

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS TRUSTEES MEETING
APRIL 30 & MAY 1, 2017
CROWNE PLAZA PHILADELPHIA-CHERRY HILL HOTEL, CHERRY HILL, NEW JERSEY**

A) Welcome –Andy R. Chair, Board of Trustees

Andy R. called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. He went over a few housekeeping items prior to introducing all of the new Trustees who were asked to stand and introduce themselves. The head table was introduced and all Trustees were welcomed. Points of order and points of information were explained.

Twenty-seven absentee ballots were received as follows:

Area 1	Len K.	Area 15	Chuck R.	Area 19	Silvia G.
Area 2	Barbara S.	Area 18	Daphne C.	Area 20	Ana C.
Area 2A	Paul N.	Area 18	Rob L.	Area 21	Joaquin A.
Area 3F	Julian F.	Area 18	Russell K.	Area 21	Juan B.
Area 6D	Ian S.	Area 18	Steve A.	Area 22	Dudley B.
Area 8	Linda S.	Area 18A	Mark C.	Area 25	Maria T.
Area 8B	Linda J.	Area 18A	Yvonne R.	Area 28	Martha G.
Area 9A	Patricia D.	Area 18B	Brian F.	Area 31	Darius L.
Area 11	Ron L.	Area 18B	John H,	Area 35	Gualberto Z.

B) Remembrance of our departed members- Marc L.

After saying the Serenity Prayer Marc L. read a list of our G.A. members who have passed away since our last Board of Trustees meeting as follows:

Sal S., Area 16A	Aline L., Area 5B	Joe A., Area 6D
Cynthia M., Area 9	Walt M., Area 9	Denise P., Area 9
Herman S., Area 9	Frank B., Area 11	Arthur M., Area 11
Mel T., Area 7	Diane S., Area 7	Mike R., Area 17
Carol B., Area 17	Norm B., Area 17	Mark D., Area 8
Maria E., Area 8	George S., Area 8	Larry R., Area 2G
Andy D., Area 12	Joel C., Area 12	Sam B., Area 12
Cowboy- Bob E., Area 1	Al R., Area 6	Frankie B., Area 11
Art A., Area 2H	John N., Area 3	Jan A., Area 3
Patrice J, Area 3	Jay G., Area 3	Gary G., Area 3
Barb B., Area 3	Darnell B., Area 3	Traci J., Area 3
Anjelica O., Area 3	Alan W., Area 3	Cathy B., Area 3
George L., Area 3	Bob H., Area 3	Michael C., Area 4
Denise M., Area 8	Joe P., Area 14	Eddie B., Area 14

A moment of silence was observed in all of their memories.

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

Craig F., from Area 13B read the Reflection for the Day for April 30th and May 1st to begin the 1st sessions of the day.

D) Reading of the “12 Steps of Unity”

Guy G., from Area 1 read the 12 Steps of Unity on April 30th and May 1st to start the beginning sessions of each day.

E) Roll Call-Karen H. International Executive Secretary

Karen H. took roll and there are presently 109 votes to begin the first session; 82 physically present and 27 who submitted absentee ballots.

F) Approval of Minutes from Tampa

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held in San Diego, California 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 that have been received. She was happy to report a large increase of \$7,013.00 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.

Karen also read a letter she received from Bill B. in Florida to be read during her report that explained how a few members got together to exchange ideas to help support the International Service Office with their own individual contributions. So far they have collected **\$13,270.00** and are excited and encourage other areas to start the same fundraiser. If any member has any questions or suggestions and would like to speak to Bill B., please contact Karen H. and she will be glad to forward his information.

H) Report from the Board of Regents – John C., BOR Chair

John C. gave a report on the status of the International Service Office which included a Financial Report for the last nine months as follows:

Financial Report: July 1, 2016 thru March 31, 2017 versus prior year.

Selected Revenue items	7/1/2016 thru 3/31/2017	7/1/2015 thru 3/31/2016	Actual change from prior year
Group contributions	\$46,270.74	\$50,931.14	(\$4,660.40)
Lifeliners	\$68,154.16	\$62,299.05	\$5,855.11
One Time Donations	\$10,360.70	\$25,348.02	(\$14,987.32)
All other Contributions	\$66,601.54	\$69,200.38	(\$2,598.84)
Total Contributions & Donations	\$191,387.14	\$207,778.59	(\$16,391.45)
Total Literature sales	\$212,670.68	\$210,706.17	(\$1,963.91)
Total Conference/Tru	\$21,423.86	\$6,735.06	\$14,688.80
Total Other	\$2.64	\$616.17	(\$613.53)
Total Revenue	\$427,844.72	\$427,578.99	\$265.73
Expense Items			
Literature	\$63,092.01	\$78,574.81	\$15,492.37
Postage	\$36,000.00	\$31,500.00	(\$4,500.00)
Bulletins	\$7,948.31	\$41,119.14	\$33,170.83

Postage Bulletins	\$0.00	\$17,442.52	\$17,442.52
Other Literature Expense	\$7,080.17	\$7,089.74	\$9.57
Total Literature & Bulletin	\$114,120.49	\$175,726.21	\$61,605.72
Total Conference & Trustee	\$4,877.78	\$7,402.88	\$2,525.10
Total General & Admin. & Other Expense	\$290,160.86	\$284,676.57	(\$5,534.29)
Total Expenses	\$409,159.13	\$467,755.66	\$58,596.53
Net Cash Flow	\$18,499.64	(\$40,176.67)	\$58,862.26

Thru the first nine months of this fiscal year the I.S.O. has reduced expenses by \$58,596.53 compared to the same nine month period of the previous year. \$50,613.35 was saved by moving the Bulletin to a digital format, as the expense of printing and mailing was eliminated. The Board of Regents wishes to thank the Trustee website committee for hosting the Bulletin until we could relocate it. The Board also thanks Karen H. and Jason for putting in extra effort to add the Bulletin and a printable order form to the gamblersanonymous.org website.

I) Conference Reports – Conference Assistance Committee

It was noted that Fred L. has stepped down as Chair of this committee.

1) San Diego – Fall ‘16

Norm B. gave the report on the 2016 International Conference that was held October 7 – 9, 2016. This is still an open item until all documents have been received.

2) Cherry Hill – Spring ‘17 (Trustees Meeting Only)

Andy R. gave the above report. The total of room nights have been met. There will be a credit from the extra room nights towards the microphones and refreshments. Andy stated that everything is running smoothly and he is looking forward to a good Trustees meeting.

3) Inland Empire - Fall ‘17

Andre G. gave the report on the Fall 2017 International Conference to be held October 27 – 29, 2017 at the Double Tree by Hilton Ontario Airport in Ontario, California. He stated that all documents have been received and everything is inline. Anita R., Co-Chair of the Conference stated 133 registrations have been received and we have sold 301 room nights with 464 room nights left. She asked that all Trustees register during this Trustee Meeting. The committee is hard at work to put on a great Conference and they are looking forward to seeing everyone in October.

J) Committee Reports

Committees with Pete K. as Co-Chair Liaison

Board of Trustee Restructure Committee:
Committee Chair – Vacant

Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.

Mission Statement: To investigate the feasibility of restructuring the Board of Trustees and bi-annual meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Committee has been desolved.

Blue Book Committee:

Committee Chair – Arlene R. – Area 8A | Co-Chair – Jeanne B. – Area 8A

Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.

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 Spring 2017 BOT Report

Members: Arlene R. Chair Jill T. Jeannie B. Co-Chair Pam Z. Loretta D. Tom S. All Committee members are from Area 8A. The intention of the Committee is to present a new book which will serve as the “how-to” manual for Gamblers Anonymous. Completed: Introduction FAQ Recovery Steps 1-12 Unity Steps 1-12 New Chapter: “Relapse” New Chapter: “Suicide” Since the last BOT meeting, the Blue Book Revision Committee has continued to meet twice a month for two hours per meeting. At these meetings, the current chapter or topic has been posted and the Committee members have worked together to craft the document. About 30 stories have been submitted and circulated among the Committee members for editing suggestions; work will now begin on editing those stories by the Committee as a whole. Any submissions become the property of the Revision Committee and are subject to editing for grammar, length and content. The committee will contact those who have made submissions with any changes to their stories prior to inclusion in the final document. This project has been time-consuming and undertaken with the utmost respect for our GA Fellowship. Creating a new document that will serve as the “GA How-To Manual” started as a daunting task but, as the months have passed and the work has progressed, the Committee has found a voice and a rhythm in working together, even when there have been differing opinions. Reliance on the GA Unity Steps has been essential in framing our interactions. Committee members report that this has been both the hardest and most rewarding work they have done in the Fellowship. None of the Committee members will be in attendance at the Cherry Hill meeting. Any questions may be directed to the Blue Book Revision Committee via email: bluebookrevision@gmail.com Respectfully Submitted, Jeannie B. Blue Book Revision Committee Co-Chair

Ernie N. gave the above report which was submitted online.

Digital Media Committee:

Committee Chair – Jimmy D. – Area 1A | Co-Chair – Barbara S. – Area 6B

Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.

Mission Statement: The Digital Media Committee will record any/all approved GA printed literature using current technology. Additionally, the committee will explore proper process for the recorded files to be placed on the GA website under the ISO store link.

Digital Media Committee – Standing Committee: Digital Media Committee Report for 2017 Spring Conference Committee Chair – Jimmy D. – Area 1A | Co-Chair – Barb S. – Area 6B Co-Chair Liaison – Pete K. Current Members – Paulette T. Area 6B, Jim H. Area 8, Jim T. Area 2B Mission Statement - The Digital Media Committee will record any/all approved GA printed literature using current technology. Additionally the committee will explore proper process for the recorded files to be placed on the GA website under the ISO store link. Our committee has worked diligently to produce recordings that can be sold on the ISO website as downloadable literature. We have two agenda items; 1) Item number 1 requests approval

of already recorded CDs to be converted to MP3 and sold on the ISO website as downloads. 2) Item 2 request approval of a new recording of literature that we have recorded be sold on the ISO website as downloads. With approval of these two items, we will continue to move forward with additional literature to be made available in the same manner through the ISO website. Our committee is always open to accept additional members. We especially welcome members with experience in the recording process and implementation of these downloads on the website.

Paulette T. gave the above report which was submitted online. The committee is accepting new members.

Electronic Voting Committee

Committee Chair - Harold A. - Area 2

Committee Liaison Chair - Pete K.

Mission Statement: To explore various electronic/digital platforms allowing voting by use of a device. The system would encompass all forms of voting including attendance, roll calls, and amendment issues. Any system considered for presentation should provide benefits such as increasing accuracy and accountability while also being affordable.

Electronic/Digital Voting Committee Report for April 2017 Committee Members: Harold A – Chair – Area 2, Hamid K – Area 1A, Beth Z – Area 2, Barry H – Area 12, Ian S – Area 6D, Roger L – Area 2, Frank L – Area 12, Gagik G – Area 1 Work completed at this time, potential next meeting and moving forward: Very little has changed since the report made a little over two weeks ago. The Request For Quote/RFQ that was sent out has a deadline of 4/25 for submission however the two companies that were chosen (see links below) have indicated that they will have a submission by Friday, April 21. Because of this it has been suggested by Beth Z that we don't have a meeting until we are all in Cherry Hill, possibly on Saturday night but since Roger L and I don't arrive in Philadelphia until 7 pm we may still have to have a conference call early in the week of 4/24 or meet early on Sunday morning at the hotel. I will query the committee early next week and make a decision. The most important thing is that we are prepared to make a report/presentation that will be understandable and encourages the BOT to move the project to the next phase at the Ontario BOT meeting in the fall. Selected Vendors: <http://www.live-tally.com/> and <https://www.meridiaars.com/electronic-votingsystem> Respectfully submitted, Harold A. Area 2 Trustee Chair: Electronic/Digital Voting Committee

Harold A. gave the above report which was submitted online. The committee is open for new members.

Prison Committee – Canada – Standing Committee:

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

Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.

Mission Statement: To provide telephone, email, 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.

No report was submitted.

Public Relations Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Paul N. – Area 2A

Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.

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

No report was submitted.

Paul N. stepped down as Chair of this committee. Harold A. is the new Chair. Committee is open for new members.

Trustee Election Committee:

Committee Chair – Vacant

Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.

Mission Statement: To create a set of uniform procedures for Areas, Intergroups, and rooms to adopt and follow in their electing of International Trustees.

No report was submitted.

Andy R. urged all members to step up and join the committee. Tim M., Area 15 stepped up to Chair this committee.

Committees with Andre G. as Co-Chair Liaison

Intergroup Committee:

Committee Chair – Jo K. - Area 8D

Committee Liaison Chair – Andre G.

Mission Statement: To create and assemble a comprehensive guide for Intergroups.

Trustee Intergroup Handbook Guidelines Committee Report Cherry Hills Trustee Meeting 2017 This committee was established in 2013 and has had several chairs. As the new chairperson of this committee, in the last month, I have tried to contact all members of this committee by email and phone calls to find out who is still onboard with this committee. I have not heard back from all members of the committee at this time. My plan is to establish a conference call to all interested members some time before the end of June. Having been on the committee since it was established, I have all documents that the previous committee discussed. We will be reviewing all documents as we proceed in establishing guidelines for Intergroups. Respectfully submitted, Jo K Committee Chairperson

Jo K. gave the above report which was submitted online. As of today the committee has a total of 9 members.

International Relations Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Paulette T. – Area 6B

Co-Chair – Frank L. – Area 12

Committee Liaison Chair – Andre G.

Mission Statement: Assist the fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous with International matters and help create a worldwide united Gamblers Anonymous.

International Relations Committee – Standing Committee: International Relations Committee Report for 2017 Spring Conference Committee Chair – Paulette T. – Area 6B Committee Co-Chair – Frank L. – Area 12 Co-Chair Liaison – André G. Mission Statement: Assist the fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous with International matters and help create a worldwide united Gamblers Anonymous. Since our meeting in San Diego there has been much activity on this committee. We have two new members on our committee; both actively participating in helping others around the globe. We have begun relationships with areas that had no contact in the past. Requests for help have come from Bangladesh, Thailand, China, South Wales, Bali, UAE, Kenya, Greece, Pakistan, Ile Maurice, Barbados, Belgium, Panama, and

Faroe Islands; this is not an all-inclusive list. New meetings have been started in Barbados, The Philippines, and Panama. Five new groups have started in Mexico which hold 21 new meetings per week! Uruguay celebrated 25 years since their first meeting on April 14. They currently have 7 groups with approximately 150 members. Areas 18, 18A, and 18B – Australia, New Zealand - are working hard to help the entire Asia Pacific region and reaching out to New Guinea, Fiji and other Pacific Islands. Each year a National Conference with Gam-Anon participation is held in August. Last year's conference had attendees from South Korea GA as well as Gam-Anon members. There are three agenda items requesting Translation of current literature into another language: Item 51 requests to translate the combo book into Tagalog (national language of the Philippines). Item 52 requests that Area 31 translate "A New Beginning" into Lithuanian. Item 53 requests that Area 31 produce Welcome, 30 Days, 60 Days, 90 Days, 6 Months, 9 Months, G.A. Key Chains and G.A. Coins in Lithuanian. Our committee is open to new members who would like to participate in assisting with our world fellowship. We could especially use members who speak languages other than English. Google Translate works well, but cannot communicate "one on one" with someone asking for help with their Gambling problem.

Paulette T. gave the above report which was submitted online. The committee can always use more help. Any members who speak another language, please contact Paulette T.

Literature Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Chuck R. - Area 15

Committee Liaison Chair – Andre G.

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

Literature Committee Report for Cherry Hill 2017 The Literature Committee did a final check on the "Twelve Steps of Unity" and forwarded it to the ISO for formatting. The Literature Committee welcomes two new members, Beth Z. from Area 2 and Nan V. from Area 13A. Report submitted online.

Pressure Relief Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Vacant

Committee Liaison Chair – Andre G.

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.

Andy R. is asking for members who are willing to serve on committee. The following members volunteered; John R., Area 17; Beth Z., Area 2 and Cheryl R., Area 2E. John R. will Chair this committee.

Prison Committee, US – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Bea A. – Area 3 | Co-Chair - Hamid K. - Area 1A

Committee Liaison Chair – Andre G.

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. No report was submitted.

Spanish Literature Committee

Committee Chair - Julian F. - Area 3F

Committee Liaison Chair - Andre G.

Mission Statement: To unify the literature translation efforts with all the Spanish speaking areas in our G.A. fellowship that are authorized to translate and print G.A. approved literature such that all areas that use the same language will coordinate a revision of existing translated literature that meets all area requirements.

Spanish Literature Committee Activities Report BOT Meeting, Cherry Hill, N.J. 2017 Since the last trustee meeting, our committee has completed the GA Spanish Combo Book (large print), the Spanish GA Guidance Code, and "Suggestions for New Member Retention" pamphlet. Work is in progress on updating the "Red Book" (A new Beginning) to include stories from Compulsive Gamblers in the Spanish speaking Areas of our fellowship. The Spanish GA Combo Book (large print) is the only completed piece that has been printed and now sold through the I.S.O. online store. Our committee will present an agenda item for the 2017 International Fall Conference in Ontario, California to get BOT approval for the I.S.O. to print and sell the Spanish Guidance Code, and other GA approved literature translated with co-ordination from the Spanish Literature Committee. We will also ask permission to publish the Spanish Guidance Code on the Trustees Website in PDF format next to the existing English version currently available in PDF format at the Trustees Website. Our committee ran into some issues with the Spain R.S.O. in trying to gain their co-operation since we are currently using their already translated literature as a starting point to produce a Spanish version that is free of regionalisms as much as possible. The bottom line is that they do not approve of one of our committee members, who is also the Co-Chair of our committee. After careful investigation, it turned out that there appears to be a personal problem between some members of the Spain R.S.O. and Andres G. (a member and Co-Chair of our committee). After a telephone meeting with the BOT Chair (Andy R.) to discuss this issue, it was determined that Andres G. does not need approval from the Spain R.S.O. to serve as a member and Co-Chair of our committee. Doing work for our fellowship through a committee like ours is one thing and official representation of a GA area is another thing. Personal problems should not get in the way of service for our fellowship. I communicated my decision to the Spain R.S.O. through one of the 2 trustees of Area 21 (Juan B.) who is well supported by the Spain R.S.O. to let Andres G. remain a member and Co-Chair of our committee. As we move forward, I continue to communicate with the Spain R.S.O. to gain their co-operation. During my telephone conversation with Andy R, we discussed the idea of holding a video tele-conference with official representatives of all the largest Spanish Speaking Areas in our worldwide GA fellowship (all Spanish speaking Areas regardless of their size can participate) for educating them on the work and mission of our Spanish Literature Committee and listen to any of their ideas or concerns and encourage their support for our mission. Andy R. wants to participate in this video teleconference. I asked Andy to give me one month to organize this event. I think that it will go a long way in getting co-operation of many or all the Spanish speaking Areas around the world. My special thanks to Andy for making himself available and helping us to move forward in achieving our mission! Our Spanish Literature Committee welcomed a new member from our fellowship in Puerto Rico (Area 6B). His name is William T., and he is a trustee from Puerto Rico. We look forward to great teamwork with William as we work to make more high quality Spanish GA literature

accessible to all Spanish speaking areas in our fellowship. Mission Statement for our Spanish Literature Committee: “To unify the literature translation efforts with all the Spanish speaking areas in our G.A. fellowship that are authorized to translate and print G.A. approved literature such that all areas that use the same language will coordinate a revision of existing translated literature that meets all area requirements.” Respectfully Submitted, Julian F. Committee Chair

Paulette T. gave the report for Julian, which was submitted online.

Video Meeting Format

Committee Chair - David M. - Area 12

Committee Liaison Chair - Andre G.

Mission Statement: To utilize a visual format to provide more definition and basic structure that would help GA meetings adhere to the GC and Unity Steps regarding suggested meeting formats, including appropriate meeting behaviors and meeting procedures.

Video Meeting Format Committee Cherry Hill 2017 When this committee was formed, the expectations were to overcome the rampant lack of structure in many of the meetings in our Fellowship. More and more over the years, it has become evident that rooms are started by AA members with no experience in GA. Although a Group Handbook is sent to each room in the starter package from ISO, an alarmingly high number of rooms either don't read it for the necessary guidance or don't follow what is outlined in the booklet. Many rooms are run like AA rooms, which is a very different process than what we find in the Group Handbook. To fully understand this, Trustees may want to attend an AA Open Discussion meeting, as an observer. The committee has always been very clear about respecting Unity Step 4, nevertheless, a lot of basic components that are essential to a GA room, are missing from these rooms. The Video Meeting Format Committee, took on the challenge or attempting to enlighten all the GA rooms in this Fellowship, with a series of short videos, using non-GA members, to outline what was determined to be 'best practices' for running a meeting. However, we are working only working on the first video. Should our video be approved, we will look at possibly producing others. In the process of moving through a timeline of events that will help the committee complete this process, we have come up with what we feel is a very comprehensive set of opening announcements for the rooms. It is not structured as a mandatory document, but an a-la-carte listing of items that any room and use to assist in gaining the proper structure to avoid infighting with personalities. The items are arranged in 3 categories of importance: 1) - Items related to the Guidance Code and should be mandatory announcements 2) - Necessary items for a meeting format 3) - Items adding clarity to a room's format All items have a brief explanation as to why they are important. These items will be incorporating into the videos, but there is a possibility that this document could be utilized by the Group Handbook Committee. A video preamble has been agreed upon and would be used for the YouTube website that the committee expects to secure for other such videos from other approved sources of GA. The most difficult part of the process to get a video created, is not having a budget to get it done. There will be no request for funding for the compilation of this video, but it presents challenges that have slowed down our efforts to both produce a quality video and have non-GA actors to portray what would be GA members in a GA meeting. Efforts to complete this next step cannot be

put on a timeline for projected completion, but the committee remains focused on securing this next step. We welcome help from our BOT. David M. – Video Meeting Format Committee Chair

David M. gave the above report which was submitted online. Kathy S., Area 10B also spoke on the Video Meeting Format committee.

Committees with Andy R. as Co-Chair Liaison

BOR/BOT Revenue Review Committee:

Committee Chair – Vacant

Committee Liaison Chair – Andy R.

Mission Statement: Joint Committee of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents to review revenues and suggest methods to increase the revenue of the I.S.O.

No report was submitted.

Andy R. asked for new committee members. No one stepped up therefore the above committee was disbanded.

Conference Oversight and Assistance Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Fred L. – Area 8 | Co-Chair – Norm B. – Area 10A

Committee Liaison Chair – Andy R.

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.

No report was submitted.

Fred L. has stepped down from the committee. New Chair is pending – Andre G. will take over this committee as Chair on July 1, 2017.

Group Handbook Revision Committee:

Committee Chair – Ed E. - Area 1B | Co-Chair - David M. - Area 12

Committee Liaison Chair – Andy R.

Mission Statement: To undertake a comprehensive revision of the Group Handbook.

No report was submitted.

Andy R. stated that volunteers will be most welcome. Three members volunteered to join this committee; Mike M., Area 3D, Cheryl R., Area 2E and Bill B., Area 15,

Hotline Implementation Committee:

Committee Chair – Paul S. – Area 17 | Co-Chair – Chuck R. – Area 15

Committee Liaison Chair – Andy R.

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

April 2017 Hotline Committee Report Committee Members: Paul S. (Area 17), Brad B. (Area 14), Chuck R. (Area 15), Linda S. (Area 7C), Jim G. (Area 7C), Current Areas on the Ring

Central System: (currently 38) • Area 1 – Los Angeles • Area 1A – Orange County, California • Area 1B –Inland Empire (split from Area 1) • Area 2 – Northern California • Area 2B – Greater Sacramento • Area 2E – Manitoba • Area 2G – Oregon, Vancouver, Alaska • 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, New Orleans • Area 7C – Oklahoma City, OK • Area 8 – Chicago, IL • Area 8A – Minnesota • Area 8B – Kansas, Missouri • Area 8C – Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota • Area 8D – Missouri, Illinois • Area 9 – Michigan, Northwest Ohio • 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 – Rochester & Syracuse, New York • Area 16A – New York • Area 17 – Connecticut and Western Massachusetts Status IMPORTANT NOTE: Many people who call the 855-222-5542 number are looking for a meeting and they are reporting that they went to a meeting location and the building was locked. Our volunteers and the callers use the meeting listing on the ISO website. Please make sure your Area listing is up to date. The Committee is currently managing the system with 38 Areas on the system and answering questions and reaching out to those Areas that have not converted over to a Ring Central account. During this period, Vancouver set up an account and is now covering Area Codes 250, 604, and 778. I recently added Alaska Area Code 907 to the Vancouver account. Please Note: If your area is not on the national hotline and your current system sends all callers to a single number (volunteer or answering machine), the national system could forward calls from your area to your local number. Please contact the committee if you would like more information. The committee is still finishing the changeover to allow for alternate area code entry. Please inform the committee via the Trustee website if you have any new area codes added in your region. This feature allows someone with a New York cell phone in Florida to select a Florida area code instead of getting routed to the New York hotline. The committee performed a survey in the Fall of 2016. For the results see the two additional documents: Fall 2016 Survey Results and Fall 2016 Survey Detailed Answers. Our committee has lost several members and we could still use one or two members familiar with setting up the Ring Central account features to help areas that have questions. Current Monthly Call Volume 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. • Place two items on the Fall 2017 BOT meeting agenda: a. Discussion item on the ways areas track if a caller does go to a meeting and do areas return calls since they have the caller's phone number in the call log. b. Discussion item: having a paid position for administering the hotline. Since many areas only get 20-30 calls per month, we could combine many of these areas on one account. It would be best to have one administrator for these accounts. Does it make sense to have it as a paid part-time position? Committee still looking for people who are experienced with Ring Central set up to help with background work. 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

Jim G., committee member from Area 7C gave the report which was submitted online.

Telephone Conference Call Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Jeanne B. – Area 8A

Co-Chair – Steve T. – Area 14

Committee Liaison Chair – Andy R.

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 Spring 2017 BOT Meeting The single Telephone Conference Call Committee Meeting continues to convene on Wednesday evenings from 9:00-10:30 Eastern Time. The call is facilitated by members of the Committee. The phone number for the call is 712.770.4160 The call usually sees about 40-70 unique callers per week. After general announcements and reading from GA literature, a topic is introduced by the moderator. Meeting participants can share about the topic, the reading from "A Day at a Time" or anything that is concerning them, as long as it is related to gambling. All callers who call from an identifiable phone number are encouraged to share. The meeting is a comment meeting; those who give comments must have 90 days or more of clean time. Up to 3 people may comment per person sharing. There are usually about 15 attendees who share per meeting and typically 5 to 10 attendees offer comments. Those who have never attended any GA meeting are asked the 20 Questions and encouraged to share with the group. A newcomer is allowed 5 comments. This happens about midway through the meeting, in order for the newcomer to listen to members and to get a feel for the meeting and the GA program. If there are more than 2 newcomers, a second room is opened to ask the newcomers the 20 Questions and to give them the time and attention that is essential to anyone entering the program. Members with clean time are encouraged to move to this second room to share their own experience, strength and hope with the newcomers. The first quarter of 2017 showed a marked upswing in new members. January, in particular, showed an increase in newcomers, with 10 newcomers in the first week and 8 in another. Attendees are strongly encouraged to attend physical GA meetings. It is stated that the Telephone Conference Call meeting is not intended to be a substitute for physical meetings. Of the callers, about 50% of those attending are women. About a quarter of callers have less than 90 days of clean time. The locations of most callers cover the US and Canada, with occasional calls from other countries. More than half of the callers are considered "regular" attendees, many of whom have been attending the meeting for 2 years or more. Those who call from an unidentified or "anonymous" phone number are not permitted to share nor to offer comments. Recent changes in the conference call platform have made it easier to keep these anonymous callers out of the queue to speak. A new moderator, Mike O. from Minnesota, is in training to lead meetings and assist the current administrators. The Telephone Conference Call Committee is willing and eager to assist GA members who are interesting in starting and maintaining additional Conference Call Meetings. Many of those who call have asked about additional meetings; the need for more meetings on other mornings, afternoons or evenings is great. The nature of the online platform and the demands of running a meeting require that 5 GA members commit to running a meeting. Another Telephone Conference Call meeting would certainly serve many current and potential GA members who, for whatever reason, have difficulty in attending regular physical meetings or who could benefit from additional meetings to strengthen their recovery.

Submitted by the Telephone Conference Call Committee
David M. gave the report which was submitted online.

Trustee Removal Merit Panel – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Norm B. – Area 10A

Committee Liaison Chair – Andy R.

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.

Trustee Website Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – David M. – Area 12

Committee Liaison Chair – Andy R.

Mission Statement:

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.

Trustee Website Committee Report Cherry Hill Trustee Meeting – 2017 The on/off cycle of hosting the Life-Line Bulletin on Trustee website is now completed. The Bulletin is now permanently located on the ISO website. Immediately following the Cherry Trustee meeting, the appropriate links for the Bulletin will be removed. It is clear that the current website is in need of being switched over to WordPress, which is the platform of choice for much of the website content being created today. Such a change will incorporate a budget item that is undefinable. We know that there are numerous members in our Fellowship who utilize this platform in creation of new sites. The committee is open to speaking with such people to see if they would be willing to do volunteer work for building a new site. If anyone knows of such people, please advise the committee. Over the past 2 Trustee meetings, the Board was notified of numerous features that were not being utilized and were at risk of being removed. Usage data confirmed this and a number of those features were removed. Committee Information Area Events Flyers Trustee Poll Trustee Website Tutorial Local Area Questions & Answers Trustee Memorial Honor Roll International Area Links International Area Event Flyers Hopefully, the BOT members will be able to make suggestions for other features in Cherry Hill. Compliance in how the agenda items were sent in, improved dramatically during the agenda collection period for Cherry Hill. The committee is looking for 100% levels for Ontario. There was a serious problem that arose in December with the resurrection of an old feature and the actions of the Executive Board, which the committee felt was an overreach. The came to a head in January. The committee encourages everyone to re-read the monthly minutes from December and January, to gain a basic understanding of the issue at hand. 3 items, #30, #31 & #32 are on the Cherry Hill agenda to hopefully change the manner in which the Executive Board acts in such matters. David M. - Trustee Website Admin.

David M. gave the report which was submitted online.

Andy R. thanked David M. for the phenomenal job he does with the Trustees Website Administrator.

Tabled In San Diego

1. Committee Related

Agenda item #38 in San Diego

Approval of "Towards 90 Days" and "Beyond 90 Days" currently sold on the ISO website be sold as a downloadable MP3 file on the ISO website.

See attachment #1

Motion is pending.
Tabled in San Diego
Paulette T. - Area 6B
Passed

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

2. Committee Related

Agenda item #39 in San Diego

Approve the MP3 recording of the pamphlet "Suggestions for Coping with Urges to Gamble" literature to be sold as a downloadable file on the ISO website.

See attachment #2

Tabled in San Diego

Paulette T. - Area 6B

Motion to accept above.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

3. Combo book, p.11, What is the dream world of a compulsive gambler? part. 1

Agenda item #48 in San Diego

Current: This is another common characteristic of compulsive gamblers. A lot of time is spent creating images of the great and wonderful things they are going to do as soon as they make the big win. They often see themselves as quite philanthropic and charming people. They may dream of providing families and friends with new cars, mink coats and other luxuries. Compulsive gamblers picture themselves leading a pleasant, gracious life, made possible from the huge sums of money they will accrue from their "system". Servants, penthouses, nice clothes, charming friends, yachts and world tours are a few of the wonderful things that are just around the corner when a big win is finally made.

Proposed: This is another common characteristic of compulsive gamblers. A lot of time is spent dreaming of the great and wonderful things they are going to do as soon as they make the big win. They often see themselves as quite philanthropic and charming people who will provide family and friends with expensive cars, and other luxuries. Compulsive gamblers picture themselves leading extravagant lifestyles made possible by the huge sums of money they will accrue from their gambling. Large homes, designer clothes, and expensive vacations are a few of the wonderful things that are just around the corner after a big win is finally made.

Tabled in San Diego

Joel K. - Area 6

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

The above item was chaired by Andre G., 2nd Co-Chair.

4. Combo Book Page 17 # 6. last three words

Agenda item #50 in San Diego

Current: GET A SPONSOR,

Proposed: BOLD FACE GET A SPONSOR

Tabled in San Diego

Ronny W. - Area 17

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

5. Guidance Code; Article VII, Section 1.

Agenda item #69 in San Diego

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

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

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

Tabled in San Diego

John B. - Area 13

Motion to accept above.

Approved 37 Against 60

Failed

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

6. Guidance Code, Article VII - Groups, Section 1A.

Agenda item #63 in San Diego

Current: Meetings may be classified as special interest meetings; such as "Women Preferred," "Gay/Lesbian Preferred," "Men Preferred," etc. but no meeting can exclude other Gamblers Anonymous members who wish to attend who don't match the room preference.

Proposed: Meetings may be classified as special interest meetings; such as "Women Preferred," "Gay/Lesbian Preferred," "Men Preferred," etc. a meeting may exclude other Gamblers Anonymous members who wish to attend but don't match the room preference.

Tabled in San Diego

Jim G. for Robin B - Area 6

Motion to table.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

7. BOR Procedures

Agenda item #35 in San Diego

Request for the Board of Regents to have an operational audit of the Corporation of Gamblers Anonymous.

Motion is pending.

Tabled in San Diego

Andy R. - Area 13B

Passed

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

Rules and Procedures

8. Rules and Procedures, 7. Committees, Website Updated Reports. New Item Chair liaisons for all BOT committees, must make every effort by email, telephone or any such related means necessary, to gain commitments from BOT committee chairs each month, as to when they will have their monthly committee reports submitted to the Trustee website.

David M. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

9. Rules and Procedures, #18 Literature; new item

Add section: First votes on Combo Book changes will only be accepted on the Agenda during the Fall Trustee meeting of the odd years.

Pete K. - Area 13B

Motion to accept above.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Andre G., 2nd Co-Chair.

10. Rules and Procedures, Section 32 - Time, Discussion on Motion

Add: The presiding chair for any item, will remind the speakers when their appropriate time limit has been reached, as a reminder to wrap up their thoughts, as quickly as possible.

Current: The presenter of an item has an initial 5-minute time limit to speak on the item.

All others have a 2-minute time limit when speaking on any item.

Proposed: The presenter of an item has an initial 5-minute time limit to speak on the item.

All others have a 2-minute time limit when speaking on any item. The presiding chair for any item, will remind the speakers when their appropriate time limit has been reached, as a reminder to wrap up their thoughts, as quickly as possible.

David M. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Andre G., 2nd Co-Chair.

11. Rules and Procedures, 35 Trustee Website, Reference Material, new item.

A listing of all approved changes to literature that have not yet been added to the publications, will be maintained on the Trustee website.

David M. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Point of Order was called that the motion is out of order.

Motion was ruled out of order.

The above item was chaired by Andre G., 2nd Co-Chair.

Elections

12. Election of Board of Regents

Seventy-seven Ballots were turned in during the first session and Andy R. asked 3 past members of the Board of Trustees to count them. The results in alphabetical order are as follows:

Bernie G., Betty S., (New Orleans) Bob W., Calvin C., Herb B., (Montreal) John C., Peter A., (Philadelphia), Tom M., (Millbrae) and Wendy B. First on the replacement list from out of town is Bill B. (Florida) and first on the local replacement list is Kathie S.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

13. Election of Board of Trustees Chair

Five nominations for Chair were submitted and three members accepted; Andy R., David M. and Pete K. The election was held and after three votes by secret ballot (to obtain a count of 50% plus 1) Andy R., from New Jersey was elected to serve as Chair for a two-year term (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019).

The above item was chaired by Andre G., 2nd Co-Chair.

14. Election of Board of Trustees 1st Co-Chair

After the election of the Chair, nominations for 1st Co-Chair were submitted. Seven members were nominated and five members accepted; Mitch L., Jack R., Marc L., Richie S. and Pete K. After two votes by secret ballot (to obtain a count of 50% plus 1) Pete K., from New Jersey was elected 1st Co-Chair of the Board for a two-year term (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019).

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

15. Election of Board of Trustees 2nd Co-Chair

After the election of the 1st Co-Chair, nominations were submitted for the 2nd Co-Chair position. Six members were nominated and four members accepted; Richie S., Mary R., Mitch L. and Tim M. After two votes by secret ballot (to obtain a count of 50% plus 1) Mitch L. from New York was elected 2nd Co-Chair of the Board for a two-year term (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019).

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

2nd Vote Items

2nd Vote Items-Guidance Code

16. Guidance Code, Article VIII - Board of Trustees, Section 11

Add: Deletions of any literature must be done by the same procedure used to approve them, omitting any procedures through a merit vote.

Current: The Board of Trustees unequivocally will have the sole right to add to, delete or change any word of the Twelve Steps of RECOVERY, the Twelve Step UNITY PROGRAM and the Twenty Questions. All Gamblers Anonymous literature or books must be first approved by the Board of Trustees before being published. No changes can be made in any Gamblers Anonymous literature by the International Service Office (I.S.O.) without the approval of the Board of Trustees. Changes can only be made by the Board of Trustees at two (2) consecutive physical meetings of the Board of Trustees.

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

PROGRAM and the Twenty Questions. All Gamblers Anonymous literature or books must be first approved by the Board of Trustees before being published. No changes can be made in any Gamblers Anonymous literature by the International Service Office (I.S.O.) without the approval of the Board of Trustees. Changes can only be made by the Board of Trustees at two (2) consecutive physical meetings of the Board of Trustees. Deletions of any literature must be done by the same procedure used to approve them, omitting any procedures through a merit vote.

Passed 71-32, 68.9% margin

David M. - Area 12

Approved 88 Against 12

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Andre G., 2nd Co-Chair.

17. Guidance Code: Article IX, Section 7

Change \$7,500 to \$10,000

Current: The Chairman of the Board of Trustees and both Co-Chairmen have a \$7,500.00 per year expenditure total, approved by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and paid by the International Service Office (I.S.O.). The total combined annual expenditure cannot exceed \$7,500.00. The International Executive Secretary shall supply the Board of Trustees with a detailed accounting of said expenditures within sixty days of the close of the fiscal year.

Proposed: The Chairman of the Board of Trustees and both Co-Chairmen have a \$10,000.00 per year expenditure total, approved by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and paid by the International Service Office (I.S.O.). The total combined annual expenditure cannot exceed \$10,000.00. The International Executive Secretary shall supply the Board of Trustees with a detailed accounting of said expenditures within sixty days of the close of the fiscal year.

Passed 69-23, 75.0% margin

Andy R. - Area 13B

Approved 91 Against 10

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Andre G., 2nd Co-Chair.

2nd Vote Items-Combo Book

18. Combo Book, page 15, question 9

Replace: "your last dollar" with "all your money" ...

Current version. Did you often gamble until your last dollar was gone?

Proposed version. Did you often gamble until all your money was gone?

Ara H. - Area 1

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Andre G., 2nd Co-Chair.

19. Combo Book, Page 17, Number 7

Remove the words: We encourage every Gamblers Anonymous member to

Current: 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.

Proposed: Have a Pressure Relief Group Meeting! It offers guidance toward a normal way of thinking and living.

Fred D. - Area 12

Failed

The above item was chaired by Andre G., 2nd Co-Chair.

2nd Vote Items-Other Literature

**20. Add page numbers to the Gamblers Anonymous Working The Steps Pamphlet.
Hamid K. for Dwight B. - Area 1A**

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Andre G., 2nd Co-Chair.

2nd Vote Items - By-Laws

21. By-Laws - Article XVII - Section 2

Current: A reading of the previous meeting minutes.

Proposed: An approval of the previous meeting minutes.

Peter A. - Area 13

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Andre G., 2nd Co-Chair.

By-Laws

22. By-Laws, Section 11, Article III

Replace

Current 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.

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. Attendee shall supply the International Executive Secretary with a detailed accounting of reimbursable travel expenses within forty-five days of said expenses. Such expense reports will be part of the next Board of Regents meeting and accordingly, part of the minutes of those meetings. The amount of expense will require approval from the Board of Regents

Andy R. - Area 13B

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

The above item was chaired by Andre G., 2nd Co-Chair.

23. By-Laws, ARTICLE VII - DIRECTORS, POWERS, AND MEETINGS, Section 1

ADD: or other designated individual, as determined by the Board of Regents, in the first sentence, after The International Executive Secretary. Also DELETE the last sentence and REPLACE it with

Additional employees may be added as needed provided written approval is first obtained from the Board of Regents.

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

Secretary may employ an office secretary and any other needed office employee providing written approval first obtained from the Board of Regents.

Proposed: The International Executive Secretary or other designated individual, as determined by the Board of Regents, shall be responsible for the operation of the International Service Office (I.S.O.). He/She shall be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents who shall have complete charge, management and control of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) and property of this Corporation subject to the terms and conditions of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. Additional employees may be added as needed provided written approval is first obtained from the Board of Regents.

Peter A. for John C. - Area 1A

Motion to accept above as follows:

The International Executive Secretary or other designated individual, in coordination with the International Executive Secretary, as determined by the Board of Regents, shall be responsible for the operation of the International Service Office (I.S.O.). He/She shall be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents who shall have complete charge, management and control of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) and property of this Corporation subject to the terms and conditions of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. Additional employees may be added as needed provided written approval is first obtained from the Board of Regents.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

24. By-Laws, Article VII, Section 2

Add to end of section: In the event the Board of Regents and Board of Trustees come to different opinions on any such items, the decision of the Board of Trustees will prevail.

Current: The Board of Regents may seek advisory direction from the International Board of Trustees of Gamblers Anonymous. It is the intent of the powers entrusted to the Board of Regents of this corporation that they should not enact any changes in the Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws of this Corporation that is not compatible with the thinking and desires of the Board of Trustees of the Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous.

Proposed: The Board of Regents may seek advisory direction from the International Board of Trustees of Gamblers Anonymous. It is the intent of the powers entrusted to the Board of Regents of this corporation that they should not enact any changes in the Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws of this Corporation that is not compatible with the thinking and desires of the Board of Trustees of the Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous. In the event the Board of Regents and Board of Trustees come to different opinions on any such items, the decision of the Board of Trustees will prevail.

David M. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

25. By-Laws, ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, Section 6

ADD: "or other designated individual, as determined by the Board of Regents, in the first sentence, after "The International Executive Secretary".

Current: (F) The International Executive Secretary shall be charged with the general management of the affairs of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) subject to the control of the Board of Regents. He/She shall be the custodian of the records and funds of the corporation, and shall pay funds out only on the check of the corporation signed in the manner authorized by the Board of Regents, and shall have such responsibilities and duties as shall be prescribed by the Board of Regents or these By-Laws. The

responsibilities and duties prescribed by the Board of Regents but not by the By-Laws shall be subject to the ratification of each succeeding Board of Regents at its first meeting.

Proposed: (F) The International Executive Secretary or other designated individual, as determined by the Board of Regents, shall be charged with the general management of the affairs of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) subject to the control of the Board of Regents. He/She shall be the custodian of the records and funds of the corporation, and shall pay funds out only on the check of the corporation signed in the manner authorized by the Board of Regents, and shall have such responsibilities and duties as shall be prescribed by the Board of Regents or these By-Laws. The responsibilities and duties prescribed by the Board of Regents but not by the By-Laws shall be subject to the ratification of each succeeding Board of Regents at its first meeting.

Peter A. for John C. - Area 1A

Motion to accept above as follows:

The International Executive Secretary or other designated individual, in coordination with the International Executive Secretary, as determined by the Board of Regents, shall be charged with the general management of the affairs of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) subject to the control of the Board of Regents. He/She shall be the custodian of the records and funds of the corporation, and shall pay funds out only on the check of the corporation signed in the manner authorized by the Board of Regents, and shall have such responsibilities and duties as shall be prescribed by the Board of Regents or these By-Laws. The responsibilities and duties prescribed by the Board of Regents but not by the By-Laws shall be subject to the ratification of each succeeding Board of Regents at its first meeting.

Passed

1st Vote

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

ISO Procedures

26. Have GA I.S.O contract with a single travel agency to offer and provide travel arrangements for the Board of Trustees to all International Conferences in the hopes of getting more economical rates on all travel. Thus, hopefully making it easier on local Intergroups and individuals to attend international conferences and guarantee a quorum for voting purposes.

Mike M. for Andy C. - Area 13

Discussion only.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

27. Add online contribution module to the ISO website, when completed and approved by the BOR. Allocate a maximum of \$1,000 for Integration to the website.

David M. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

28. To create a new donation category called the Meeting Milestone Donation

Richie S. for Bob W. - Area 6

Motion to accept above.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

29. Remove from Approved literature the DAILY INVENTORY OF MY BEHAVIOR and

deem it appropriate literature.

Andy R. - Area 13B

Motion to accept above.

Chair ruled the motion out of order.

Motion to approve the copying of the Daily Inventory of My Behavior, as per Article VII, Section 5. of the Guidance Code.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

Guidance Code

**30. Guidance Code, Article IX officers of the Board of Trustees, new subsection 1A
Proposed : The Executive Board of the Board of Trustees as an entity does not have directory or controlling powers over any member, Trustee, committee or committee chair. The opinion or result of any assembly or vote by the executive board will be offered in an advisory or guidance capacity only without any controlling, directory or binding intent. In the event that this advice or guidance is rejected by the Committee, the executive board may decide to put the matter to the Board of Trustees by way of an agenda item at the next Trustee meeting or alternatively request the Chair of the B.O.T. to call a quick response meeting.**

Odie B. - Area 36

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

**31. Guidance Code, Article IX officers of the Board of Trustees, new subsection 1B
Current None**

Proposed: Neither the Executive Board nor any of its members have the authority, power or right to send a 'Cease and Desist' direction or order to a duly formed Committee of the Board of Trustees or its Chair.

Odie B. - Area 36

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

**32. Guidance Code, Article IX officers of the Board of Trustees, new subsection 1C
Current None**

Proposed: Neither the Executive Board nor its members have the authority, power or right to interfere with the workings of any duly formed committee of the Board of Trustees in between Trustee meetings.

Odie B. - Area 36

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

33. Guidance Code, Article X - Intergroup Guideline, Section 5, Functions of Intergroups, new #3, all others items that follow to be numbered accordingly.

Add new item:

3. The Intergroup must have a written document that can either be called a Guidance Code, By-Laws or some other related title, which will act as an outline of the objectives, responsibilities and goals of the Intergroup. This document may be updated, as per provisions listed within.

David M. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Approved 56 Against 48
Failed

2/3 Vote Needed

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

34. Guidance Code, Article XIII, new section 6, renumber the sections that follow. The Board of Regents may seek advisory direction from the International Board of Trustees of Gamblers Anonymous. It is the intent of the powers entrusted to the Board of Regents of this corporation that they should not enact any changes in the Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws of this Corporation that is not compatible with the thinking and desires of the Board of Trustees of the Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous. In the event the Board of Regents and Board of Trustees come to different opinions on any such items, the decision of the Board of Trustees will prevail.

David M. - Area 12

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

35. Guidance Code, Article XV - International Service Office (I.S.O.) Section 2

Add: or other designated individual, as determined by the Board of Regents after the International Executive Secretary in the first sentence.

Current version: The operation of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) shall be the responsibility of the International Executive Secretary, who will be under the guidance of the Board of Regents and Board of Trustees. However, all business affairs of this office shall be under direct supervision of the Board of Regents.

Proposed version: The operation of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) shall be the responsibility of the International Executive Secretary, or other designated individual, as determined by the Board of Regents, who will be under the guidance of the Board of Regents and Board of Trustees. However, all business affairs of this office shall be under direct supervision of the Board of Regents.

Peter A. for John C. - Area 1A

Motion to accept above as follows:

The operation of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) shall be the responsibility of the International Executive Secretary, or other designated individual, in coordination with the International Executive Secretary, as determined by the Board of Regents, who will be under the guidance of the Board of Regents and Board of Trustees. However, all business affairs of this office shall be under direct supervision of the Board of Regents.

Approved 63 Against 11

Passed

1st Vote

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

36. Guidance Code Article XVI - International Executive Secretary of I.S.O. Section 4

Add: ", or other designated individual, as determined by the Board of Regents," after "The International Executive Secretary" in the first sentence.

Current version: The International Executive Secretary will be solely responsible for collecting, banking and accounting of all funds of the International Service Office (I.S.O.).

Proposed version: The International Executive Secretary, or other designated individual, as determined by the Board of Regents, will be solely responsible for collecting, banking and accounting of all funds of the International Service Office (I.S.O.).

Peter A. for John C. - Area 1A

Motion to accept above as follows:

The International Executive Secretary, or other designated individual, in coordination with the International Executive Secretary, as determined by the Board of Regents, will be solely

responsible for collecting, banking and accounting of all funds of the International Service Office (I.S.O.).

Approved 56 Against 15
Passed

1st Vote

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

37. Guidance Code, Article XVI - International Executive Secretary of I.S.O. Section 8 Add: or other designated individual, as determined by the Board of Regents after The International Executive Secretary in the first sentence and ADD: or other designated individual, as determined by the Board of Regents after The International Executive Secretary in the second sentence.

Current 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.).

Proposed Version: The International Executive Secretary, or other designated individual, as determined by the Board of Regents, 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, or other designated individual, as determined by the Board of Regents, 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.).

Peter A. for John C. - Area 1A

Motion to accept above as follows:

The International Executive Secretary, or other designated individual, in coordination with the International Executive Secretary, as determined by the Board of Regents, 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, or other designated individual, in coordination with the International Executive Secretary, as determined by the Board of Regents, 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.)

Amendment to change third line from "mail" receipts to "provide" receipts.

Approved 45 Against 1
Passed

On the motion.

Approved 69 Against 4
Passed

1st Vote

The item will now read:

The International Executive Secretary, or other designated individual, in coordination with the International Executive Secretary, as determined by the Board of Regents, shall be responsible to provide 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, or other designated individual, in coordination with the International Executive Secretary, as determined by the Board of Regents, 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.)

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

38. Guidance Code Article XVI - International Executive Secretary of I.S.O. Section 3 ADD: or other designated individual, as determined by the Board of Regents after The International Executive Secretary in the first sentence.

Current version: The International Executive Secretary shall be solely responsible for the efficient operation of the International Service Office (I.S.O.). He or she will be under the guidance and the direct supervision of the Board of Regents.

Proposed version: The International Executive Secretary, or other designated individual, as determined by the Board of Regents, shall be solely responsible for the efficient operation of the International Service Office (I.S.O.). He or she will be under the guidance and the direct supervision of the Board of Regents.

Peter A. for John C. - Area 1A

Motion to accept above as follows:

The International Executive Secretary, or other designated individual, in coordination with the International Executive Secretary, as determined by the Board of Regents, shall be solely responsible for the efficient operation of the International Service Office (I.S.O.). He or she will be under the guidance and the direct supervision of the Board of Regents.

Approved 65 Against 0

Passed

1st Vote

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

39. Guidance Code, Article XVIII, Section 6.

Rescind Section

When a new Trustee 2-year term starts and there is a Trustee vacancy in any area that has been there since the beginning of the previous 2-year Trustee term it shall be removed from the current Confidential Trustee Listing. The area(s) involved will need to resubmit to the Board of Trustees for those Trustee vacancies when they can be filled.

David M. - Area 12

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

40. Guidance Code, Article XVIII, Section 6

Rewrite section

Current: When a new Trustee 2-year term starts and there is a Trustee vacancy in any area that has been there since the beginning of the previous 2 year Trustee term it shall be removed from the current Confidential Trustee Listing. The area(s) involved will need to resubmit to the Board of Trustees for those Trustee vacancies when they can be filled.

Proposed: When a new Trustee 2-year term starts and there is a Trustee vacancy in any Area that has been there since the beginning of the previous 2- year Trustee term, all such vacancy allocations will be removed. If an area wishes to reinstate previously removed Trustee allocations or to add to existing Trustee allocations, the area must request those changes to the Board of Trustees. If approved, the changes take place immediately

David M. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Approved 87 Against 3

Passed

1st Vote

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

Steps

41. Unity Step 11

Want to get rid of attraction rather than promotion and the word Internet

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 based on carrying the message of hope to the compulsive gambler who still suffers; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, television and all social media.

Ronny W. - Area 17

Motion to accept above.

Amendment to change "all social media" to "Internet".

Approved 41 Against 19

Passed

On the motion.

Approved 16 Against 56

Failed

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

Items Passing the Merit Vote

42. Approve yellow wristband de-embossed with the words...Page 17... for sale by the ISO, and all its affiliates.

Samples will be shown at BOT meeting

See attachment #42

Richie S. - Area 6

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

New Literature Up For Merit Vote

43. Merit Vote to Approve a 12 Step workbook entitled: Working the 12 Steps of Gamblers Anonymous

See attachment #43

Roger L. for Chris N. - Area 2

Motion to accept above as a Merit Vote.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

Other Literature

44. Stop and Think red card.

On the Front of the card in the white section it currently says Remember...

I wish to replace that with the following: 1-888-GA-HELPS

See attachment #44

Steve T. - Area 14

Motion to accept the following:

On the Front of the card in the white section it currently says Remember...replace that with the

following: 1-855-2-CALL-GA

Failed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

45. HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, Re: International Conferences, Page 1, Third paragraph

Change During the spring conferences provisions must be made for Gam-Anon to hold their meeting to An International Conference will be held in the spring of each year and provisions must be made for Gam-Anon to hold their meeting during the conference
Current version: 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 conference during or conflicting with any national or religious holidays. Who can bid and when will be covered under eligibility.

Proposed version: An International Conference will be held in the spring of each year and provisions must be made for Gam-Anon to hold their meeting during the conference. Close attention must be paid to holidays so as not to have the conference during or conflicting with any national or religious holidays. Who can bid and when will be covered under eligibility.

Chuck R. for John C. - Area

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

46. Hosting An International Conference, page 1, 4th paragraph.

Change last sentence to: The Executive Board will be responsible for selecting a site in the Chicago area no more than 15 miles away from Chicago O'Hare or Chicago Midway airports, to host just a Trustee meeting in lieu of the International Conference. If no available sites can be found in the prescribed areas, a mail meeting can be held to determine an alternate site.

Current: Any International Conference that does not receive bids at three (3) successive physical Trustee meetings will be canceled. The Executive Board will be responsible for selecting a site to host just a Trustee meeting in lieu of the International Conference.

Proposed: Any International Conference that does not receive bids at three (3) successive physical Trustee meetings will be canceled. The Executive Board will be responsible for selecting a site in the Chicago area no more than 15 miles away from Chicago O'Hare or Chicago Midway airports, to host just a Trustee meeting in lieu of the International Conference. If no available sites can be found in the prescribed areas, a mail meeting can be held to determine an alternate site.

David M. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

47. HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, Re: International Conferences, Page 1, First paragraph

Change twice a year to once a year

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.

Chuck R. for John C. - Area 1A

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

Conference Bids

48. The Spring 2018 Conference is open for bids

No bids were submitted for this conference in Phoenix and San Diego

Andy R. talked about the upcoming Conference for Spring of 2018. Since no bid was received at three Trustee meetings in a row (Phoenix – Spring 2016; San Diego - Fall 2016 and Cherry Hill – April/May 2017), a Trustee only meeting will be held. After sending out 250 requests for proposals to different hotels in different States, he reached out to Hotels in Cancun. Two hotels seemed the best option; one in St. Louis, Missouri and the other in Cancun, Mexico. After hearing all of the pertinent information on the two hotels, a vote by the Board of Trustees was taken and the Spring 2018 Trustee Meeting will be held April 29 & 30, 2018 at the Tucancun Hotel in Cancun, Mexico.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

49. The Fall 2018 Conference is open for bids

No bids were submitted for this conference in San Diego

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

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

50. The Spring 2019 Conference is open for bids

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

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

Request For Translation

51. The Gamblers Anonymous community in the Philippines respectfully asks to translate the combo book to Tagalog, which is the national language. The author, who is a dual citizen of the US and the Philippines, and who is a newly admitted member of the International Relations Committee, will oversee the translation by language experts.

Zeny K. - Area 3

Motion to accept above.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Andre G., 2nd Co-Chair.

52. GA community in Lithuania kindly asks the permission to translate "A New Beginning" Red book into Lithuanian language.

Darius L. - Area 31

Motion to accept above.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Andre G., 2nd Co-Chair.

53. GA community in Lithuania kindly asks the permission to produce Welcome, 30 Days, 60 Days, 90 Days, 6 Months, 9 Months G.A. Key Chains and G.A. Coins in Lithuania.

Darius L. - Area 31

Motion to accept above.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Andre G., 2nd Co-Chair.

Group Procedures

54. Discuss procedures for dealing with conflicts from members who are disruptive in local and intergroup meetings.

Sue S. - Area 2G

Discussion only.

The above item was chaired by Andre G., 2nd Co-Chair.

55. GA Treasury Guideline Example. New section at the end. Fundraising. Selling coupon books and gift cards available from companies who deal with non-profit organizations, are appropriate fundraising tools for groups and/or intergroups. All such sales can only be done with GA members.

David M. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Andre G., 2nd Co-Chair.

56. Some members have identified groups who are conducting their meetings in a manner inconsistent with our Guidance Code. The only mechanism the fellowship currently has in place to address this issue is for the trustee(s) for that particular area to "counsel" the secretary of that group on the importance of following the Guidance Code. Should that meeting continue to violate the Guidance Code, there are no other formal mechanisms available to the Board of Trustees to address this issue nor guide the ISO on how such a meeting should subsequently be handled administratively (delist meeting, issue a cease and desist letter, etc.)

Would the fellowship be better served if a standing committee similar to the Trustee Removal Merit Panel be formed not only to serve as a bridge between the meeting in question and the Board of Trustees but also to make recommendations to the Board of Trustees and its chairperson as to how this situation, albeit rare, should be handled?

Jack R. - Area 1A

Request for a committee was made.

A vote was taken and failed.

No committee will be formed.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

57. Group Handbook page 11

Add Gamblers Anonymous/Gam-Anon Combined Meeting.

Current Version: Open Meetings, Closed Meetings, and Modified Closed Meeting

Proposed Version: Open Meetings, Closed Meetings, Modified Closed Meetings and Combined Meetings.

Combined Meetings definition would be the same as Open Meetings but friends and families would be allowed to participate.

Mike M. for Lenny S. - Area 3D

Motion to add the following to the end of the first paragraph:

A Gamblers Anonymous – Gam-Anon combined meeting, unlike an open meeting but similar, where the Gamblers Anonymous group and the Gam-Anon group join for the purpose of increased understanding between Fellowships. There are two chairpersons – one from Gamblers Anonymous, one from Gam-Anon. Excerpts from Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-

Anon literature are read; first one, then the other. The meeting itself is held under the exact conditions as if they were being held separately. There are many variables as far as speakers are concerned. The presiding chairperson can alternate speakers, one for Gamblers Anonymous and one for Gam-Anon or two Gamblers Anonymous speakers in a row, and then two Gam-Anon speakers in a row, or if agreed upon in advance, one-half of the meeting for Gamblers Anonymous and the other half of the meeting for Gam-Anon. The main purpose of the meeting is the same as any other Gamblers Anonymous or Gam-Anon meeting, but by holding them together, the individual Gamblers Anonymous or Gam-Anon members have the opportunity to learn and understand more about the respective programs.
Motion was ruled out of order.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

58. The possible banning of a GA member in Area 2.

Harold A. - Area 2

Discussion only.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

Pressure Relief

59. PRGM protocol and guidelines.

Beth Z. - Area 2

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

60. Discontinuance of PRGM

Beth Z. - Area 2

Discussion only.

The above item was chaired by Andre G., 2nd Co-Chair.

61. When setting up a Pressure Relief Group Meeting, please add the option of meeting with an Attorney regarding the Quit Claim Process on a home.

Ronny W. for Michelle C. - Area 17

Motion to accept above.

Item was ruled out of order as it was incomplete.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

62. Gamblers Anonymous Pressure Relief Group Meeting Pamphlet and Financial Forms, cover page

Remove the words: and Financial Forms

Current version: Gamblers Anonymous Pressure Relief Group Meeting Pamphlet and Financial Forms

Proposed version: Gamblers Anonymous Pressure Relief Group Meeting Pamphlet

Fred D. for Irwin S. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

63. Pressure Relief Pamphlet, Page 6, after Holiday Gifts

Add a new Section to appear as follows (similar in format to what follows Auto Repair)

Life Events Wedding Religious Events Celebrations Education

Steve T. - Area 14

Motion to accept above.
Passed 1st Vote
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

**64. Pressure Relief Pamphlet, Page 4, after Family Entertainment.
Completely remove the line that says: Film/Developing
Steve T. - Area 14**

Motion to accept above.
Passed 1st Vote
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

**65. Pressure Relief Pamphlet, Page 5, after Parking.
Change to Taxis/Uber
Steve T. - Area 14**

Motion to accept above.
Amendment to change "Taxis/Uber" to "Taxis/Ride Share"
Passed
On the motion.
Passed 1st Vote
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

**66. Pressure Relief Pamphlet, Page 6, after Pet Care - Medical/Boarding.
Change to Postage/Shipping
Steve T. - Area 14**

Motion to accept above.
Passed 1st Vote
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

**67. Pressure Relief Pamphlet, Page 6, after Cigarettes
Change next 2 lines and expand to 3 different lines
Current: One line for Computer Supplies
Next line for Computer Service
Proposed: Computer Hardware
Computer Software/Apps
Computer Supplies/Repairs
Steve T. - Area 14**

Motion to accept above.
Passed 1st Vote
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

**68. Pressure Relief Pamphlet, Page 7, List of Creditors
Add a column at far right of the page titled Interest Rate
Steve T. - Area 14**

Motion to accept above.
Passed 1st Vote
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

**69. Pressure Relief Pamphlet
Create a new page 12 - To Do List
Steve T. - Area 14**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

Trustee Website

70. Remove the Trustee Line from the Trustee website and all items referring to the Trustee Line from the website or such documents like the Rules and Procedures.

David M. - Area 12

Discussion only.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

71. Trustee website guidelines, section B

Add as last sentence: "Guidance herein is not to be construed as either under the direct supervision or under the direct control of the Chairman of the BOT, as this would place strict liability on the chair for any negligence on the part of any Trustee website committee member, hence vicarious liability on the Fellowship at large, as members of the Trustee website committee are not per se or at all officers of the Corporation or fellowship by virtue alone of membership of the committee and therefore not afforded the same protection from liability for negligent acts as conferred on the Officers."

Current version: B. The Trustee Website will be under the control of a standing Trustee Website committee made up of either current or past Trustees, 2 of which must have website programming experience. The committee will maintain the content and administrate the Trustee website. It will also give reports at each Trustee meeting of new additions and modifications that the committee would like to have approved for deployment on the Trustee website. Any such changes may first be implemented on the Trustee website between Trustee meetings for the members to use, in order to help render a more informed decision by the B.O.T. at the next physical meeting, regarding an approval or denial of the new changes. During that period, the committee will be under the guidance of the Chair of the B.O.T. as to appropriateness of the new features that are pending B.O.T decisions.

Proposed version: B. The Trustee Website will be under the control of a standing Trustee Website committee made up of either current or past Trustees, 2 of which must have website programming experience. The committee will maintain the content and administrate the Trustee website. It will also give reports at each Trustee meeting of new additions and modifications that the committee would like to have approved for deployment on the Trustee website. Any such changes may first be implemented on the Trustee website between Trustee meetings for the members to use, in order to help render a more informed decision by the B.O.T. at the next physical meeting, regarding an approval or denial of the new changes. During that period, the committee will be under the guidance of the Chair of the B.O.T. as to appropriateness of the new features that are pending B.O.T decisions. " Guidance herein is not to be construed as either under the direct supervision or under the direct control of the Chairman of the BOT, as this would place strict liability on the chair for any negligence on the part of any Trustee website committee member, hence vicarious liability on the Fellowship at large, as members of the Trustee website committee are not per se or at all officers of the Corporation or fellowship by virtue alone of membership of the committee and therefore not afforded the same protection from liability for negligent acts as conferred on the Officers "

Odie B. - Area 36

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

72. Trustee Website Guidelines, section B.

4th sentence: add "with approval by the majority of the executive board as to appropriateness"

Delete last sentence and replace with "To remain on the Trustee Website, these changes must be submitted as an agenda item for final approval."

Current version: B. The Trustee Website will be under the control of a standing Trustee Website committee made up of either current or past Trustees, 2 of which must have website programming experience. The committee will maintain the content and administrate the Trustee website. It will also give reports at each Trustee meeting of new additions and modifications that the committee would like to have approved for deployment on the Trustee website. Any such changes may first be implemented on the Trustee website between Trustee meetings for the members to use, in order to help render a more informed decision by the B.O.T. at the next physical meeting, regarding an approval or denial of the new changes. During that period, the committee will be under the guidance of the Chair of the B.O.T. as to appropriateness of the new features that are pending B.O.T decisions.

Proposed version: B. The Trustee Website will be under the control of a standing Trustee Website committee made up of either current or past Trustees, 2 of which must have website programming experience. The committee will maintain the content and administrate the Trustee website. It will also give reports at each Trustee meeting of new additions and modifications that the committee would like to have approved for deployment on the Trustee website. Any such changes may first be implemented on the Trustee website with approval by the majority of the executive board as to appropriateness, between Trustee meetings for the members to use, in order to help render a more informed decision by the B.O.T. at the next physical meeting, regarding an approval or denial of the new changes. To remain on the Trustee Website, these changes must be submitted as an agenda item for final approval.

Pete K. - Area 13B

Motion to accept above.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Andre G., 2nd Co-Chair.

Combo Book

73. Combo Book, Page 13, 8 sentences from the bottom of the page.

Want to get rid of small bet

Current: After abstaining a few months some of our members have tried some small bet experimentation, always with disastrous results.

Proposed New: After abstaining a few months some of our members have tried some betting experimentation, always with disastrous results.

Ronny W. - Area 17

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Andre G., 2nd Co-Chair.

74. Combo Book, Page 13. Last Paragraph

Want to get rid of risking, replace with assuring.

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 seems to point to these alternatives: To gamble, assuring progressive deterioration or not to gamble and develop a better way of life

Ronny W. - Area 17

Motion to accept above as follows:

Our Gamblers Anonymous experience points to these alternatives: To gamble, assuring progressive deterioration or not to gamble and develop a better way of life

Failed

The above item was chaired by Andre G., 2nd Co-Chair.

75. Combo book, page 14, section "Does this mean I can't even participate in a little penny ante game or a world series pool?", sentence 2.

Suggestion: to supplement the sentence with "computer or mobile gaming, which causes ardor"

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

Proposed version: "This includes Internet gambling, computer or mobile gaming, which causes ardor, the stock market, commodities, options, buying or playing lottery ticket, raffle tickets, flipping a coin or entering the office sport pool."

Darius L. for Martynas D. - Area 31

No discussion.

The above item was chaired by Andre G., 2nd Co-Chair.

76. Combo Book, Page 16, Item #17

Change and replace with new version

Current version: Did gambling cause you to have difficulty in sleeping?

New version: Did you ever lie about your gambling or your money?

Barry H. for John B. - Area 12

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Andre G., 2nd Co-Chair.

77. Combo Book, Page 17, #3

Add after first sentence, Don't manage your own finances.

Current: Don't test or tempt yourself. Don't associate with acquaintances who gamble.

Don't go in or near gambling establishments. DON'T GAMBLE FOR ANYTHING.

Proposed: Don't test or tempt yourself. Don't manage your own finances. Don't associate with acquaintances who gamble. Don't go in or near gambling establishments. DON'T GAMBLE FOR ANYTHING.

Tom R. - Area 5

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Andre G., 2nd Co-Chair.

78. Combo Book Page 17 #6

Re-write because to work & working are redundant. In addition, Change 12 steps of recovery to 12 STEP RECOVERY PROGRAM.

Current: 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 STEP RECOVERY PROGRAM.

Ronny W. - Area 17

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

79. Combo Book, Page 17, #7,

Bold Face and Capitalize PRESSURE RELIEF GROUP MEETING (TWICE)

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

Proposed New: 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 PRESSURE RELIEF GROUP MEETING may help alleviate legal, financial, employment and personal pressures. Adherence to it will aid in your recovery.

Ronny W. - Area 17

Motion to table.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

80. Change Combo Book, Page 17, Paragraphs 7 and 8

Embolden the word "will".

Current version: Paragraph 7. Last sentence "Adherence to it will aid in your recovery".

New version: Paragraph 7. Last sentence "Adherence to it will (emboldened) will aid in your recovery".

Previous version: Paragraph 8. "The days and weeks will pass soon enough, and as you regularly attend meetings, abstain from gambling and follow the guidelines on this page, you will experience continued recovery."

New version: Paragraph 8. "The days and weeks will pass soon enough, and as you regularly attend meetings, abstain from gambling and follow the guidelines on this page, you will (emboldened) experience continued recovery."

Jack R. - Area 1A

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

Request For Committee

81. Form a committee to reintroduce the Abuse and Harassment Pamphlet that was removed as GA approved literature, with changes that are necessary for approval

David M. - Area 12

Motion to form a committee.

Passed

A committee was formed with the following members: David M., Area 12, Chair; Pete K., Area 13B; Kathy S., Area 10B; Beth Z., Area 2; Jo K., Area 8D; Mary H., Area 2H.; Dom S., Area 13B; Nan V., Area 13A; Norm B., Area 10A and Len K., Area 1.

Items Omitted From the Agenda

82. Items Omitted From Agenda

Andy R. - Area 13B

No items were omitted from the Agenda.

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, May 1, 2017. The collection for the five (5) sessions was \$735.00.

The next physical meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. in Ontario, California.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen H.

Karen H.,
International Executive Secretary

ROLL CALL

AREA		SESSIONS
1	Gagik G.	5
	Guy H.	5
	Len K.	2
1A	Hamid K.	5
	Jack R.	5
1B	Anita R.	5
	Joe C.	5
2	Barbara S.	Abst.*
	Beth Z.	5
	Harold A.	5
	Roger L.	5
2A	Paul N.	Abst.*
2B	Charlene L.	5
	Steve L.	5
2C	Debbie W.	Abst.
2E	Cheryl R.	5
2G	Bob F.	5
	Suzanne S.	5
2H	Jim F.	Abst.
	Mary H.	5
2K	Allan G.	5
3	Andrew B.	5
	Kirk L.	5
	Mark S.	5
	Zeny K.	5
3A	Butch G.	5
	Carson J.	5
	Jane L.	5

AREA		SESSIONS
9	Cesare G.	5
	Paul K.	5
9A	Pat D.	Abst.*
10	Joe N.	5
10A	Jim P.	Absent
	Norm B.	5
	Tom L.	Absent
10B	Kathy S.	5
	Steve B.	5
11	Daniel O.	3
	Joe L.	5
	Ron L.	Abst.*
12	Arunan S.	5
	Barry H.	5
	David M.	5
	Frank L.	5
	Fred D.	5
13	John B.	5
	Mike M.	5
	Phil S.	5
13A	Nan V.	5
	Tom N.	5
13B	Craig F.	5
	Dominic S.	5
14	Ira C.	5
	Maury C.	5
	Steve T.	5
	Tom K.	5

3B	Padmani S.	3	15	Bill B.	5
3C	Terry D.	Abst.		Chuck R.	Abst.*
3D	Jim M.	5		Josephine F.	5
	Mike M.	5		Mary R.	5.
3F	Julian F.	Abst.*		Mitch L.	5
4	John H.	5		Tim M.	5
	Petru C.	5	16	Frank K.	5
5	Tom R.	5		Robin S.	Abst.
5B	Claude C.	5	16A	Nancy K.	5
	Veronik L.	5	17	John R.	5
6	Joel K.	5		Ron W.	5*
	Richie S.	5	18	Daphne C.	5*.
	Steve C.	5		Rob L.	5*.
6A	Bill W.	Abst.		Russell K.	5*
	Mike R.	5		Steve A.	5*
6B	Barbara S.	5	18A	Mark C.	5*.
	Steve P.	5		Yvonne R.	5*
	William T.	Abst.	18B	Brian F.	5*.
6D	Ian S.	Abst.*		John H.	5*
7	Jim M.	5	19	Silvia G.	5*
	Ray M.	5	20	Ana C.	5*
7A	Alex B.	5	21	Joaquin C.	5*
	Chuck S.	5		Juan B.	5*
8	David M.	5	22	Dudley B.	5*
	Debbie M.	5	25	Maria T.	5*
	Linda S.	Abst.*	26	Jaekyu C.	Abst.
	Pam E.	5		Tony L.	Abst.
8A	Arlene R.	Absent	28	Martha G.	5*
	Ernie N.	5	31	Darius L.	5*
8B	Brian J.	5	34	Jeysa V.	Abst.
	Linda J.	Absent*		Nancyl V.	Abst.
8C	Diane Z.	5	35	Gualberto Z.	5*
8D	Jo K.	5	36	Odie B.	Abst.
	Mike W.	5			

*Absentee Ballot Received

Chair BOT – Andy R.	5
1 st Co-Chair BOT – Pete K.	5
2 nd Co-Chair BOT – Andre G.	5
Chair BOR – John C.	5
I.E.S. – Karen H.	5