

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS TRUSTEES MEETING
APRIL 24 & 25, 2014
HYATT REGENCY HOUSTON, HOUSTON, TEXAS**

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 April 24, 2014. He introduced the head table and all new members to the Board were asked to introduce themselves. Points of order and points of information were explained along with procedures for the meeting.

Twenty-nine absentee ballots were received as follows:

Area 3	Gloria H.	Area 16	George N.	Area 25	Carlo C.
Area 3	Tom S.H.	Area 18	Steven A.	Area 25	Ruggero M.
Area 6B	Rick B.	Area 18	Ron Mac	Area 28	Rafael Z.
Area 6D	Roger O.	Area 18A	Trevor S.	Area 28	Ana L.
Area 8	Fred L.	Area 19	Eduardo B.	Area 28	Jackie Z.
Area 10	John H.	Area 19	Pedro D.	Area 29	Konstantin U.
Area 10A	Jim P.	Area 20	Jose G.	Area 32	Toshi K.
Area 12	Vicki G.	Area 21	Jose R.	Area 32	Kiirchiro I.
Area 14	Maury C.	Area 21	Lluis R.	Area 33	Miriam T
Area 15	Joe B.	Area 22	Dudley B.		

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 Orlando, Florida follows:

Joyce M., Northern Alberta, 8 years, passed 09/11/13
Glen G., Calgary, Alberta, passed 11/01/13
Joseph B., North Miami Beach, Florida, passed 10/13/13
Matt F., Ephrata, Pennsylvania, passed 10/2013, age 36
Terry N., Surrey, British Columbia, passed 12/22/13, 12 years
Van T., British Columbia, 25 years, passed 01/14/14
Jon L., Hartford, Connecticut, 12 years, passed 01/2014
Larry G., Montreal, Ontario, 29 years, passed 02/2014, age 72, former BOT Chairman
Al S., Flushing, New York, 27 years, passed 01/30/14, age 79
Kenny A., Staten Island, New York, 10 years, passed 01/22/14, age 57
Fulvia D., Brooklyn, New York, 5 years, passed 03/19/14, age 63
David R., Boynton Beach, Florida, passed 03/27/14, age 41
Roger N., Toms River, New Jersey, 41 years, passed 12/17/13, age 82
Jean-Paul B., Quebec, 15 years, passed 12/4/13
Mary P., Las Vegas, Nevada, 22 years, passed 11/2013, age 68
Emile V., Orlando, Florida, 8 years, age 69
Isaac S., Church on the Hill, New York, 17 years, passed 04/01/14, age 62
Sue M., Bloomingdale, Illinois, 12 years, passed 03/20/14
Ralph D., Oaklawn, Illinois, 18 years, passed 12/28/13, age 70
Elizabeth, California, 5 years, passed 02/2014, age 55
Margie H., California, 20 years, passed 01/2014
Louise G., Daytona Beach, Florida, 1 year, passed 03/2014, age 73
Mike H., Yukon, Oklahoma, 1 year, passed 01/2014, age 69
Michael A., Lakewood Ranch, Florida, 11 years, passed 12/2013

George W., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 23 years, passed 2/15/14, age 80
Al L., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15 years, passed 02/14/14, age 84
Billy G., New Orleans, Louisiana, 10 years, passed 04/17/14, age 63
Nick G., Reno, Nevada, 25 years, passed 03/2014, age 82
Al S., Burnsville, Minnesota, 11 years, passed 01/2014, age 61
Vic S., Gladstone, Oregon, 8 years, passed 04/01/14, age 86

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

Joe B., Trustee from Area 6C read the Reflection for the Day for April 24th and April 25th to begin the beginning sessions of the day.

D) Reading of the ”12 Steps of Unity”

Lloyd A., Trustee from Area 6 read the 12 Steps of Unity on April 24th and April 25th to start the beginning sessions of each day.

During the 1st session of the meeting a discussion ensued between the difference of regular attendance and physical attendance in changing the 12 Steps. The Chair stated as per the Guidance Code “To change the Twelve Steps of RECOVERY and Twelve Step UNITY PROGRAM, it shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority by not less than the physical presence of 2/3 of the eligible voting members of the Board of Trustees at two (2) consecutive physical meetings”. The Chair was then challenged. The vote on the challenge fails therefore the Chair is in order and 2/3 of the eligible voting members present would constitute presence.

E) Roll Call-Karen H. International Executive Secretary

Karen H. took roll and there are presently 116 votes to begin the first session.

F) Approval of Minutes from Orlando

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

G) ISO / Lifeliner - Karen H.

Karen H. gave the above report and handed out a graph that showed the comparison over the past two years of monthly donations received, which reflected a \$2,554.00 decrease over the previous year. She thanked all members who have continued getting the word out about Lifeliners and the need of supporting the I.S.O. Marshall R. reiterated the importance of being a Lifeliner and urged all members who were not Lifeliners to fill out the cards that were available and include their initial donations.

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

Benni F. Chairman of the Board of Regents gave the report on the International Service Office which included the decline of the financial status of the I.S.O. since the large donation from a member’s estate last September was received. He explained the need of members and groups continuing to support the I.S.O.

Benni also explained a situation about a Group Information Request form for a Worldwide G.A. Closed Phone Step Meeting being received by a member, who wanted this meeting to be put on our International Directory of Meetings. Since the Board of Trustees determines the guidelines for meetings this request was turned over to the Chair of the Board of Trustees.

I) Conference Reports - Conference Oversight Review Committee

Orlando Fall '13

Bill A. reported that the Orlando Conference was a great success and well attended. The report follows:

2013 Orlando Fall Conference

<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Income (Monies In)</u>	
Hotel	37,161.00	Registrations	52,862.00
Registration	896.00	I.S.O. Seed Money	1,000.00
(Name Tags, Lanyards, etc.)		Golf	780.00
Shipping	88.00		
Booklets	639.00	T-Shirts, Hats, Polos	1,580.00
Refunds Registration	2,426.00	Booklets	15.00
Golf	757.00		
T-Shirts	457.00		
Polo Shirts	917.00		
Hats	289.00		
Shipping	173.00		
Goodie Bags/Supplies	735.00		
Hospitality	3,704.00		
Entertainment	4,300.00		
Signs/Banners/Flyers	287.00		
Repay I.S.O. Seed Money	1,000.00		
Bank Fees	139.00		
P.O. Box/Stamps	92.00		
Rooms	625.00		
	54,685.00		56,237.00
		G.A.I.S.O.	1,241.60
		Gam-Anon	310.40
		Profit	1,552.00

Houston Spring '14

Andre G. gave the report on the above conference stating all reports have been turned in and received in a timely manner. Additional reports were also submitted that were not

required. 521 room nights have been booked and as of a week ago, 228 registrations have been received. Bill E. welcomed everyone to Houston.

Tampa Fall '14

Denis M. explained how we came to having the above Trustees Meeting on October 19 & 20, 2014 at the Ramada Westshore Tampa Airport in Tampa, Florida. The Committee looked in Chicago, Atlanta, Kansas City, Minnesota and Montreal, with Tampa being the best possible location.

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 stated that all reports were being received and the bank account has been opened. The committee has had 3 or 4 meetings and everything looks like it is in good standing. Andy R. spoke stating that they are very excited to once again be hosting the Conference and are looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Cancun Fall '15

Andre G. gave the report on the above conference to be held October 23 – 25, 2015 at the Westin Resort & Spa Cancun in Cancun, Mexico. The bank account will be opened and the signed Hotel contract has been submitted. They are doing fine. A P.O. Box in the U.S. has been opened. Martha G. stated that she is working on a website for registrations, which will possibly be done in October of this year.

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.

ANONYMITY COMMITTEE

Houston Spring 2014 Conference Report (submitted 4/10/14)

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

Board of Trustees Chair Liaison: Andy R. Area 13B

Chair of the Committee: Paul C. - Area 14

Committee members are listed below

Name-Area

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 and submitted for literature approval at the Fall 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.

At the fall 2013 conference, a discussion followed this agenda item and number of trustees expressed concerns of certain language included in the proposed new literature pamphlet.

When put to vote, the item failed to pass as approved literature. It was noted that no further changes (aside from grammar) could be made to the proposed

literature once it was submitted to the floor as a motion to approve as new literature, in accordance with the current rules and procedures. The comments and concerns voiced on the floor of the BOT did highlight some additional changes that, if properly addressed, could improve the literature pamphlet such that it may be able to gain approval as new literature. The chair of this committee did follow up with those individuals that expressed concerns and comments in order to understand their concerns and discuss potential changes that could improve the literature. Unfortunately, this proposed literature cannot again be brought before the BOT until the required 2 years pass to allow similar agenda items. This committee recommends that it remain in place for the following purposes;

- 1- Seek additional feedback from BOT members on their concerns and comments on the proposed Anonymity pamphlet.
- 2- Make additional edits to the proposed Anonymity pamphlet based on the additional feedback.
- 3- Place the revised literature on the agenda for merit vote at the Fall 2015 conference.

The committee seeks additional volunteers to become part of the committee to assist in editing the proposed version and advancing this much needed piece of new literature towards BOT approval as new literature.

Respectfully submitted, Paul C. Area 14

Paul C. gave the above report which was submitted online. If anyone wants to help with this piece of literature please contact Paul.

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 Revision Committee Report, April, 2014

A dedicated committee of 8 members is meeting monthly. We are currently working on an introduction; a history of our founder; a history of Gamblers Anonymous and the Recovery Program.

The book is shaping up to be: an introduction; a welcome; the “how” of the 12 Recovery and Unity Steps; some information about our illness and stories from members of our fellowship that will a) illustrate working the steps and b) share experience, strength and hope found in our program. Drafts are submitted to Committee members, who give editing and content advice; this process is a slow one that currently involves multiple drafts and conversations around those drafts.

We anticipate that we will begin soliciting input and stories from the fellowship in the next quarter.

If anyone in attendance at the BOT meeting would like to submit a reflection on any of the Recovery/Unity Steps or a telling of his/her story, those may be sent to: bluebookrevision@gmail.com

Please note that any submissions become the property of the committee and may be edited for grammar, content and length.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen E., Jeannie B., Area 8A, Blue Book Revision Committee

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

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

Conference Oversight And Review Committee:

Committee Chair – Andre G. – Area 5B

Co-Chair Liaison – Denis M.

Mission Statement - To oversee all processes dealing with International Conferences and to encourage and provide assistance to Areas seeking to host an International Conference as well as to provide advice and assistance after a Conference has been awarded. CONFERENCE OVERSIGHT & ASSISTANCE 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 04/04/14

Andre G., Area 5B; Bill A., Area 7A; Dina P., Area 6B and Fred L., Area 8

COMMITTEE REPORT HOUSTON 2014-04

Since our last committee report in Orlando, in October 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. The committee also answered several requests for information from other areas flirting with the idea of bidding for an International Conference.

There will be only one area bidding for the 2016 spring conference. The bid will be heard at item #30 on this agenda and we will let you discover for yourself which Area is 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, but unfortunately, circumstances out of their control prevent them from presenting a bid in Houston. There will be other opportunities for this area to present a bid somewhere down the road.

The Committee also had regular contacts with the Orlando, Houston, Cherry Hill and Cancun conference committees. The committee will report on each conference under item I) on the Houston agenda. We were also involved, although not directly, in the setup of the fall 2015 trustee meeting, to be held in Tampa, in October 2014.

It is important for these organizing committees to understand that the Oversight & Assistance committee can be effective and fulfill its duty only if they cooperate with us and send us the required information in a timely manner. For example, once a bank account has been opened, the organizing committee must send us the monthly bank statement. Our committee should not have to ask for them, it should be sent automatically. As a matter of fact, all the required documentation and deadlines to produce are clearly mentioned in either our Rules & procedures or in the latest version of the "Hosting an International conference" pamphlet, updated in September 2013.

The committee is also looking for guidance from the Board of Trustees as to whether or not conference bids should remain confidential until heard at the

trustee meeting. We had discussions about it and we feel that input from other trustees is needed to help make a decision on this matter. This is item #55 on this agenda.

Finally, the Committee is looking into the possibility of developing an accounting template for Conference Organizing Committees and in updating the "Hosting an international conference" pamphlet by adding in it the appropriate literature created by the original Conference Review Committee. This appropriate literature is presently available under the committee tab on the trustee website. Both are long term tasks which we hope can be delivered in a near future.

André G., Chair, Conference Oversight & Assistance committee

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

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 FOR HOUSTON CONFERENCE APRIL,2014

Hello, Since the Orlando conference the committee has been reviewing the recorded items and comparing them to the printed literature for website uploading.

I would like to thank David M for putting this item on the Houston agenda on behalf of the committee.

The proposed item is for the ISO to be able to sell the recordings when everything comes together by all proper channels and everything is approved by BOT and BOR. Additionally the committee has another item on the agenda which will be discussed by the committee on Wednesday. In conclusion I would like to thank the following people for there dedication to this committee Andy R, Jeanne B, Karen E and Paullet T. THANKS for being an awesome team. Sincerely yours, Jimmy D, Chair

Jimmy D. gave the above report which was submitted online. He asked the Committee members to stand.

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 2014 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 35, an increase of 2 since the Fall meeting)

- **Area 1 – 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 4 – Ontario
- 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 8C – Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota
- 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 35 Areas on the system and answering questions and reaching out to those Areas that have not converted over to a Ring Central account. Oklahoma is currently looking into setting up an account. The committee is almost ready to implement the changeover to allow for alternate area code entry. The changeover will occur on June 7th and 8th. 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.

Savings

As of October 1, 2014, GA is saving over \$24,162 per year. The committee will provide an update on estimated savings at the Fall 2014 Trustee Meeting.

Lessons Learned

As new areas sign up for Ring Central, it is recommended that you use an email assigned by the trustee website administrator for your account set up. Otherwise, when a new hotline coordinator takes over for your system, they will have to change all the previous administrators' emails on the system. Ring Central does periodic updates to their software and interfaces, Hotline Coordinators should review weekly logs and make test calls once in a while to verify there is no impact to the system.

Recent Changes

ISO has taken over the financial operation of the Hotline. Billing now goes through ISO for the 855-222-5542 number and the account name was changed to "Gamblers Anonymous National Hotline".

Future committee actions:

- Work with Ring Central to maximize savings as all areas are on the new system and we get better information on how many minutes per month are needed.
- Work with Area Hotline Coordinators to make their set up efficient and make sure callers are being connected to volunteers quickly.
- Work with Public Relations Committee to get the new number out to the public.
- Implement suggestions received from the survey to improve caller experience and simplify system setup and maintenance.
- Help areas to consolidate more than one area on each Ring Central account to save money.

NOTE: If your area is having any issues with the system or Ring Central, please let me know before I give my report at the Trustee Meeting. I will need a little time to research your issue, so I can better answer your questions.
Respectfully Submitted, Paul S., Hotline Implementation Committee Chair
Area 17 Trustee

Paul S. gave the above report which was submitted online
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**

Purpose:

To create and assemble a comprehensive guide for Intergroups.

Board of Trustees Chair Liaison: Herb B.

Chair of the Committee: Richie S. - Area 6

Committee members are listed below, as of 4/28/12

Anita R., Area 1; Charlotte M., Area 3A; Jimmy D., Area 1A; Jo K., Area 8D; Joe B., Area 15; John B., Area 13; Kent C., Area 7C; Mary C., Area 2J; Paul C., Area 14; Richie S., Area 6;

Vicki G., Area 12 and Wendy B., Area 1

Committee Report

I am sorry to report that from the Fall Conf. this committee has not met. Assignments were given out to ALL members and we have not received one assignment back to discuss or to edit. Hopefully after this Spring Conf. we can get re committed and pick up where we left off. And I hope I can give a positive update at the Houston Conf.

Respectfully Yours, Richie S., Area 6

Richie S. gave the above report which was submitted online. The Committee will meet tomorrow morning.

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

Houston, TEXAS - April, 2014

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

Our committee of 23 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 2014 Houston Trustee meeting. This covers the period from October 2014 to April 2014.

ISO Overseas Emails

Our committee has answer 243 emails since October 2013 from 31 different countries.

Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Grenada West Indies, Guatemala, India, Ireland, Istanbul, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Uruguay, Venezuela

After had received the Group Meeting Information Forms our International Service Office has sent out 3 starter kit for new meetings (2) for Mexico and (1) for Makati City, Philippines.

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.**

Spanish Translation Literature

The Houston 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 Trustee 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. Help overseas Areas in the Trustee election for the service 2014 – 2016. News G.A. Worldwide

Area 20 – Uruguay 3th Hispano-American Conference was held in Punta Del Este on March 2014.

Area 21 – Spain XXV National Conference, May 16 – 18, 2014. Santa Susana BCN

Area 25 – Italy Annual National Conference May 16 – 18, 2014. Bellaria, Italy

Area 28 – México 3th Mini – Conference June 27 – 29, 2014, Monterrey, Mexico

IRC Houston meeting will be held on Wednesday October 23th at 8:30 pm.

International Relations Committee

Martha G. - Area 28 México

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

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

HOUSTON LITERATURE COMMITTEE REPORT

Orlando agenda item #101, a table card with Lifeliner information, has been edited and appears on this agenda. It passed the Merit Vote in Orlando and is up for a first approval vote as Houston item #28.

Orlando agenda item #105, "Slogan Packet #2", has also been edited and appears on this agenda. It passed the merit vote in Orlando and is up for a first approval vote as Houston item #29.

In addition, there are several Houston agenda items dealing with suggested changes to current literature.

The Literature Committee has been in regular contact with the ISO. All current literature is being edited prior to re-printing.

Respectfully submitted, Chuck R. , Literature Committee Chair

Chuck R. gave the above report which was submitted online.

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.

MEMBER RETENTION COMMITTEE REPORT FOR HOUSTON CONFERENCE APRIL 2014

Hello, Following the Orlando conference Alan J committee chair resigned. Jimmy D. co chair was appointed chair by the Chair of the BOT. The committee would like to thank Alan for all of his hard work and diligent efforts in leading the committee. The committee was disappointed when the body of the BOT voted down our proposed piece of literature, however we are continuing to work per our mission statement. Additionally we have an item proposed for the Houston agenda adding additional key chains which can help the new member in our opinion. In our Unity steps specifically step 5 our primary purpose is to help the compulsive gambler who is still struggling. The committee believes we can help the new member by any means. Then GA as a whole is doing its job. Yes we are aware that an additional key chain is not a big deal to us BUT it is not about us it is about the NEW MEMBER. The committee will meet on Wednesday night in Houston to gather ideas and thoughts for future work. The committee is open for anyone to volunteer. I would like to THANK all participants past and present for all your hard work and dedication to this committee.

Sincerely yours, Jimmy D., Chair of Member Retention

Jimmy D. gave the above report which was submitted online. Jimmy D. is the new Chair.

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

Purpose: 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.

Board of Trustees Chair Liaison: Andy R.

Chair of the Committee: Richie S. - Area 6

Committee members are listed below, as of 4/25/13

Mark S., Area 7C; Renee P., Area 2H and Richie S., Area 6

The Mobile App Committee has found out that it is extremely difficult to get companies to provide prices for mobile apps without first going through a difficult process of forms and vetting etc. We recommend that we try using our present company that handles our website, for prices and implementations We also think this committee can now be disbanded

Respectfully Yours, Richie S., Area 6

Richie S. gave the above report which was submitted online. Richie S., Chair is asking for this committee to be disbanded. Andy R. asked for someone to step forward and take over the committee. There were no volunteers so the committee has been disbanded.

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.

Committee was disbanded.

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

Pressure Relief Committee:

Committee Chair – Lloyd A.– Area 6

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.

No report was submitted.

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.

To the Chairman of the Board, Co Chair of this Committee and the BOT

Report of the U.S. JIP Committee

Roger L. Area 2, Committee Chair

Spring 2014

Much of this information has been previously reported to this body, but for the purpose of clarity, the report has been updated as follows:

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 followup 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:

The U.S. JIP GA list has continued to be a work in progress. It has changed since Orlando and will continue to change to the time of Houston and beyond. Some meetings 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:

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. 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. 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 and NA meeting attendance. These other 12 step meetings often thrive in many institutions where GA has not had this same experience. 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. Some administrators do not walk their talk. For example, some of the administrators who have recently expressed some new interest in starting new GA meetings and the study of GA literature within the institutions have not followed-through with an initiation process.

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:

GA Information is available at facility;

Active Meeting is occurring – with Dates & Times indicated;

Meeting has been suspended; No interest in a meeting.

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.

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 Friday 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.

A Prison Committee meeting will be held during this Conference.

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.

PRISON MEETINGS IN CANADA

Committee Report

Attached is the updated list of J.I.P. meetings in Canada.

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

A new Prison starting kit has been sent by ISO to Northern Alberta (Canada). This area is planning to start a meeting in the Edmonton Remand Centre. We are in contact with the local member leading this project.

At the Centre Federal de Formation (Federal minimum security institution) in Laval, Quebec, a meeting is held every week, alternating between a French meeting on a given Wednesday, followed by an English meeting the following week. The Joliette prison for women meeting is running just fine. A few members have been trained and certified by this institution to accompany inmates to local meetings as well. This program is under supervision by the institution and is very appreciated by the inmates

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.

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 Chair – Susan W. Area 2; Co-Chair Liaison – Andy R.

Our Purpose: 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 or higher power(s).

Committee members

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

Apologize to the group as I did not do my part as a committee chair. Six months ago as reported in Orlando , I had great ideas and plans for our PR Committee, however often when you take on too much and have many great ideas, little gets accomplished . I had one e-mail correspondence and those of us who are re-running for Trustee and are serving in Public Relations have a strong desire and willingness to re-group and look forward for the next BOT.

As we move forward we'll , keep it simple.

Susan W., Area 2 Trustee, Public Relations Committee 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

The inaugural telephone conference call meeting that was approved by the BOT in Orlando, took place on Wednesday, February 12, 2014. Since that time, the meeting has taken place every Wednesday at 9pm. The meeting has averaged 40 GA members a week, with approximately 2/3 women.

The goals set forth for this type of meeting were quickly realized. From the first meeting there were members who called in for their very first GA meeting because there were no meetings closer than 2-3 hours from them. In addition, many members joined in these meetings because of the harsh winter in much of the country and these members could not get to their regular meetings. In addition, members called in during their breaks at work in order to participate. The feedback has been nothing but positive and we are helping to fulfill our primary purpose: to carry its message to the compulsive gambler who still suffers.

As of the present time, there is only one of these telephone conference call meetings in existence. It is the hope of the committee that more meetings are

added, eventually culminating in every time slot of the week, or all 168 hours of the week, being filled up.

Pete K., Chair, Telephone Conference Call Committee

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

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.

No report was received.

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 received.

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 Houston 2014

Purpose

- 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.

Local Area Websites

The committee still gathers information regarding local areas that manage a website for their local area's usage. This information, when passed onto the committee, begins a page-by-page review of the website. All Board of Trustees website guidelines are followed in this review. Usually, one of the trusted servants from the area is contacted for an in depth discussion of issues that need to be addressed to bring the site into compliance with the guidelines. The committee is pleased to report that virtually all the websites under such review are open to the suggested changes and implement whatever procedures are necessary to make those changes.

GA Website Violation

There has been an extraordinarily difficult situation that has been created by a GA member who is a past Trustee and past member of the Board of Regents. This

member independently started a Step meeting conference call that in and of itself violates numerous aspects of the Guidance Code and the Unity Steps. Where the committee is concerned, there is a website administrated by this GA member where audio files are posted from the Step meetings. That is possible because the Step telephone meetings are recorded, in violation of Unity Step 11.

Fortunately, the matter was brought to the attention of the Board of Regents by the Trustees in Area 12, New Jersey, as that GA member lives there and had tried to get the meeting endorsed by NJ Intergroup, which never happened. The NJ Trustees sent a letter to this individual, regarding the violations with the Step telephone meetings along with the website violations. The Area 12 Trustees offered to assist this GA member with getting the website into compliance and the GA member chose not to respond to the offer. The matter was referred to the Board of Regents, after which they sent a 'Cease and Desist' letter to that GA member. This member has made it known that he has no intentions of complying with the request of the Board of Regents cease and desist order.

Actions such as this move by a GA member, stick very directly to the point of abiding by the directives of the Board of Trustees and/or Board of Regents. Rogue GA members who violate the Guidance Code and the Unity Steps affect Gamblers Anonymous as a whole. If anyone knows of other such situations, please notify any member of the Trustee Website Committee.

Telephone Meeting Conference Call Platform

Since the platform was approved, we are waiting for the bid proposal to come from the website company that has done all the ISO website work. They are working on another project for the ISO. The committee asked that the platform be temporarily parked on the Trustee website until the ISO site is configured to take on the information.

Trustee Poll

Poor Trustee response continues with this segment of the website, designed to allow for opinions on any subject. Many of the items appear as agenda items at a later time.

Participation, at best, has results reflecting the opinions of only 25% of the elected Trustees.

Agenda Item Trustee Response Platform

A brief discussion of this tool will be brought up during the committee presentation. This tool was deployed after Orlando to help with firming up agenda items that may have been thought to be flawed or incomplete by other Trustees. The effort met with no success and the tool was removed.

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.

ISO Website Revision Committee Report Houston 2014

The ISO website is in the midst of some structural revisions from issues that have arisen from the operations of ISO.

Future work on the site to incorporate the Telephone Meeting Conference Call platform has been put out for an initial contract amount with the same company

that originally designed the ISO website. Unofficial cost considerations are for under \$5,000. Expectations are that this new work to the site will actually come in lower than that level.

The template for the basic structure of this work is shown on the Trustee website under the Telephone Meeting Conference Call Committee web page. There will be additional work to add greater levels of functionality with this project.

Once the programming has been completed, the Telephone Meeting Conference Call Admins will be responsible for the updating and content and administration of the existing meetings, and training for meeting admins as new telephone meetings that meet the Board of Trustees guidelines for listing on the ISO website.

The expectations are that there will be no impact on the personnel resources at the ISO.

Part of this project is incorporating a payment module into the website to allow those attendees of the telephone meeting conference calls, to make a donation directly to ISO through the PayPal payment network. The implications are very wonderful, in that it will also allow for payments to be made to ISO for every type of payment, contribution and donation.

It must be clear that the committee is still in the discussion stage with the website designers. The committee has also been actively advising the Board of Regents with any change in status on these issues. The Board of Regents will be the responsible party for this website modification.

Expectations are that this work should be completed before Tampa, or by the end of the year, at the latest.

David M. – Committee Chair, Area 12, New Jersey

David M. gave the above report which was submitted online. David M. and Karen H. both spoke about what has been happening with the website including an online inventory system.

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

The Committee Reports were completed at 2:25 P.M. on Thursday.

Rules and Procedures

1. Rules and Procedures - Section 23 - Motions

Add: Motion to Commit or Refer

A motion to commit or refer, sends an item back to the committee, or allows for the formation of a new committee, so that the item may be more carefully investigated and put into better condition for consideration by the Board of Trustees. Such a motion takes precedence over the main motion, amendments and points of order. It yields to motions to table. This motion is debatable and can be called out of order if the Chair considers the motion to commit or refer to be an unnecessary delaying tactic.

David M. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Passed

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

2. Rules and Procedures - Section 18 - Literature

Add: Vote of Confidence

Prior to a 1st literature approval vote, any Board of Trustees committee may

request a **Vote of Confidence**. This is a non-binding vote that allows the Board of Trustees to directly indicate if a committee's work is progressing in the right direction. A **Vote of Confidence** will allow the committee to try and improve the literature, if necessary, for submission at a subsequent Trustee meeting.

David M. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Passed

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

3. Rules and Procedures - Section 34 - Trustee Website

Rescind item #9 from the Orlando Trustee Agenda

Current 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.

Proposed 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.

Joe B. - Area 6C

Motion to accept above.

Passed

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

4. Rules and Procedures - Section 8 - Conferences

There will be a 15 minute time limit per Area bidding on an International Conference. If additional time is needed it will be decided by the BOT to extend time.

Richie S. - Area 6

Motion to accept above.

Passed

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

5. Rules and Procedures - Absentee Ballots

The Chair will determine the date and time by which Absentee Ballots must be received prior to any Trustee meeting.

David M. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Passed

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

Items Requiring A 2nd Vote

6. 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.

Passed 1st vote in Orlando

Pete K. for John C. - Area 1

Passed

2nd Vote

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

7. 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.

Passed 1st vote in Orlando

David M. - Area 12

Approved 50 Against 53

Failed

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

8. 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.

Passed 1st vote in Orlando - results of 53-49

Alan J. - Area 15

Approved 51 Against 57

Failed

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

9. 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, grief or loss?

Passed 1st vote in Orlando

Deni M. for Kim S. - Area 8C

Passed

2nd Vote

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

10. 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.

Passed 1st vote in Orlando

Paul N. for Norma G. - Area 2

Passed

2nd Vote

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

11. 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.

Passed 1st vote in Orlando

89-7

92.7% margin

David M. - Area 12

Approved 94 Against 9

Passed

2nd Vote

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

12. 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.).

Passed 1st vote in Orlando

91-3

96.8% margin

Chuck R. for Jay G. - Area 15

Approved 100 Against 0

Passed

2nd Vote

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

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

Replace the existing section

See attachment 13

Passed 1st vote in Orlando

82-4

95.3% margin

Steve R. - Area 2B

Approved 97 Against 1

Passed

2nd Vote

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

14. 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. 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.

Passed 1st vote in Orlando

David M. - Area 12

Passed

2nd Vote

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

**15. 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.**

Passed 1st vote in Orlando

Jimmy D. - Area 1A

Passed

2nd Vote

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

Items Tabled From Orlando

16. 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.

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 pending.

Tabled in Orlando

Dora H. for Julian F. - Area 3F

Passed

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

17. 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.

Tabled in Orlando

Ed E. - Area 2

Item Withdrawn.

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

18. 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.

Tabled in Orlando

Ed E. - Area 2

Item Withdrawn.

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

19. 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.

Tabled in Orlando

Ara H. for Alvin F. - Area 1

Motion to allow Groups to reproduce the G.A. 12 Steps of Recovery and 12 Steps of Unity in poster size to display in Gamblers Anonymous meeting rooms.

Passed

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

20. 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.

Tabled in Orlando

David M. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to delete the second sentence.

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

On the motion.

Passed

1st Vote

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

21. 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).

Tabled in Orlando

John T. for Ben G. - Area 3A

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

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

22. 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”.

Tabled in Orlando

John T. for Ben G. - Area 3A

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

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

23. 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.

Tabled in Orlando

Marco Z. - Area 25

Discussion only.

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

24. Marco Z. - Area 25

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.

Tabled in Orlando

Marco Z. - Area 25

Discussion only.

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

25. 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.

Tabled in Orlando

Ron W. - Area 17

Motion to table.

Passed

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

26. 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.

Tabled in Orlando

Ron W. - Area 17

Motion to table.

Passed

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

27. 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.

Tabled in Orlando

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

Motion to table.

Passed

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

Items Passing The Merit Vote

28. Richard C. - Area 2K

Approve for 1st literature 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 28

Passed Merit Vote In Orlando

Richard C. - Area 2K

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to omit "colored" from motion.

Passed

On the motion.

Failed

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

29. Paul C. - Area 14

Approve for 1st literature vote, 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 and Be of Service

Paul C. - Area 14

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

Conference Bids

30. The Spring 2016 Conference is open for bids

There was one Area that submitted a bid, although upon learning that the dates presented were the same dates as religious holidays, the bid was withdrawn. Therefore this item will be on the Tampa agenda and will be open to any Area wanting to present a bid.

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

Discussion Item

31. Gamblers Anonymous is not a suggested program, as some may believe.

Joe B. - Area 6C

Discussion only.

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

BOT Procedures

32. Rescind item #78 from the Orlando BOT conference agenda.

The Telephone Conference Call Meeting Guidelines.

Gary S. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

33. Rescind item from Orlando 1988, as outlined in Booklet of Past Trustee Decisions, section 6, Literature, item 4, as follows:

Wales, Ireland, Scotland and England groups have the right to adopt changes or modify any approved G. A. literature at their discretion.

Odie B. - Area 36

Motion to accept above.

Passed

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

Guidance Code

34. Guidance Code, Article IX - Officers of the Board of Trustees.

New Section 2, requiring all remaining sections to be renumbered.

Members of the Board of Trustees Executive Board, must resign as current Trustees, upon their election or appointment to the Executive Board. They are eligible to be a current Trustee, when they are no longer serving on the Executive Board.

David M. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Approved 28 Against 61

Failed

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

Other Literature

35. Group Handbook, Page 2, Secretary

Add to the end of section 2: The Meeting Chairperson is not an elected position. It is essential that this responsibility be rotated on a weekly basis.

David M. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Amend the motion to read: The Meeting Chairperson is not an elected position. It is suggested that this responsibility be rotated.

The Chair was challenged that since the Motion was changed that Absentee Ballots will not count. The vote on the challenge fails therefore the Chair is in order and the Absentee Ballots will count.

On the amended motion.

Passed

(1st Vote)

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

Steps

36. Unity Step 7

Remove 'fully' and add 'The only exception would be direct family members of a Gamblers Anonymous member.'

Current Version: Every Gamblers Anonymous Group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Proposed Version: Every Gamblers Anonymous Group ought to be self-supporting, declining outside contributions. The only exception would be direct family members of a Gamblers Anonymous member.

Jimmy D. - Area 1A

Motion to table.

Passed

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

Items Up For Merit Vote

37. Add 120 day, 150 day, 210 day, 240 day, 300 day and 330 day keychains.

Jimmy D. - Area 1A

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

BOT Procedures

38. Bill B. - Area 15

Reduce the number of Trustees in every area by 50%. In areas with an odd number of Trustees, the new number would be the higher amount ie: 3 would be 2 etc, etc.

Bill B. - Area 15

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

Committee Related

39. Discuss appropriate dollar amount to cover compensation for services, ie our recordings.

Jimmy D. - Area 1A

Motion that the Board of Trustees approve up to \$500.00 for all the digital recordings to be paid by the Board of Regents.

Amendment to add with \$25.00 per recording.

Passed

On the motion which will now read: The Board of Trustees approve up to \$500.00 for all the digital recordings to be paid by the Board of Regents with \$25.00 per recording.

Passed

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

Guidance Code

40. Guidance Code. Article VIII, Section 9.

Remove: by not less than the physical presence of 2/3 of the eligible voting members of the Board of Trustees; change 2/3 majority requirement to 3/4, add quorum requirement

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

Proposed version: To change the Twelve Steps of RECOVERY and Twelve Step UNITY PROGRAM, it shall require a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote at two(2) consecutive physical Board of Trustee meetings, with at least a quorum present at each vote.

Pete K. - Area 13B

Motion to accept above.

Approved 70 Against 35

Passed

(1st Vote)

A roll call vote was requested. Abstentions will be counted in order to properly record the vote. If a Trustee was absent or out of the room during the vote their name will not be listed.

Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote
1	Anita R.	Yes	6C	Joe B.	Yes	14	Ira C.	Yes
	Ara H.	Yes	6D	John M.	Yes		Maury C.*	Yes
	Carlos F.	Yes		Roger O.*	Yes		Paul C.	Yes
	David W.	Yes	7	Helen Y.	Yes		Steve T.	Yes
	Wendy B.	Yes		Kathy S.	Yes	15	Bill B.	No
1A	James D.	Yes	7A	Bill A.	Yes		Chuck R.	No
	Marc L.	Yes		Michael K.	Yes		Eddie M.	No
2	Roger L.	No	7C	Kent C.	No		Howard C.	No
	Susan W.	Yes	8	Debbie M.	Yes		Joe B.*	No
2A	Paul N.	Yes		Fred L.*	Yes		Mary R.	Yes
2B	Steve R.	Yes		Larry J.	Yes		Mike R.	Yes
2E	Debra B.	Yes		Rich S.	Yes		Stanley C.	No
2G	Sharon W.	No	8A	Karen E.	Yes		Tom Z.	Yes
2H	Gary M.	Yes		Ron A.	Yes	16	George N.*	Yes
	Renee P.	Yes	8C	Marcus G.	Yes	16A	Nancy K.	Yes

2K	Zachary L.	Yes	8D	Jo K.	Yes	17	Paul S.	No
3	Bea A.	No	9	Leni S.	Yes		Ron W.	No
	Gloria H.*	Yes		Mike Y.	Yes	18	Ron M.*	No
	Harriet K.	Yes	9A	Pat D.	Yes		Steve A.*	No
	Tom S.H.*	No	10	John H.*	Yes	18A	Trevor S.*	No
3A	Charlotte M.	Yes		Paulette M.	No	19	Eduardo B.*	Yes
	John T.	Yes	10A	Jim P.*	No		Pedro D.*	Yes
	Pete U.	Yes		Norm B.	Yes	20	Jose G.*	Yes
3B	Ron G.	No	10B	Steve B.	Yes	21	Jose R.*	No
3C	Paula C.	Yes	11	Billy C.	Yes		Lluis G.*	AB
	Terry D.	Yes		Dave C.	Yes	22	Dudley B.*	No
3D	Sue F.	No		Jodi P.	Yes	25	Carlo C.*	Yes
	Vicki M.	Yes	12	David M.	Yes		Marco Z.	No
3F	Dora H.	Yes		Marshall R.	Yes		Ruggero M.*	No
4	Tulio T.	Yes		Vicki G.*	Yes	28	Ana E.*	AB
5	Herb B.	Yes		Frank L.	No		Jackie Z.*	Yes
5B	Andre G.	No		Bob W.	Yes		Martha G.	Yes
	Claude C.	No	13	John B.	Yes		Rafael Z.*	No
6	Barbara L.	No		Peter A.	Yes	29	Konstantin U.*	Yes
	Lloyd A.	Yes		Ron C.	Yes	32	Kiichiro I.*	No
	Richie S.	No	13A	Charmaine S.	Yes		Toshi K.*	No
6A	Bill W.	Yes	13B	Pete K.	Yes	33	Miriam T.*	Yes
6B	Paulette T.	No		Richard K.	Yes	36	Odie B.	Yes
	Rick B.*	No						
	William T.	No						

* Absentee Ballot

Approved 79 Against 35 Abstained 2
Passed

(1st Vote)

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

BOT Procedures

41. The Inland Empire of Southern California is asking to become its own area, separating from Area 1 and asking for 2 Trustees for this new Area.

Wendy B. - Area 1

Motion to accept above.

Passed

This new Area will now become Area 1B

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

Other Literature

42. Red Book, A New Beginning

Remove Chapter 7 - Pages 97-101, The Fellowship of Gam-Anon our Family and Friends

David M. - Area 12

Motion to table.

Passed

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

**43. Red Book, A New Beginning
Remove Chapter 8 - Pages 103-105, Professional Treatment, Research and
Education On Compulsive Gambling
David M. - Area 12**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 53 Against 51

Passed

(1st Vote)

A roll call vote was requested. Abstentions will be counted in order to properly record the vote. If a Trustee was absent or out of the room during the vote their name will not be listed.

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2B	Steve R.	No	8	Debbie M.	No		Mike R.	No
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2G	Sharon W.	No		Larry J.	Yes		Tom Z.	No
2H	Gary M.	Yes		Rich S.	No	16	George N.*	No
2J	Warren S.	Yes	8A	Karen E.	Yes	16A	Nancy K.	Yes
2K	Zachary L.	Yes		Ron A.	Yes	17	Paul S.	Yes
3	Bea A.	No	8C	Marcus G.	Yes		Ron W.	No
	Gloria H.*	No	8D	Jo K.	Yes	18	Ron M.*	No
	Harriet K.	No	9	Leni S.	Yes		Steve A.*	No
	Tom S.H.*	No	9A	Pat D.	Yes	18A	Trevor S.*	AB
3A	Charlotte M.	Yes	10	John H.*	Yes	19	Eduardo B.*	Yes
	John T.	No		Paulette M.	Yes		Pedro D.*	AB
	Pete U.	No	10A	Jim P.*	AB	20	Jose G.*	AB
3B	Ron G.	No		Norm B.	No	21	Jose R.*	No
	Bill S.	No	10B	Steve B.	Yes		Lluis G.*	No
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	Terry D.	Yes		Jodi P.	Yes	25	Carlo C.*	Yes
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	Claude C.	No		Ron C.	Yes	33	Miriam T.	No
6	Barbara L.	Yes	13A	Charmaine S.	No	36	Odie B.	Yes
	Lloyd A.	No	13B	Pete K.	Yes			

	Richie S.	Yes	Richard K.	Yes		
Approved	51	Against	55	Abstained	6	* Absentee Ballot
Failed						

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

**44. Red Book, A New Beginning
Remove Chapter 9 - Pages 107, Regional. National and International Services
Offices Of Gamblers Anonymous**

David M. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

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

**45. Group Handbook, back inside cover
Remove entire section on Gam-Anon**

David M. - Area 12

Motion to table.

Passed

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

Guidance Code

46. Guidance Code - Article VIII, Section 25

Add at the beginning: With the exception of items coming from a Board of Trustees committee

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

Proposed version: With the exception of items coming from a Board of Trustees committee, upon the defeat of a motion, any similar motion may not be brought up for a vote for a period of two (2) years.

David M. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Approved 63 Against 23

Passed

(1st Vote)

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

ISO Procedures

47. The ISO is permitted to offer GA approved digital media for sale in whatever physical form is appropriate for the technologies currently available.

David M. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to remove the word physical.

Passed

The motion will now read: The ISO is permitted to offer GA approved digital media for sale in whatever form is appropriate for the technologies currently available.

Passed

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

Other Literature

48. Information packet inside cover add to the list of suggested items for a new member packet. This item is approved gamanon and appropriate GA literature. This item will go after the proposed stop and think card which is up for a second vote.

See attachments 48A and 48B

Jimmy D. for John C. - Area 1A

Motion that Gam-Anon flyer to be approved as appropriate G.A. Literature.

Chair ruled the above motion out of order.

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

BOT Procedures

49. Remove the Trustee Poll from the Trustee website.

Bob W. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

Guidance Code

50. Guidance Code, Article IX, Section 4.

In order to have consistency between Section 4 of Article IX - Officers of the Board of Trustees and Section 9 of Article XVI - International Executive Secretary of I.S.O., change requirement by IES to send a copy of all minutes of the BOT meeting to all members of the BOT from within fourteen (14) working days to thirty (30) days after each meeting.

Current version: The International Executive Secretary shall be responsible to send a copy of all minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting to all members of the Board of Trustees within fourteen (14) working days after each meeting.

Proposed version: The International Executive Secretary shall be responsible to send a copy of all minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting to all members of the Board of Trustees within thirty (30) working days after each meeting.

Ed E. - Area 2

Motion to accept above.

Approved 98 Against 4

Passed

(1st Vote)

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

51. Guidance Code Article XVII, New Section 4.

If Trustee vacancies remain unfilled for a period of one year after notification of such vacancies to the IES at the ISO, the affected area(s) will automatically forfeit its Trustee allocation(s) that are vacant. At no time will the Trustee allocations for any area be less than one. Areas may always request additional Trustees after such an event has occurred, as provided in the Guidance Code.

Pete K. - Area 13B

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to change words one year to 1 year 6 months.

Failed

On the motion.

Approved 54 Against 52
Failed

(2/3 Vote Needed)

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

Guidance Code/By-Laws

52. Change various items in both the By-Laws and Guidance Code to convert the job of International Executive Secretary from an elected position by the Board of Trustee to a hired position of the Board of Regents.

See attachment 52

Bob W. - Area 1

Motion to accept above.

Amendment as written with "from Board of Trustees to Board of Regents".

The Chair did not accept the amendment. The Chair was then challenged. The vote on the challenge fails therefore the Chair is in order and the amendment out of order.

On the motion.

Approved 86 Against 11

Passed

(1st Vote)

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

BOT Procedures

53. Reduce the number of Area 1 Trustees from 5 to 3.

Ara H. - Area 1

Motion to accept above.

Passed

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

Guidance Code

54. Guidance Code, Article VII - Groups, Section 8

Add the following at the end of section 8: Any literature or material from any non-Gamblers Anonymous entity cannot be deemed GA approved or GA appropriate literature.

Current version: Gamblers Anonymous appropriate literature is limited to local area member telephone lists, meeting and direction lists, flyers regarding events sponsored by the local rooms(s), Intergroup(s), surrounding area(s) or conference committees. Other appropriate material must be designated as such by the Board of Trustees.

Proposed version: Gamblers Anonymous appropriate literature is limited to local area member telephone lists, meeting and direction lists, flyers regarding events sponsored by the local rooms(s), Intergroup(s), surrounding area(s) or conference committees. Other appropriate material must be designated as such by the Board of Trustees. Any literature or material from any non-Gamblers Anonymous entity cannot be deemed GA approved or GA appropriate literature.

David M. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Approved 57 Against 39

Failed

(2/3 Vote Needed)

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

Committee Related

55. Discussion Item: The Conference Oversight Committee is looking for guidance from the BOT as to whether or not conference bids should be confidential.

Dina P. - Area 6B

Discussion only.

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

Guidance Code

56. Guidance Code, Article XIX : Revise article as per attached.

See Attachment 56

Denis M. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Approved 84 Against 11

Passed

(1st Vote)

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

57. Guidance Code, Article VIII, Section 21

Drop the 2 consecutive meeting missing rule.

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

Proposed version: A quick response meeting will count for attendance at the Board of Trustees meeting. Absentee ballots from Board of Trustees members from all areas inside and outside of the U.S.A. and Canada will count as attendance at the Board of Trustees physical meetings

Gary G. - Area 6C

Motion to accept above.

Approved 18 Against 85

Failed

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

Other Literature

58. All future GA literature should not contain any mention of gam-a-non, family or friends.

Ron W. - Area 17

Item withdrawn.

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

59. Stop and Think card

Add the GA Hotline number to the bottom of the Stop and Think card

GA Hotline: 855 2 CALL GA

(855-222-5542)

Gary M. for Ed T. and Alex H. - Area 2H

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

Steps

60. Step 2 of the Unity Program

Add the following: "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving Higher Power as he may express Himself in our group conscience."

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

Proposed Version: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority, a loving Higher Power as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Marc L. - Area 1A

Discussion only.

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

Items Up For A Merit Vote

61. Approve 'Gambling Problem' advertisement to be used for flyers and billboards, and whatever other form deemed appropriate by the IES.

See attachment 61

David M. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to change IES to BOR.

Passed

Amendment to eliminate the app on the Gambling Problem flyer.

Failed

On the motion which will now read: Approve 'Gambling Problem' advertisement to be used for flyers and billboards, and whatever other form deemed appropriate by the BOR.

Passed A Merit Vote

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

Omitted Items

62. Items omitted from the agenda

There were no items omitted from the agenda.

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at approximately 12:00 P.M. on Friday, April 25, 2014. The collection for the four (4) sessions was \$540.00.

The next physical meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Sunday, October 19, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. in Tampa, Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen H.

Karen H.,
International Executive Secretary

AREA		SESSIONS	ROLL CALL		SESSIONS	AREA		SESSIONS
1	Anita R.	4	7	Helen Y.	4	15	Joe B.	Abst.*
	Ara H.	4		Kathy S.	4		Mary R.	4
	Carlos F.	4	7A	Bill A.	4		Mike R.	4
	David W.	4		Michael K.	4		Stanley C.	4
	Wendy B.	4	7C	Kent C.	4		Tom Z.	4
1A	Jimmy D.	4	8	Debbie M.	4	16	George N.	Abst.*
	Marc L.	4		Fred L.	Abst.*	16A	Nancy K.	4
2	Roger L.	4		Larry J.	4	17	Paul S.	4
	Susan W.	4		Rich S.	4		Ron W.	4
2A	Paul N.	4	8A	Karen E.	4	18	Andy D.	Abst.
2B	Steve R.	4		Ron A.	4		Gennaro S.	Abst.
2C	Debbie W.	Abst.	8B	Michelle J.	Abst.		Ron M.	4*
2E	Debra B.	4	8C	Marcus G.	3		Steve A.	4*
2G	Bob F.	Abst.	8D	Jo K.	4	18A	Trevor S.	4*
	Sharon W.	4	8E	Bill G.	Abst.	18B	Brian F.	Abst.
	Gary M.	4	9	Leni S.	4	19	Eduardo B.	4*
	Renee P.	4		Mike Y.		4	Pedro D.	
	4*							
2J	Warren S.	4	9A	Pat D.	4		Tony B.	Abst.
2K	Zachary L.	4	10	John H.	Abst.*	20	Jose G.	4*
3	Bea A.	4		Paulette M.	4	21	Jose R.	4*
	Gloria H.	Abst.*	10A	Jim P.	Abst.*		Lluis G.	4*
	Harriet K.	4		Norm B.	4	22	Dudley B.	4*
	Tom S.H.	Abst.*	10B	Chuck B.	Abst.	23A	Valdir M.	Abst.
3A	Charlotte M.	4		Steve B.	4	24	Frederik A.	Abst.
	John T.		4	11 Billy C.		4	25 Carlo C.	
	4*							
	Pete U.	4		Dave C.	4		Marco Z.	4
3B	Bill S.	4		Jodi P.	4		Ricardo B.	Abst.
	Ron G.	2	12	Bob W.		4	Ruggero M.	
	4*							
3C	Paula C.	4		David M.	4	26	Chris K.	Abst.
	Terry D.	4		Frank L.	4		Mr. Kwon	Abst.
3D	Sue F.	4		Fred D.	Abst.	27	Balazs M.	Abst.
	Vicki M.	4		Marshall R.	4	28	Ana E.	4*
3F	Dora H.	4		Vicki G.	Abst.*		Jackie Z.	4*
4	Petru C.	4	13	John B.	4		Javier G.	Abst.
	Tulio T.		4	Peter A.		4	Martha G.	
	4							
5	Herb B.	4		Ron C.	4		Rafael Z.	4*
5A	JR E.	Abst.	13A	Charmaine S.	4	29	Konstantin U.	Abst.

5B	Andre G.	4		Bob F.	Abst.		Darius L.	Abst.
	Claude C.	4	13B	Pete K.	4	32	Kiichiro I.	4*
6	Barbara L.	4		Richard K.	4		Toshi K.	4*
	Lloyd A.	4	14	Ira C.	4	33	Amparo R.	Abst.
	Richie S.	4		Maury C.	Abst.*		Miriam T.	4*
6A	Bill W.	4		Paul C.	4	34	Doraida E.	Abst.
	Sal F.	1		Steve T.	4		Jeysa V.	2
6B	Paulette T.	4	15	Antimina G.	Abst.		Jose L.	Abst.
	Rick B.	Abst.*		Bill B.	4	36	Odie B.	4
	William T.	3		Chuck R.	4			
6C	Joe B.	4		Eddie M.	4			
6D	John M.	4		Howard C.	4			
	Roger O.	Abst.*						

* Absentee Ballot Received

Chair BOT – Denis M. 4
 1st Co-Chair BOT – Andy R. 4
 2nd Co-Chair BOT – Herb B. 4
 Chair BOR – Benni F. 4
 I.E.S. – Karen H. 4