend the Rules and Procedures as quickly as possible after the close of the Board of Trustee meetings. Confirmation of this is done by comparing the minutes of the Board of Trustee meeting after the 30-day deadline for release of those minutes.

Herb B. – Committee Chair, Rules and Procedures Committee

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

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

Trustee Removal Merit Panel:

Committee Chair – Bob F. – Area 13A

Co-Chair Liaison – Denis M.

Mission Statement - This is a standing panel with a 2-year term coinciding with the new term of Trustees. It will become active when an official action is presented to the Chair of the Board of Trustees to request the official removal of a current Trustee due to acts thought to be detrimental to GA as a whole, as provided for by the Guidance Code under Article VIII, Section 4. There is a specific document entitled 'Trustee Removal Procedures' available to all members for reference. The panel will consist of 5 GA members, selected from 5 geographical regions, along with 1 backup Trustee for each area.

No report was submitted.

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

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 - Orlando Trustee Meeting – Fall 2013

Local area websites

Numerous local area websites have been brought to the attention of the Trustee Website Committee as being out of compliance with the Local Area Website Guidelines. Although it is not currently the responsibility of the committee to act in a manner to bring these websites into compliance, the committee stands ready to help these areas to do so. Agenda item #79 is for a change to the committee's mission statement, to formalize this capability.

What we have found is that few areas have bothered to look at the Local Area Website Guidelines on the Trustee website and that there are many areas that don't even know they exist.

A huge problem is that many websites are violating copyright, trademark and intellectual property rights of Gamblers Anonymous. This segment falls squarely within the lap of the Board of Regents. Agenda item #40 deals with this subject and clearly defines the scope of authority for defense of such violations against the corporation of Gamblers Anonymous.

National hotline flyers

As the Ring Central 855-2-CALL-GA gains more traction in North America, the local area help flyer that was approved by the BOT has been modified. There are 3 different flyers available for downloading:

- 1) – A flyer with the national number
- 2) - A flyer with tear off tabs showing the number as 855-222-5542
- 3) - A flyer with tear off tabs showing the letters as 855-2-CALL-GA

Part of getting into the national system requires getting a local 800 number, which is where the calls from the national number get forwarded. Flyers for those local numbers will not be produced. All areas on the Ring Central system should download the national flyers.

Trustee Line

Within the last few months, the Trustee Line has undergone some submissions that tested the definition of 'derogatory', as per some Trustees. In order to deal with this issue, there are several agenda items dealing with the Trustee Line and its content.

The committee functions as the initial 'gatekeeper' of the Trustee Line and will be guided by whatever decisions are made by the Board of Trustees.

Thank you. The Trustee Website Committee

David M. gave the above report which was submitted online.
The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

Website Revision Committee:

Committee Chair – David M. – Area 12

Co-Chair Liaison – Denis M.

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

Website Revision Committee Report - Orlando Trustee Meeting – Fall 2013

Technology and websites are constantly evolving. That is why this committee stands ready to bring new ideas to the Board of Trustees regarding new features that might be considered to add to the ISO website. Additionally, the committee acts in an advisory capacity to the Board of Regents regarding operational changes that may be required for enhancements that affect the interactions of the ISO with members of Gamblers Anonymous.

Integrated Inventory Control

The BOR has contacted the original designers of the current website to incorporate an active inventory control system that utilizes the existing inventory levels of all items for sale by the ISO, along with sales made to the public and material replenishments. This will allow for an expanded ability to concentrate the resources of the ISO into a more complete analysis of utilization and turnover of all the material offered for sale. As of this report, the costs and timeline to complete such a task are unknown. This process will continue for many months will be updated in Houston.

Online Meetings

Item #76 looks to approve the structure of Online meetings. Doing so will require programming on the ISO website. This will be done in a way to minimize the time impact on the employees of the ISO. Should the item pass, the committee will work with the ISO to create the most effective manner in which to complete this task and allow for updating and changes on the ISO website, as they become necessary.

Telephone Conference Call Meetings

Item #77 looks to approve the structure of Telephone Conference Call meetings. Doing so will require programming on the ISO website. This will be done in a way to minimize the time impact on the employees of the ISO. Should the item pass, the committee will work with the ISO to create the most effective manner in which to complete this task and allow for updating and changes on the website, as they become necessary.

Thank you. Website Revision Committee

David M. gave the above report which was submitted online.
The above item was chaired by Denis M., Chair.

The Committee Reports were completed at 12:35 P.M. on Thursday.

Rules and Procedures

1. Rules and Procedures - Section 2 - Agenda, Order of Items Heard

New item

All "Discussion Only" Agenda Items shall be placed at the end of the Conference Agenda.

Stanley C. - Area 15

Motion that all “discussion only” agenda items shall be placed at the end of the Conference Agenda beginning with the Houston Conference (2014) Trustee agenda.
Failed

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

2. Rules and Procedures - Section 26 - Proxies

Delete section on Eligible Proxy Voter

Current trustees who cannot attend physical Trustee meetings, can assign a proxy to another current Trustee to vote on their behalf. Only the Trustee can assign his/her proxy. If no Trustee is assigned, the proxy will be null and void. Current Trustees may only have 1 proxy.

Delete section on Reassigning Proxies

If a Trustee leaves before the end of the BOT meeting, they are able to give their proxy to another Trustee who is present and does not already have a proxy, by notifying the Chairman of the BOT.

Insert new item

Proxies will not be allowed for any aspect of any Trustee meetings, physical or otherwise.

David M. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Chair ruled the motion out of order and was then challenged. The vote on the challenge passes, therefore the Chair is out of order and the motion is in order.

Amendment “to take effect at next meeting”.

Failed

On the motion.

Passed

Anyone voting a proxy will no longer be voting the proxy. From now on there will be no proxy votes.

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

3. Rules and Procedures

Terminate all Proxies. The only way a current trustee can vote is either in person or absentee ballot. The only exception to this rule is a Quick Response Meeting vote.

Jimmy D. - Area 1A

Item withdrawn.

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

4. Rules and Procedures, Absentee Ballots

In order for the Trustee filling in an Absentee Ballot to be considered present at the Trustee Meeting he/she should fill in his opinions on at least 50% plus 1 of the items on the agenda.

Herb B. - Area 5

Motion made that in order for the Trustee filling in an Absentee Ballot to be considered present at the Trustee Meeting he/she should fill in his opinions on at least 50% plus 1 of the items on the agenda that require a vote except votes for conference bids and not including discussion items.

Failed

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

5. Rules and Procedures, Part 18, Literature, Combo Book Changes
Delete entire segment regarding limitations on when Combo Book changes can occur.

David M. - Area 12

No discussion.

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

6. Rules & Procedures, Section 9, Confidential Trustee Listing.
Change who may receive a copy of the Confidential Trustee Listing by removing the Chairman of the Board of Regents and all Board of Trustees committee chairs and co-chairs, and adding the Trustee Website Committee members.
Current version: The Confidential Trustee Listing, published by the International Service Office, is only available to current members of the Board of Trustees, officers of the Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Board of Regents, International Executive Secretary, and all Board of Trustees committee chairs and co-chairs.
Proposed version: The Confidential Trustee Listing, published by the International Service Office, is only available to current members of the Board of Trustees, officers of the Board of Trustees, the International Executive Secretary, and all Trustee Website Committee members.

David M. - Area 12

Motion to accept above, removing "and all Trustee Website Committee Members".

Failed

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

7. Rules & Procedures

Eliminate the Trustees Line from the Trustee Website.

Marc L. - Area 1A

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

During Roll Call for the 2nd session of the meeting, a point of order was raised that Absentee Ballots are out of order since the Guidance Code, Article XIX, Section 6 states, "Trustees and Regents may vote in person on any matter up for vote and also may vote by absentee ballot on pre-determined subjects providing ballot is signed by Trustee and/or Regent, sealed and opened at place of Board of Trustees and /or Board of Regents meeting". The Chair ruled this item in order and was then challenged. The vote on the challenge fails therefore the Chair is in order and so are the Absentee Ballots.

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

8. Rules & Procedures

Change Rules & Procedures Section 2, Agenda - Subsection "Order of items heard".

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

Proposed version: Agenda items will be presented in the order in which they were submitted to the Agenda. Exceptions can be made by the Executive Board to accommodate emergency items or to accommodate presenters with time constraints.

Marc L. - Area 1A

Motion to accept above with the additional sentence: "to begin at the Spring 2014 Conference".

Failed

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

9. Rules & Procedures, #34 Trustee Website

Add the words "accessible and" in the last sentence after (The Trustee Line is only).

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

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

Andy R. - Area 13B

Motion to accept above.

Passed

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

10. Rules & Procedures, Section 16, Point #2

Current Version: Interpreters in Closed Sessions

Interpreters are allowed to be present in a closed session of the BOT if there are current Trustees who need their assistance.

Proposed Version: Delete this point entirely.

Paul N. for Dave C. - Area 2A

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

Items Requiring A 2nd Vote

11. By-Laws, Article 1, Section 1

Change Article name and add a new Section 2

Current version: Article I - Name

Section 1: The legal name of this Corporation is Gamblers Anonymous International Service Office. However, in the By-Laws and/or general public print, it may be referred to as the International Service Office, I.S.O., or the International Service Office of Gamblers Anonymous.

Proposed version: ARTICLE I - NAME AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1: The legal name of this corporation is Gamblers Anonymous International Service Office.

Section 2: In the By-Laws the legal name of the corporation may be referred to as: the International Service Office, I.S.O., or International Service Office of Gamblers Anonymous. Additionally, in general public print it may be referred to as: the Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous.

Passed 1st vote in Vancouver

Pete K. for John C. - Area 1

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

12. By-Laws, Article I, Add new Section 3

Section 3: The Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous consists of individuals who regularly attend Gamblers Anonymous meetings and have a desire to stop gambling.

Passed 1st vote in Vancouver

Pete K. for John C. - Area 1

Approved 47 Against 57

Failed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

13. By-Laws, Article I, add new Section 4:

Section 4: The main objectives of the Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous are:

1) to carry the message of hope to the compulsive gambler who still suffers,

2) to help our members stop gambling and

3) to help other compulsive gamblers do the same.

Passed 1st vote in Vancouver

Pete K. for John C. - Area 1

Since item #12 failed, this will now become Article 1 new section 3.

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

14. By-Laws, Article II, Section 2

Current version: The Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous is under the jurisdiction of a Board of Trustees and operates under the direction of a document called the "Guidance Code".

Proposed version: The Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous is under the guidance of a Board of Trustees and operates under the direction of a document called the "Guidance Code". The Board of Trustees shall be elected by the members of the Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous in the manner provided in the Guidance Code.

Passed 1st vote in Vancouver

Pete K. for John C. - Area 1

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

15. By-Laws, Article III, Section 10

Current version: The Chairman of the Board of Regents, or representative, shall attend every Board of Trustees meeting.

Proposed version: The Chair of the Board of Regents, or authorized representative who is a current member of the Board of Regents, shall attend every Board of Trustees meeting.

Passed 1st vote in Vancouver

Pete K. - Area 13B

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

16. By-Laws, Article III, Section 11

Current Version: The International Service Office shall pay the travel expenses and board lodging for the Chairman of the Board of Regents, or representative to attend the Board of Trustee meeting and National Conferences.

Proposed version: When the Board of Regents Chair (or authorized representative

from the Board of Regents) is required to attend a Trustee meeting, the International Service Office shall pay the travel, meals, lodging and conference expenses. The amount of expense will require approval from the Board of Regents.

Passed 1st vote in Vancouver

Pete K. - Area 13B

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

17. By-Laws, Article IV, Section 5

Current version: International Executive Secretary may be paid an expense account, and/or a monthly salary.

Proposed Version: The International Executive Secretary's salary compensation will be paid based on an annual amount, as determined by the Board of Regents.

Passed 1st vote in Vancouver

Pete K. - Area 13B

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

18. By-Laws, Article VII, Section 3

Current version: The Board of Regents, any officer or appointed officer of this Corporation, unequivocally will have no authority or power under any circumstances to add to, delete or change any word in ANY Gamblers Anonymous literature.

Proposed version: The Board of Regents, any officer or appointed officer of this Corporation, unequivocally will have no authority or power under any circumstances to add to, delete or change any word in ANY Gamblers Anonymous literature, with the exception of the By-Laws, and then only as per the outlined procedures to make such changes in the By-Laws.

Passed 1st vote in Vancouver

Pete K. - Area 13B

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

19. By-Laws, Article XVIII, Section I

Current Version: These by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Regents of this Corporation. It shall require a vote of not less than six(6) members of the Board of Regents of this Corporation to adopt any amendment of these By-Laws, the International Executive Secretary shall notify all groups of Gamblers Anonymous of each change in writing, by forwarding to each group a copy of said amendment.

Proposed Version: Any proposed amendment to the By-Laws must first be approved by the Board of Regents. Such proposed amendments shall require a favorable vote of not less than six(6) members of the Board of Regents to adopt any amendment of these By-Laws. The recording Secretary will include any proposed amendments in the Board of Regents minutes which are published each month. Subsequent to this, the item must be approved by the Board of Trustees in accordance with literature change procedures as outlined in the Guidance Code.

Passed 1st vote in Vancouver

Herb B. - Area 5

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

20. By-Laws, Article XVIII, Section 2

Current Version: All amendments shall be immediately incorporated into these By-Laws showing the date of adoption. The International Executive Secretary and each member of the Board of Regents and Board of Trustees shall be provided with a copy of such amendments.

Proposed Version: Delete current Section 2 (as new amendment procedures are outlined in Section 1)

Passed 1st vote in Vancouver

Herb B. - Area 5

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

21. By-Laws, Article XVIII, Section 4

Current Version: Any alterations to, or removal of any wording in these By-Laws shall constitute an amendment.

Proposed Version: For proper sequence, Section 4 shall become Section 2 and the wording will remain the same.

Passed 1st vote in Vancouver

Herb B. - Area 5

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

22. By-Laws, Article III, Section 1

Current version: The Directors of this Corporation may be referred to in the By-Laws or public print, as Regents. Therefore, the name of Directors is synonymous with name of Regents.

Proposed version: The Directors of this Corporation may be referred to in the By-Laws or public print, as Regents.

Passed 1st vote in Vancouver

Bill B. - Area 15

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

23. By-Laws, Article III, Section 4

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

Proposed version: Any Regent is automatically removed from office for gambling. The definition of gambling is as defined in the Guidance Code.

Passed 1st vote in Vancouver

Bill B. - Area 15

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

24. By-Laws, Article III, Section 6

Current version: Five (5) members of the Board of Regents shall constitute a quorum. A proxy cannot be used to determine presence at a meeting unless such

Regents permanent residence is in excess of 200 miles from the International Service Office. If a Board member resides within 200 miles of the International Service Office, physical attendance constitutes presence. If the Board member resides more than 200 miles from the International Service office, physical or telephonic or video conferencing attendance constitutes attendance. A maximum of four (4) Regents residing outside of 200 miles of the International Service Office who do not physically attend meetings can be seated at one time.

Proposed version: Five (5) members of the Board of Regents shall constitute a quorum. The Board of Regents does not acknowledge proxies in any form. If a Board member resides within 200 miles from the International Service Office, physical attendance constitutes presence. For those residing outside of 200 miles a physical, telephonic or video conferencing attendance constitutes presence. A maximum of four (4) Regents residing outside of 200 miles of the International Service Office who do not physically attend meetings can be seated at one time.

Passed 1st vote in Vancouver

Bill B. - Area 15

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

25. By-Laws, Article III, Section 7

Current version: A Regent is removed from office on missing two (2) consecutive regular board meetings or when any Regent has missed three (3) regular meetings during the year or for not maintaining regular attendance as prescribed by the Guidance Code at G.A. meetings.

Proposed version: A Regent is automatically removed from office on missing two (2) consecutive regular board meetings or when any Regent has missed four (4) regular meetings during their two (2) year term inclusive of the mandatory June meeting immediately following the election of the Board of Regents, or for not maintaining regular attendance at G.A. meetings as prescribed by the Guidance Code.

Passed 1st vote in Vancouver

Bill B. - Area 15

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

26. Guidance Code, Article VIII - Board of Trustees, Section 1:

Modify end of 1st sentence: meetings in the area they represent.

Current version: The Fellowship shall be guided by a Board of Trustees who are members of Gamblers Anonymous and have completely abstained from gambling for a period of two (2) years and have had regular attendance at Gamblers Anonymous meeting, both by their own admission. Board of Trustees defines regular attendance for International officers as having attended a minimum of thirty-nine (39) meetings per year, by the member's own admission. This does not include Intergroup meetings or picnics but does include Birthday meetings. This Board shall not exceed as many Trustees as necessary by the Board of Trustees.

Proposed version: The Fellowship shall be guided by a Board of Trustees who are members of Gamblers Anonymous and have completely abstained from gambling for a period of two (2) years and have had regular attendance at Gamblers Anonymous meetings in the area they represent, both by their own admission. Board of Trustees defines regular attendance for International officers as having attended a minimum of thirty-nine (39) meetings per year, by the member's own

admission. This does not include Intergroup meetings or G.A. events but does include Birthday meetings. This Board shall not exceed as many Trustees as necessary by the Board of Trustees.

Passed 1st vote in Vancouver 91-28

David M. - Area 12

Approved 28 Against 73

Failed

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

27. Guidance Code - Change to 3 articles that are identical in wording:

Article VII - Section 5, Article X - Section 4, and Article XI – Section 6

Add 2 sentences to the end of the sections:

Gamblers Anonymous approved literature cannot be copied for use, display and distribution by any Regional Service Office, Intergroup, group or member. Local area or regional websites are not allowed to make any Gamblers Anonymous approved literature available for downloading for any reason.

Current version: All Gamblers Anonymous literature, books, and service pins should be purchased from Gamblers Anonymous through the International Service Office (I.S.O.) except when otherwise approved by the Board of Trustees.

Proposed version: All Gamblers Anonymous literature, books, and service pins must be purchased from Gamblers Anonymous through the International Service Office (I.S.O.) except when otherwise approved by the Board of Trustees.

Gamblers Anonymous approved literature cannot be copied for use, display and distribution by any Regional Service Office, Intergroup, group or member.

Local area or regional websites are not allowed to make any Gamblers Anonymous approved literature available for downloading for any reason.

Passed 1st vote in Vancouver 86-17

Steve T. - Area 14

Approved 21 Against 78

Failed

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

28. Guidance Code, Article XIX, Section 5.

Add 'and meetings that do not meet in a physical location'.

Current version: Institutional groups will not be allowed to vote on any issues, which affect groups other than their own.

Proposed version: Institutional groups or meetings that do not meet in a physical location will not be allowed to vote on any issues, which affect groups other than their own.

Passed 1st vote in Vancouver 74-36

Pete K. - Area 13B

Approved 87 Against 8

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

29. Guidance Code, Article XVII - Area Locations of Trustees, Section I:

Current version: The areas from which the Trustees shall be elected are to be determined at the physical meeting at a conference in the even year preceding the election

Proposed version: Existing areas that wish to redefine their borders, new areas previously not covered by any other Gamblers Anonymous area that wish to be

recognized, and new areas that wish to be recognized by splitting off from existing areas in any configuration, may submit agenda items to accomplish this at any physical Trustee meeting, as needed by the areas concerned, providing they follow such procedures, as outlined in the Guidance Code. This also applies for any area that wishes to change the number of Trustees allocated to them.

Passed 1st vote in Vancouver 106-14

Joe B. - Area 6C

Approved 96 Against 1

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

30. Hosting an International Conference

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

See attachment

Passed 1st vote in Vancouver

Alan J. - Area 15

Failed

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

Conference Bids

31. The Fall 2015 Conference is open for bids

New Orleans, Louisiana and Cancun, Mexico both presented bids for the above Conference. A vote was taken by secret ballot and the Conference was awarded to Cancun to be held October 23 – 25, 2015 at the Westin Resort & Spa Cancun in Cancun, Mexico.

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

32. Area Designation Julian F. for Dora H. - Area 3F Request for a new Spanish GA Area for Nevada having one trustee.

Item withdrawn.

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

BOR Procedures

33. DISCUSSION ITEM RELATED TO DIGITAL MEDIA FILES. DISCUSS GIVING THE DOWNLOADED FILES FOR NO CHARGE IE FREE?

Tabled in Vancouver

Jimmy D. for David W. - Area 1

Motion to advise the Board of Regents to give audio download files away for free on Trustee Website.

Failed

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

BOT Procedures

34. Discussion: Responsibilities for International Trustees of Gamblers Anonymous.

Tom Z. - Area 14

After the above item was called a point of order was made that all unheard items carried over from the last agenda should be called before any new agenda items. The Chair stated that items are called under the heading and was then challenged. After a discussion on the challenge, the Chair then reversed his ruling stating that we need to hear the unheard items first.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

After all unheard items were taken care of, item 34 was withdrawn.

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

35. Discussion: Are other female Gamblers Anonymous members subjected to harassment and bullying by male members at their local Intergroup?

Mary R. - Area 14

Item withdrawn.

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

36. Conduct the fall 2014 BOT meeting via Webinar/Skype methods/technology.

Bill S. - Area 3B

No discussion.

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

37. Discussion item: Is currency speculation - buying and/or selling a foreign currency in the hopes of making money considered gambling?

Sharon W. - Area 2G

Discussion only.

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

38. Discussion: If a GA member solicits other GA members to promote anything that is considered gambling, either inside or outside the room, does that affect GA as a whole

Sharon W. - Area 2G

Discussion only.

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

By-Laws

39. By-Laws, Article II, change Article header, Section 1 and add new Section 2
Current version: Article II - Membership

Section 1: Members of this Corporation must belong to the Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous. Each individual is represented in this Corporation by their elective vote through the particular group to which they belong in the Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous.

Proposed version: Article II - MEMBERSHIP AND OPERATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

Section 1: Membership in the Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous has but one requirement - a desire to stop gambling.

Section 2: Members of this Corporation must belong to the Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous. Each Gamblers Anonymous member is represented in this Corporation by the voting process outlined in this document.

Pete K. for John C. - Area 1

Motion pending.

Tabled in Vancouver

This was item #57 from Vancouver's Agenda.

Passed

1st Vote

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

40. By-Laws, Article VII - Directors, Powers, and Meetings

New Section 8

The Board of Regents must pursue all incidents regarding suspected intellectual property and copyright violations within the Fellowship, including but not limited to Regional Service Offices, Intergroups, Groups and individual members, only as brought to the attention of the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents may confer with and seek assistance from the Board of Trustees and/or any Board of Trustees committee that may be in effect that handles website issues, regarding any remedies that must be taken. Such situations will have their status reported to the Fellowship through the monthly Board of Regents minutes.

David M. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

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

Combo Book

41. Combo Book, page 4 and 5, the 12 steps of recovery

To add the word Step before each number. Example: to read step 1.

step 2. etc.

Leni S. - Area 9

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

42. Combo book, p.13, Can a compulsive gambler ever gamble normally again?

Second sentence.

delete: "is like the first drink to an alcoholic"

Insert: almost certainly initiates a period of uncontrollable gambling.

Current Version: "The first bet to a compulsive gambler is like the first drink to an alcoholic".

Proposed Version: The first bet to a compulsive gambler almost certainly initiates a period of uncontrollable gambling.

Warren S. - Area 2J

No discussion.

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

43. Combo book, page 17, Number 7

replace PRGM with the spelled out version: pressure relief group meeting

Richie S. - Area 6

Item withdrawn.

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

44. Combo book, page 2, first paragraph, line 4
after the word and, add the following: through the program of Gamblers Anonymous.

Current version: Gamblers Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from a gambling problem.

Proposed version: Gamblers Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve a common problem and, through the program of Gamblers Anonymous, help others to recover from a gambling problem.

Odie B. - Area 36

Motion to table until Houston.

Passed

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

45. Combo Book Page 17, #7

Remove We encourage and spell out PRGM (Pressure Relief Group Meeting) add is encouraged following Every Gamblers member.

Current version; We encourage every Gamblers Anonymous member to have a Pressure Relief Group Meeting as it offers guidance toward a normal way of thinking and living. The PRGM may help alleviate legal, financial, employment and personal pressures. Adherence to it will aid in your recovery.

Proposed version: Every Gamblers Anonymous member is encouraged to have a Pressure Relief Group Meeting as it offers guidance towards a normal way of thinking and living. The Pressure Relief Group Meeting may help alleviate legal, financial, employment and personal pressures. Adherence to it will aid in your recovery.

Alan J. - Area 15

Motion to accept above.

Approved 53 Against 49

Passed

(1st Vote)

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

46. Combo Book, Page 15, Twenty questions, Number 18

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

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

Anita R. - Area 1

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

47. Combo Book, page 12

Current version: When a compulsive gambler enters gamblers anonymous and quits gambling,

Proposed version: When a compulsive gambler enters gamblers anonymous and stops gambling

Stanley C. for Tom C. - Area 15

No discussion.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

48. Combo Book, page 12, 17th sentence, first section titled "Isn't compulsive gambling basically a financial problem?"

Remove the word "bankruptcy"

Current Version: Bankruptcy, borrowing and /or lending of money (bailouts) in Gamblers Anonymous is detrimental to our recovery and should not take place.

Proposed version: Borrowing and/or lending of money (bailouts) in Gamblers Anonymous is detrimental to our recovery and should not take place.

Bill S. for Vicki B. - Area 3B

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

49. Combo Book, page 17, item 6

make "sponsor and sponsorship" in bold print

Jimmy D. - Area 1A

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

50. Combo Book - 20 Questions

CURRENT: 7. After losing did you feel you must return as soon as possible and win back your losses?

8. After a win did you have a strong urge to return and win more?

NEW: 7. After losing did you feel you must return as soon as possible and win back your losses, or, after a win did you have a strong urge to return and win more?

8. Have you ever lied to cover up your gambling?

Gary S. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to add "and" before "or, after a win".

Approved 43 Against 36

Passed

On the motion.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

51. Combo Book

Change question 15 to present tense...

current version: 15. Have you ever gambled to escape worry, trouble, boredom or loneliness?

proposed version: 15. Do you think about gambling when you are bored, lonely, worried or in trouble?

Ara H. - Area 1

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

52. Combo book, pg.11

dream world of a compulsive gambler remove mink coat

current version: They may dream of providing families and friends with new cars, mink coats and other luxuries.

Proposed version: They may dream of providing families and friends with new cars, and other luxuries.

Jimmy D. for Bob V. - Area 1A

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

53. Combo book, pg. 16

remove paragraph below question number 20

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

proposed version: nothing.

Jimmy D. - Area 1A

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

54. Combo Book pg. 14

remove the definition of gambling

Current version: Gambling, for the compulsive gamblers is defined as follows: Any betting or wagering, for self or others, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or "skill" constitutes gambling

Proposed version: nothing.

Jimmy D. - Area 1A

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

55. Combo Book, pgs 4 & 5, the recovery program

add foot note at bottom going across pgs 4 & 5 the following statement: for additional information see pgs 35-52 in the "a new beginning" book.

current version: nothing.

proposed version: for additional information see pgs 35-52 in the "a new beginning" book.

Jimmy D. for Richie S. - Area 1A

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to add footnote on bottom of page 5.

Passed

On the motion.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

56. Combo book, pgs 6 & 7, the unity program

add at the bottom going across pages 6 & 7 for additional information see pages 53-61 of the "a new beginning" book.

current version: nothing.

proposed version: for additional information see pages 53-61 of the "a new beginning" book.

Jimmy D. for Richie S. - Area 1A

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

**57. Combo Book, Page 17, item 5
get involved be of service bold print.**

Jimmy D. - Area 1A

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

**58. Combo Book, Pages 15 & 16, 20 questions
Change the manner in which 13 questions are asked. Changes to 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,
10, 12, 13, 14, 17 & 19. Also changes in all other related literature using the 20
questions**

David M. - Area 12

See Attachment

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

59. Combo Book, Page 17

Proposed New: Capitalize and Bold Face the following words:

#5 STEPS

#6 GET A SPONSOR

#7 PRESSURE RELIEF GROUP MEETING

Ron W. - Area 17

Motion to accept above "first time it appears".

Failed

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

**60. Combo Book Page, 17 top - motion to remove particularly the New
Gamblers Anonymous Members.**

**Current: To all Gamblers Anonymous Members, particularly the New Gamblers
Anonymous Members:**

Proposed New: To all Gamblers Anonymous Members:

Ron W. - Area 17

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

61. Combo Book, Page 13 - motion to change last paragraph

**Current: Our Gamblers Anonymous experience seems to point to these
alternatives: To gamble, risking progressive deterioration or not to gamble, and
develop a better way of life.**

**Proposed New: Our Gamblers Anonymous experience shows us that when we
work the Gamblers Anonymous Program we will develop a better way of life. So
work it, you're worth it!**

Ron W. - Area 17

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

62. Combo Book, Page 17, #6

motion to change for an easier flow of reading

Current #6: GET A SPONSOR, IT IS DIFFICULT TO RECOVER ON YOUR OWN!

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

Proposed New: GET A SPONSOR, it is difficult to recover on your own!

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

Ron W. - Area 17

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

63. Combo Book Change, Page 3, 1st paragraph, last sentence.

Change the word "are" to "were"

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

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

Tom S. H. - Area 3

Item withdrawn.

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

64. Combo Book Change, Page 3, 1st paragraph, last sentence.

Delete the phrase "or presently may be"

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

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

Tom S. H. - Area 3

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

65. Combo Book Steps, Pages 4 & 5

Add the word "Step" in bold in front of each numbered Step, 1 thru 12, in the Recovery Program.

Current Version:

1. We admitted we were powerless...

2. Came to believe that a Power....

etc. 3. through 12.

Proposed Version:

Step 1. We admitted we were....

Step 2. Came to believe that a

etc. Step 3 through Step 12

Joel K. - Area 3A

Item withdrawn.

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

66. Combo Book, Page 14, Definition of Gambling

Current Version: Gambling for the compulsive gambler is defined as follows: Any betting or wagering, for self or others, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or skill constitutes gambling.

Proposed Version: Gambling for the compulsive gambler is defined as follows: Any betting, wagering or participation in a gambling related activity, for self or others, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or skill constitutes gambling.

Steve T. - Area 14

Item withdrawn.

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

67. Combo Book - page 16, Question 15

Purpose of change - to add the words grief/loss to this question.

Current Version: Have you ever gambled to escape worry, trouble, boredom or loneliness?

Proposed Version: Have you ever gambled to escape worry, trouble, boredom, loneliness or grief/loss?

Deni M. for Kim S. - Area 8C

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to change "grief/loss" to "grief or loss".

Passed

On the motion.

Passed

1st Vote

Item now reads "Have you ever gambled to escape worry, trouble, boredom, loneliness, grief or loss".

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

68. Combo Book, Page 15, Question #10

Change the question to allow for the inclusion of credit cards as it relates to borrowing to finance gambling.

Current Version: Did you ever borrow to finance your gambling?

Proposed Version: Did you ever borrow or use a credit card to finance your gambling?"

Steve T. for Stu B. - Area 14

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

69. Combo Book, Page 2

Proposed Change: Remove the word "careers" from the 3rd sentence of the 3rd paragraph on page 2.

Current Version: Therefore, it is not surprising that our gambling careers have been characterized by countless vain attempts to prove we could gamble like other people.

Proposed Version: Therefore, it is not surprising that our gambling has been characterized by countless vain attempts to prove we could gamble like other people.

John T. for Dianna F. - Area 3A

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

70. Combo Book, 20 Questions, #5

Current Version: Did you ever gamble to get money with which to pay debts or otherwise solve financial difficulties?

Proposed Version: Did you ever gamble to get money with which to pay gambling debts or otherwise solve financial gambling difficulties?

Norm B. for Bob B. - Area 10A

Item withdrawn.

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

71. Combo Book, Page 14

Does this mean I can't even participate in a little penny ante game or a world series pool?

Insert the word 'bingo'

Current version: This includes Internet gambling, the stock market, commodities, options, buying or playing lottery tickets, raffle tickets, flipping a coin or entering the office sport pool.

Proposed version: This includes Internet gambling, bingo, the stock market, commodities, options, buying or playing lottery tickets, raffle tickets, flipping a coin or entering the office sport pool.

Paul N. for Norma G. - Area 2

Motion to accept above.

Passed

(1st Vote)

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

72. Combo Book, page 17, item 4

Make trusted servants sponsors to bold print

Jimmy D. - Area 1A

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

73. Combo Book, pg 12, 1st paragraph, line 11

Delete "income is usually increased" and replace with "income is available for normal expenditures".

Current Version: When a compulsive gambler enters Gamblers Anonymous and quits gambling, income is usually increased and there is no longer the financial drain that was caused by gambling.

Proposed Version: When a compulsive gambler enters Gamblers Anonymous and quits gambling, income is available for normal expenditures and there is no longer the drain that was caused by gambling.

Norm B. for Bob B. - Area 10A

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

74. Combo Book, 20 Questions, #5

Insert the word "gambling" before debts and before difficulties.

Current Version: Did you ever gamble to get money with which to pay debts or otherwise solve financial difficulties?

Proposed Version: Did you ever gamble to get money with which to pay gambling debts or otherwise solve financial gambling difficulties?

Norm B. for Bob B. - Area 10A

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

Committee Related

75. Discussion of how to fund the Hotline as more areas come on to the system.

Paul S. - Area 17

Tabled in Vancouver

Motion to transfer name and address of G.A. Hotline (855 222-5542) to I.S.O. after due consideration, review, and acceptance by the Board of Regents.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

76. Online meetings will be deemed as approved Gamblers Anonymous meetings and will be listed on the Gamblers Anonymous website providing the meetings meet the criteria for an Online Meeting, as set forth by the Online Gamblers Anonymous Meeting Committee.

Kent C. - Area 7C

Tabled in Vancouver

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

77. Telephone conference call meetings will be deemed as approved Gamblers Anonymous meetings and will be listed on the Gamblers Anonymous website providing the meetings meet the criteria for a telephone conference call meeting, as set forth by the Telephone Conference Call Meeting Committee.

Pete K. - Area 13B

Tabled in Vancouver

Motion to accept above.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

78. Approve the guidelines as set forth by the Telephone Conference Call Committee.

See attachment

Pete K. - Area 13B

Motion to accept above.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

**79. Change the mission statement of the Trustee Website Committee
Current version: To set guidelines and oversee the Trustee website**

Proposed version:

1) - To oversee the Trustee website.

2) - To periodically review all websites that infer or imply membership or

representation of the Fellowship or Corporation of Gamblers Anonymous, and evaluate the websites for compliance with approved Local Area Website Guidelines. Trustees and area trusted servants will be made aware of any deficiencies that need to be corrected. Websites from outside entities are not included.

David M. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

80. Submit the attached pamphlet entitled "Anonymity" for new literature approval.

See attachment

Paul C. - Area 14

Motion to accept above.

*Amendment was made and ruled out of order.

On the motion.

Failed

The beginning of this item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair *and then Denis M., Chair took over chairing the item.

Group Procedures

81. Discussion Only: A Gamblers Anonymous Meeting has a format that says if a new or old member does not give their date or announce they are a compulsive gambler, they may be asked to leave the room, and may or may not be allowed to give therapy. Is this going beyond the scope of the Gamblers Anonymous Program?

Ron W. - Area 17

Discussion only.

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

82. Discuss: Using any Gamblers Anonymous resource as a means to distribute or disseminate anything not Gamblers Anonymous related.

Andy R. - Area 13B

Discussion only.

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

83. Please discuss the impact of new GA Rooms intentionally being set up to recruit individuals for outside counseling. Most of these rooms are housed in hospitals or behavioral facilities, resulting in blurred lines between the services of GA and outside counseling.

Ron W. - Area 17

Discussion only.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

84. Discussion Item: Can previously approved GA versions of the 12 Steps of Recovery be used at meetings, or be considered as "appropriate literature"?

Bill C. - Area 11

Discussion only.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

Guidance Code

85. Guidance Code Article VIII, Section 6

Add the following sentence to the current version: The Board of Trustees does not acknowledge proxies in any form at any Board of Trustees meeting. (either physical or electronic.)

Current 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. (Passed second vote in Vancouver.)

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. The Board of Trustees does not acknowledge proxies in any form at any Board of Trustee meeting. (either physical or electronic.)

Herb B. - Area 5

Motion to accept above.

Approved 54 Against 27 (2/3 Vote Needed)

Failed

Another vote was requested and taken.

Approved 60 Against 32

Failed

(2/3 Vote Needed)

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

86. Guidance Code Article VIII, New Section 6A

Current Trustees who cannot physically attend a Trustee meeting can only be represented by submitting an absentee ballot. The Board of Trustees will designate the voting provisions of absentee ballots. Proxies will not be allowed for any aspect of any Trustee meetings, physical or otherwise.

David M. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Approved 89 Against 7

Passed

(1st Vote)

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

87. Guidance Code, Article XVI, Section 12

Current Version: The International Executive Secretary shall be responsible to mail receipts for donations made to the International Service Office (I.S.O.) and mail Gamblers Anonymous literature and /or Gamblers Anonymous pins within 5 business days donation or requisition is received in the International Service Office (I.S.O.).

Proposed Version: The International Executive Secretary shall be responsible to mail receipts for donations made to the International Service Office (I.S.O.), unless group or member making the donation requests that no receipt be sent. The International Executive Secretary shall mail Gamblers Anonymous literature and/or Gamblers Anonymous pins within 5 business days after donation or requisition is received in the International Service Office (I.S.O.).

Chuck R. for Jay G. - Area 15

Motion to accept above.

Approved 91 Against 3

Passed

(1st Vote)

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

88. Guidance Code, Article 9, Section 1

Add the members of the executive board i.e. chair, first co-chair & second co-chair shall follow the principal of rotation. all 3 (chair, first co-chair and second co-chair) can only serve 2 consecutive terms. Then they must step down for at least one term before being allowed to run for office again.

Current version: the offices of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a Chairman, #1-Co- Chairman, #2-Co-Chairman and such other officers as may be appointed by the Board of Trustees. They are required to be a member of Gamblers Anonymous.

Proposed version: The offices of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a Chairman, #1-Co- Chairman, #2-Co-Chairman and such other officers as may be appointed by the Board of Trustees. They are required to be a member of Gamblers Anonymous. All 3 (chair, first co-chair and second co-chair) can only serve 2 consecutive terms. Then they must step down for at least one term before being allowed to run for office again.

Jimmy D. - Area 1A

Motion to accept above.

Approved 37 Against 61

Failed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

89. Guidance Code, Article 9, section 3

Add the following at the bottom

Section 3A

Use electronic voting on all items requiring a 2nd vote approval (except in the fall of even years when many of Trustees are newly elected). Use ballots similar to the absentee ballot method.

Bill S. - Area 3B

No discussion.

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

90. Guidance Code, Article X, Intergroup Guidelines

New Section 1A

Proposed: An Intergroup will be designated as such, only if it follows without exception, the Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code, all decisions of the Board of Trustees, limits its use, display and distribution to only approved and appropriate Gamblers Anonymous literature. It must also notify the International Service Office (ISO) of its existence.

Joe B. - Area 15

Motion to accept above with omitting the comma after Trustees and adding "and" before "limits".

Approved 64 Against 36 (2/3 Vote Needed)

Failed

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

91. Guidance Code, Article VIII, Board of Trustees, Section 13B.

Replace the existing section

See attachment

Steve R. - Area 2B

Motion to accept above.

Approved 82 Against 4

Passed

(1st Vote)

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

92. Guidance Code, Article X, Intergroup Guidelines, Section 5:5

Change the required intervals for Intergroup Meetings

Current Version: 5. Intergroup meetings should be held at least once per month and copies of the minutes should be forwarded to all member groups and the International Service Office (I.S.O.).

Proposed Version: 5. Intergroup meetings should be held at intervals best suited to that Area, preferable once per month but a minimum of quarterly. Copies of the minutes should be forwarded to all member groups and the International Service Office (I.S.O.).

Paulette T. - Area 6B

Motion to accept above.

Approved 47 Against 52

Failed

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

93. Guidance Code, Article X, Section 5, Functions of the Intergroup, Number 3.

Current Version: The Intergroup shall, if it so desires, publish a bulletin or newsletter at regular intervals.

Proposed Version: The Intergroup shall, if it so desires, publish a bulletin or newsletter at regular intervals, and it must adhere to the Guidance Code of Gamblers Anonymous, the 12 Steps of Recovery and Unity, and all Board of Trustees decisions. Bulletins or newsletters, whether local, national or international, are appropriate literature providing that the published items are original writings from, or on behalf of the G.A. members submitting them, or items previously approved by the Board of Trustees. Material cannot be used from outside sources or authors, and cannot promote events, services or sale of items related to outside interests.

Ed E. - Area 2

No discussion.

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

ISO Procedures

94. Discussion item: Besides www.gamblersanonymous.org , may we (GA) consider running pop-up messages offering GA help / assistance on online gaming/casino sites to bring awareness to online gamblers. There is help for problem or compulsive gambling.

Susan W. - Area 2

Discussion only.

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

95. Move or include the "guidelines for National Trustees of Gamblers Anonymous" page from the "Information Packet" to the "Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code".

Sharon W. for Curt P. - Area 2G

Item Withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

96. Request to translate the Slogans of the GA Program (7 cards listed below) as well as the "Let It Stay Here Card" into Spanish, then print them and have them sold at the ISO online store.

List of the 7 Slogan Cards:

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

Dora H. for Julian F. - Area 3F

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to replace "sold at the I.S.O. online store" with "sold through the I.S.O."

Passed

One the motion.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

97. Request to translate the words DAYS, MONTHS, and WELCOME on the GA key chains into Spanish, then manufacture new key chains with these words in Spanish and sell them at GA's online store.

Dora H. for Julian F. - Area 3F

Motion to translate the words DAYS, MONTHS, and WELCOME on the GA key chains into Spanish, then manufacture new key chains with these words in Spanish and sell them through the I.S.O.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

98. Request to translate the words on all the Gamblers Anonymous medallions; including the serenity prayer into Spanish, then manufacture them with all the words in Spanish and sell them at the GA online store.

Dora H. for Julian F. - Area 3F

Motion to translate the words on all the Gamblers Anonymous medallions; including the serenity prayer into Spanish, then manufacture them with all the words in Spanish and sell them through the I.S.O.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

99. Request to translate all the words on the G.A. Coin into Spanish, then manufacture it and have it sold on G.A.'s online store.

Dora H. for Julian F. - Area 3F

Motion to translate all the words on the G.A. Coins into Spanish, then manufacture it and sell it through the I.S.O.

Motion to table.

Passed

Motion pending.

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

100. Items That Passed The Merit Vote Steve R. for Chris C. - Area 2B "The Promises of Gamblers Anonymous" which came from a mini conference workshop. (authors are Area 2 members). Piece to stand alone and be printed on a 5 x 7 piece of card stock.

See attachment

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

Literature Up For Merit Vote

101. Approve for Merit Vote. A Lifeliner table card -- a 4 x 7.5 doubled on Heavy Colored Stock to sit on a table during a Gamblers Anonymous meeting similar to the "Let it Stay Here" Card

See attachment

Richard C. - Area 2K

Motion to accept above for a merit vote.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

102. Request Board of Trustees accept for merit, "Twenty (Recovery) Questions" as approved GA literature. This new literature would be a three page pamphlet.

See attachment

Susan W. - Area 2

Motion to accept the "Twenty (Recovery) Questions" as approved G.A. Literature. This new literature would be a pamphlet.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

103. New piece of literature - Titled: "Suggestions for Retention".

See attachment

Jimmy D. - Area 1A

Motion to accept above.

Failed

It was then pointed out the Committee process states if a piece of literature comes out of a committee it doesn't need a merit vote. Since this piece came out of a committee it would be up for a 1st vote and not a merit vote. The Chair stated this would be a "merit vote" and was then challenged. The challenge passes therefore the Chair is out of order and this item is up for a 1st vote.

On the motion.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

104. Approve a new piece of GA Literature for the Merit Vote.

Title: "Gamblers Anonymous Guidelines For Group Conscience Process".

See attachment

Sue F. for Susan C. - Area 3D

Motion to accept above for a merit vote.

Failed

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

105. Approve for Merit Vote as new literature, a new package of slogans similar to the existing packet. This would be called "Slogans Packet II". Making up 7 separate cards, like the current, these will be sold as a kit and the price set by ISO. They can then be displayed by the room, during the meetings.

Below are the 7 separate slogans for "Slogans Packet II"

- 1. Keep it Simple**
- 2. Easy Does It**
- 3. Just for Today**
- 4. Live and Let Live**
- 5. Meetings Make It**
- 6. Attitude of Gratitude**
- 7. Get Involved Be of Service**

Paul C for John S. - Area 14

Motion is pending.

Tabled in Vancouver

Motion to accept above for a merit vote.

Passed

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

Other Literature

106. 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 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.

Ed E. - Area 2

Passed 1st vote in Boston

Tabled in San Diego for corrections

Tabled in Vancouver Due To Time

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

**107. Hosting An International Conference Introduction, First Paragraph
Current Version: International conferences are held twice a year with the location determined by a vote of the Board of Trustees.**

Proposed Version: International conferences are held once a year with the location determined by a vote of the Board of Trustees.

Joe B. - Area 15

Tabled in Vancouver

Motion to accept above was made and then ruled out of order

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

108. Information Packet Inside Cover under section Suggested Literature in New Member Packet ADD under listing of pieces of literature ADD Stop and Think Card to the existing list.

Jimmy D. - Area 1A

Tabled in Vancouver

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

109. Information Packet Inside Cover Top of Page REPLACE the word Suggested with Mandatory.

Jimmy D. - Area 1A

Tabled in Vancouver

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., 1st Co-Chair.

110. Hosting an International Conference, Page 1 Introduction

Current Version: International conferences are held twice a year with the location determined by a vote of the Board of Trustees. The voting takes place two years prior to that conference. Conferences should be scheduled as close as possible to the first of May and the first of November. Conferences are based around the trustee meetings, which start on Thursday at 10:00 AM local time. These meetings quite often go through Friday and on occasion into Saturday. During the spring conferences provisions must be made for Gam-Anon to hold their meeting. Close attention must be paid to holidays so as not to have the convention during or conflicting with any national or religious holidays. Who can bid and when will be covered under eligibility.

Proposed Version: International conferences are held once a year in the spring, with the location determined by a vote of the Board of Trustees. The voting takes place two years prior to the conference. Conferences should be scheduled as

close as possible to the first of May. Conferences are based around the trustee meeting, which start on Thursday at 10:00 AM local time. These meetings quite often go through Friday and on occasion into Saturday. Provisions must be made for Gam-Anon to hold their meeting. Close attention must be paid to holidays so as not to have the convention during or conflicting with any national or religious holidays. All conferences are opened to all areas to bid.

Karen E. - Area 8A

Tabled in Vancouver

Item withdrawn. Since this item was tabled in Vancouver, the Hosting an International Conference pamphlet has been updated which makes the proposed change invalid. The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

111. Hosting an International Conference, Page 2, Eligibility, last paragraph
Current version: Since Gam-Anon holds their meetings during the spring conferences their input is considered before the vote takes place. Gam-Anon does not have a vote on conference location.

Proposed Version: Since Gam-Anon holds their meetings during the conference, their input is considered before the vote takes place. Gam-Anon does not have a vote on conference location.

Karen E. - Area 8A

Tabled in Vancouver

Item withdrawn. Since this item was tabled in Vancouver, the Hosting an International Conference pamphlet has been updated which makes the proposed change invalid. The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

112. Hosting an International Conference, Page 2 Requirements, Item #6 First Sentence

Current Version: 6 - A Gam-Anon meeting room for spring conferences.

Proposed Version: 6 - A Gam-Anon meeting room for the conference.

Karen E. - Area 8A

Tabled in Vancouver

Item withdrawn. Since this item was tabled in Vancouver, the Hosting an International Conference pamphlet has been updated which makes the proposed change invalid. The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

113. Hosting an International Conference, Page 8, REGISTRATION, Item 5, third line.

Current Version: Gam-Anon name tags should follow the same format as GA name tags since the spring conference also hosts the Gam-Anon delegates.

Proposed Version: Gam-Anon name tags should follow the same format as GA name tags since the conference also hosts the Gam-Anon delegates.

Karen E. - Area 8A

Tabled in Vancouver

Item withdrawn. Since this item was tabled in Vancouver, the Hosting an International Conference pamphlet has been updated which makes the proposed change invalid. The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

114. Hosting an International Conference, Page 8 GUEST SERVICES AND ROOM SET-UP, last sentence.

Current Version: Gam-Anon should be consulted for set-up directions for the Gam-Anon meeting at spring conference.

Proposed Version: Gam-Anon should be consulted for set-up directions for the Gam-Anon meeting at the conference.

Karen E. - Area 8A

Tabled in Vancouver

Item withdrawn. Since this item was tabled in Vancouver, the Hosting an International Conference pamphlet has been updated which makes the proposed change invalid.

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

115. Gamanon flyer for insertion in new member packet

See attachment

Bob W. for John C. - Area 1

Tabled in Vancouver

Discussion only.

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

116. Trustee Removal Procedures, Section IV. – Board of Trustees Meeting Procedures

1. Notification and Placement of Item in Meeting Agenda, (Remove the words “or past” in the 4th paragraph only).

Current Version: Trustee removal actions can only be handled at physical meetings of the Board of Trustees, and they will be heard immediately after the Rules and Procedures portion of the meeting agenda. If the Trustee being charged is unable to be present at the meeting session in which the item will be heard, the Trustee will have the right to be represented by another current or past Trustee. If the Trustee being charged is present at the Board of Trustees meeting but is physically unable to attend the meeting session due to illness, then the item will be postponed until such time as the Trustee is in attendance at that physical meeting of the Trustees; otherwise the proceedings will continue and be concluded before the last session of the meeting is completed. No motions to table or attempt to delay the proceedings will be allowed due to the serious nature of this item, other than that which is listed in this section.

Proposed Version: Trustee removal actions can only be handled at physical meetings of the Board of Trustees, and they will be heard immediately after the Rules and Procedures portion of the meeting agenda. If the Trustee being charged is unable to be present at the meeting session in which the item will be heard, the Trustee will have the right to be represented by another current Trustee. If the Trustee being charged is present at the Board of Trustees meeting but is physically unable to attend the meeting session due to illness, then the item will be postponed until such time as the Trustee is in attendance at that physical meeting of the Trustees; otherwise the proceedings will continue and be concluded before the last session of the meeting is completed. No motions to table or attempt to delay the proceedings will be allowed due to the serious nature of this item, other than that which is listed in this section.

Ed E. - Area 2

Tabled in Vancouver

Motion to table until Houston.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

117. Trustee Removal Procedures, Section IV. – Board of Trustees Meeting Procedures, 4. Voting and Final Determination

(Replace the word “past” with “current” in the 1st paragraph only).

Current Version: When the presentations by all concerned parties on the motion has finished, the Board will then determine whether to remove the Trustee in question. There will be no general discussion on the matter by the Trustees. The voting will be by written ballot, with results counted by three (3) past Trustees chosen by the Chair of the Board of Trustees. Removal will require an affirmative vote by two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members of the Board of Trustees who voted. Abstentions will not be counted in any part of the voting total to determine the two-thirds (2/3) voting results.

Proposed Version: When the presentations by all concerned parties on the motion has finished, the Board will then determine whether to remove the Trustee in question. There will be no general discussion on the matter by the Trustees. The voting will be by written ballot, with results counted by three (3) current Trustees chosen by the Chair of the Board of Trustees. Removal will require an affirmative vote by two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members of the Board of Trustees who voted. Abstentions will not be counted in any part of the voting total to determine the two-thirds (2/3) voting results.

Ed E. - Area 2

Tabled in Vancouver

Motion to table until Houston.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

118. THE PRESSURE RELIEF GROUP MEETING HANDBOOK, Page 6

Procedures To Be Followed

Motion To Add - 1A. It is recommended that an attorney be consulted before a G.A. Member quit claims his or her house to a non G.A. Member.

Ron W. for Michele C. - Area 17

Tabled in Vancouver

Motion to accept above.

Approved 41 Against 60

Failed

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

119. GA A New Beginning Page 15, NATIONAL CONFERENCES

Current Version: NATIONAL CONFERENCES A meeting of Gamblers Anonymous members at a designated site for the purpose of sharing information, ideas, and problems that relate to the aims and purposes of Gamblers Anonymous. They are held semi-annually. Some of the benefits are an understanding of our problems and possible solutions that can help solve them. The Board of Trustees holds their Board Meetings at these conferences each year.

Proposed Version: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES A meeting of Gamblers Anonymous members at a designated site for the purpose of sharing information, ideas, and problems that relate to the aims and purposes of Gamblers Anonymous. They are held annually. Some of the benefits are an understanding of our problems and possible solutions that can help solve them. The Board of Trustees holds their spring Board Meeting at this conference each year.

Karen E. - Area 8A

Tabled in Vancouver

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

120. To produce publish and sell a poster size copy of Recovery and Unity programs through the ISO. Preferring a size such as 4 feet by 3 feet.

Ara H. for Alvin F. - Area 1

Motion to table until Houston.

Passed

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

121. Trustee Website Guidelines, Section C.

Change derogatory to defamatory, compress some of the language.

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

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

David M. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

122. Group Handbook, Page 3, Treasurer, Item 1

Add: An announcement should be made with each series of collections, as to how the money will be allocated. Each group has a different policy regarding its collections. All attendees have the right to know where their contributions will go.

Current version: 1. Take up a collection at each meeting, usually at the close of the meeting.

Proposed version: 1. Take up a collection at each meeting, usually at the close of the meeting. An announcement should be made with each series of collections, as to how the money will be allocated. Each group has a different policy regarding its collections. All attendees have the right to know where their contributions will go.

David M. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to take out "usually at the close of the meeting".

Passed

On the motion.

Passed

(1st Vote)

The item will now read:

1. Take up a collection at each meeting. An announcement should be made with each series of collections, as to how the money will be allocated. Each group has a different policy regarding its collections. All attendees have the right to know where their contributions will go.

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

123. Group Handbook, Page 3, Treasurer, New Item 2, renumber other items
When taking collections, baskets, cans or some other receptacle should be passed around the room. At no time should anyone walk around to each member with the collection container. Contributions by attendees are private.

David M. - Area 12

Item was not addressed due to time restraints therefore will automatically be on the Houston agenda.

124. Gamblers Anonymous Group Handbook, Page 11 under heading Open Meetings and Closed Meetings.

Modify the description of a closed meeting on page 11 of the Group Handbook and the GA ISO website under US Meetings.

Current Version: The second sentence of first paragraph reads (A “closed meeting” would, of course, refer to a meeting where only those with a gambling problem are eligible to attend and participate.

Proposed Version: Change the second sentence of the first paragraph to read (A “closed meeting” would, refer without exception to a meeting where only those with a gambling problem, or those who think they may have a gambling problem, with a desire to stop gambling, are eligible to attend and participate).

John T. for Ben G. - Area 3A

Item was not addressed due to time restraints therefore will automatically be on the Houston agenda.

125. Gamblers Anonymous Group Handbook

Proposed change: Add modified closed meeting and its description.

Current Version: Page 11 under heading Open Meetings and Closed Meeting.

Current heading reads “OPEN MEETINGS AND CLOSED MEETINGS”

Current reference to Modified Closed Meeting does not exist.

Propose Version: Change heading to read, “OPEN MEETINGS, CLOSED MEETINGS, AND MODIFIED CLOSED MEETINGS”

Current Version: No description exists for modified closed meeting.

Proposed Version: Add the following sentence to the end of the first paragraph, “A modified closed meeting would refer to a meeting where the members would vote to include certain groups such as health professionals, guests attending with first time members, and persons with other addictions in need of a meeting”.

John T. for Ben G. - Area 3A

Item was not addressed due to time restraints therefore will automatically be on the Houston agenda.

126. Discuss changes to medallions.

Jimmy D. for Hamid K. - Area 1A

Discussion only.

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

Steps

127. Recovery program, Step 2.

Remove "normal" and insert "healthy".

Current version: "Came to believe . . . restore us to a normal way of thinking and living."

Proposed version: "Came to believe . . . restore us to a healthy way of thinking and living."

Warren S. - Area 2J

Tabled in Vancouver

No discussion.

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

128. Discuss the use of Higher Power in our recovery steps.

Dave C. - Area 11

Tabled in Vancouver

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Herb B., 2nd Co-Chair.

129. 5th Step of Recovery

Add after Admitted to ourselves, our Higher Power

Current Version: Admitted to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Proposed Version: Admitted to ourselves, our Higher Power and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Marco Z. - Area 25

Item was not addressed due to time restraints therefore will automatically be on the Houston agenda.

130. 12th Step of Recovery

Add at the beginning After a spiritual awakening and

Current Version: Having made an effort to practice these principles in all our affairs, we tried to carry this message to other compulsive gamblers.

Proposed Version: After a spiritual awakening and having made an effort to practice these principles in all our affairs, we tried to carry this message to other compulsive gamblers.

Marco Z. - Area 25

Item was not addressed due to time restraints therefore will automatically be on the Houston agenda.

131. Unity Step 11

motion to get rid of attraction rather than promotion

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

Proposed New: Our public relations policy is to carry the message of hope to the compulsive gambler who still suffers, using any Gamblers Anonymous approved or appropriate methods; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, television and all social media.

Ron W. - Area 17

Item was not addressed due to time restraints therefore will automatically be on the Houston agenda.

132. Unity Program #5

motion to add 'of hope' after 'message'

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

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

Ron W. - Area 17

Item was not addressed due to time restraints therefore will automatically be on the Houston agenda.

133. Recovery Step 1

Proposal to add the phrase "and accepted" after We admitted...

Current Version: We admitted we were powerless over gambling - that our lives had become unmanageable.

Proposed Version: We admitted and accepted we were powerless over gambling - that our lives had become unmanageable.

John M. for Steve S and Scott M. - Area 6D

Item was not addressed due to time restraints therefore will automatically be on the Houston agenda.

134. Items Omitted From the Agenda

There were no items omitted from the agenda.

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at approximately 11:00 P.M. on Friday, October 18, 2013. The collection for the six (6) sessions was \$756.12.

The next physical meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held April 24, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. in Houston, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen H.

Karen H.,
International Executive Secretary

ROLL CALL							
AREA		SESSIONS	AREA		SESSIONS	AREA	SESSIONS
1	Anita R.	6	6C	Joe B.	6	Chuck R.	6
	Ara H.	6	6D	John M.	6	Eddie M.	Abst.
	Carlos F.	6		Roger O.	6	Howard C.	6
	David W.	6	7	Helen Y.	6	Joe B.	Abst.
	Wendy B.	Abst.*		Kathy S.	6	John S.	Abst.
1A	Jimmy D.	6	7A	Bill A.	6	Mike R.	6
	Marc L.	6		Mike K.	5	Stanley C.	Abst.
2	Joe T.	Abst.*	7C	Kent C.	6	16	George N.
	Roger L.	6	8	Debbie M.	6	16A	Nancy K.
	Susan W.	6		Fred L.	6	17	Paul S.
2A	Paul N.	6		Larry J.	Abst.		Ron W.
2B	Pauline D.	6		Rich S.	6	18	Andy D.
	Steve R.	6	8A	Karen E.	6		Gennaro S.
2C	Debbie W.	6		Ron A.	6		Ron M.
2E	Debra M.	6	8B	Michelle J.	6		Steve A.
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2G	Bob F.	Abst.	8C	Deni M.	5	18A	Trevor S.	6*
	Sharon W.	6	8D	Jo K.	6	18B	Brian F.	6*
2H	Gary M.	6	8E	Bill G.	6	19	Eduardo B.	Abst.
	Renee P.	6	9	Leni S.	6		Pedro D.	Abst.
2J	Warren S.	Abst.*		Mike Y.		6	Tony B.	
	Abst.							
2K	Zach L.	6	9A	Pat D.	6	20	Jose G.	6*
3	Bea A.	6	10	John H.	Abst.	21	Jose R.	6*
	Gloria H.	5		Paulette M.	6		Lluis G.	6*
	Harriet K.	6	10A	Jim P.	6	22	Dudley B.	6*
	Tom S.H.	5		Norm B.	6	23A	Valdir M.	Abst.
3A	Charlotte M.	6	10B	Chuck B.	6	24	Frederik A.	6*
	John T.		Abst.*	Steve B.	6	25	Carlo C.	
	6*							
	Pete U.	6	11	Billy C.	6		Marco Z.	6
3B	Bill S.	5		Dave C.	6		Ricardo B.	Abst.
	Ron G.	6		Jodi P.	6		Ruggero M.	6*
3C	Paula C.	Abst.*	12	Bob W.		Abst.	26	Chris K.
	3							
	Terry D.	5		David M.	6		Mr. Kwon	Abst.
3D	Sue F.	6		Frank L.	6	27	Balazs M.	Abst.
	Vicki M.	6		Marshall R.	6	28	Ana E.	5
3F	Dora H.	6		Vicki G.	6		Jackie Z.	Abst.
4	Petru C.	6	13	John B.	6		Javier G.	Abst.
	Tulio T.		6	Peter A.	6		Martha G.	
	6							
5	Herb B.	6		Ron C.	6		Rafael Z.	6*
5A	JR E.	5	13A	Charmaine S.	6	29	Konstantin U.	6
5B	Andre G.	6		Bob F.	6	31	Darius D.	6*
	Claude C.	6	13B	Pete K.	6	32	Kiichiro I.	Abst.
6	Barbara L.	6		Richard K.	Abst.*		Toshi K.	Abst.
	Lloyd A.	Abst.	14	Mary R.	6	33	Amparo R.	6*
	Richie S.	6		Paul C.	6		Miriam T.	6*
6A	Leavy T.	6		Steve T.	6	34	Doraida E.	Abst.
	Sal F.	5		Tom Z.	3		Jeysa V.	5
6B	Paulette T.	6	15	Alan J.	5		Jose L.	Abst.
	Rick B.	6		Antimina G.	Abst.	35	Ramon Z.	6*
	William T.	6		Bill B.	6	36	Odie B.	6*

Chair BOT – Denis M. 6
1st Co-Chair BOT – Andy R. 6
2nd Co-Chair BOT – Herb B. 6
Chair BOR – Bob W. 6
I.E.S. – Karen H. 6

* Absentee Ballot Received