

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS TRUSTEES MEETING  
OCTOBER 26 & 27, 2017  
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON ONTARIO AIRPORT, ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA**

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

The meeting was called to order by Andy R. at 10:03 A.M. on October 26, 2017. The Conference Committee was thanked for a job well done. The head table was introduced. The rules and procedures for the meeting were given including information for motions sheets, points of order and points of information. An explanation was given regarding the Trustee Website Committee and Andy introduced Jane L., Trustee Website Chair and Mike R., Trustee Website Administrator along with all website committee members.

Andy gave a “state of the union” and explained some of the things that have been happening with the Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents since the Board of Trustees last met in the spring. All new Trustees were welcomed and asked to introduce themselves.

Twenty-seven absentee ballots were received as follows:

Area 2	Beth Z.	Area 12	Fred D.	Area 18A	Yvonne R.
Area 5B	Veronik L.	Area 12	Barry H.	Area 18A	Mark C.
Area 6A	Bil W.	Area 12	Arunan S.	Area 18B	Brian F.
Area 8	Pamela E.	Area 13	John B.	Area 18B	John H.
Area 8	David M.	Area 18	Steve A.	Area 20	Ana C.
Area 10	Joe N.	Area 18	Daphne C.	Area 25	Maria T.
Area 12	Frank L.	Area 18	Russell K..	Area 36	Odie B.

**B) Remembrance of our departed members – Marc L.**

Rick B., from Area 6B read a list of members who have passed away since the last Board of Trustees meeting held in Cherry Hill as follows:

Levy T., Area 6A	Mal A., Area 17	Irwin S., Area 12
Sebastian S., Area 21	Frank S., Area 17	Marty E., Area 15 & Area 6B
Savior, Area 21	Dean F., Area 11	Joel K., Area 6 & Area 14
Juan R., Area 21	Bobby M., Area 12	Pat L., Area 6
Luis, Area 21	Jerry M., Area 7	Tibor B., Area 4
Dalmacio, Area 21	Marty L., Area 11	Gary H., Area 3
Marcelino, Area 21	Jim T., Area 11	Mike S., Area 3C
John H., Area 21	Ed Q., Area 11	Ray S., Area 12
Luis S., Area 21	Lyn H., Area 3A	George W., Area 16
Miguel Angel, Area 21	Fred O., Area 10B	Bobby S., Area 12
Bob R., Area 9	Ralph O., Area 6A	

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

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

Guy H., Trustee from Area 1 read the Reflection for the Day for October 26th and October 27th to begin the beginning sessions of each day.

**D) Reading of the “12 Steps of Unity”**

Debbie M., Trustee from Area 8 read the 12 Steps of Unity on October 26th and October 27th to start the beginning sessions of each day.

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

Karen H. took roll and there are presently 103 votes to begin the first session; 82 physically present and 21 who submitted absentee ballots. 10 of the absentee ballots are from outside the U.S. and Canada.

**F) Approval of Minutes from Cherry Hill**

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held in Cherry Hill, New Jersey were approved as submitted.

**G) ISO / Lifeline – Karen H.**

Karen H. gave the report on Lifeliners handing out a chart showing 37 states and 3 countries along with the number of members (384) who contributed over the past year. The total for this year is \$89,339.99, which is over a \$5,000.00 increase from last year’s total of \$84,173.98 but a decrease over the number of members who have contributed (441). An explanation of what a Lifeline is and how beneficial it can be was given. Discussion was held, questions were answered and everyone was thanked for their continued support.

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

Bernie G., Vice-Chair of the Board of Regents who is representing the Board of Regents at this meeting gave the above report with the following highlights:

- Budgeted Operating Expenses Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017: \$590,315.00
- Actual Operating Expenses Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017: \$546,306.26
- Under Budget: (\$44,008.74)
- Operating Income Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017: \$574,474.40
- Operating Expenses Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017: \$546,306.26
- Profit: \$ 28,168.14

Budget Fiscal year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

- Income: \$584,683.00
- Expenses: \$584,445.00
- Net surplus: \$ 238.00

Status of Bank Accounts and Cash On Hand

- July 1, 2016 - \$310,837.29
- June 30, 2017 - \$ 340,279.82  
Net Increase - \$ 29,442.53

The Lifeline Bulletin was only available by subscription, or on the gamblersanonymous.org website, for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2017. This reduced expenses by \$58,966.74, including printing and postage.

With a termination of a permanent employee during the last quarter of the fiscal year there were additional reductions in payroll and health care expenses. We utilized a temporary employee during this time.

We have hired a part time employee for the first quarter of this fiscal year.

Tom M. also spoke on behalf of the Board of Regents. Questions were asked and answered. The Compliance Audit was discussed and an explanation of the Registry of Charitable Trusts was given.

***1) Conference Reports – Conference Assistance Committee***

***1) San Diego – Fall '16***

Andre G. gave the report on the 2016 International Conference that was held October 7 – 9, 2016. All of the required documents have been received and all requirements have been met. The hotel bill has been paid in full. A resume of Revenue and Expenses has also been received as follows:

**SAN DIEGO FALL 2017 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**Resume of Revenues and Expenses**

	<b>REVENUES</b>
<b>Total Deposits</b>	54,394.85 \$
	<b>EXPENSES</b>
Hotel	27,196.71 \$
Conference insurance	375.00 \$
Decorations	800.00 \$
Entertainment	1,490.00 \$
Goody bags	1,451.05 \$
Hospitality room	3,065.11 \$
Hotel audio-visual	1,570.38 \$
Conference booklet	637.20 \$
Printing/signs/banners	180.33 \$
T-shirts, hats, sweatshirts	1,805.22 \$
Bank charges	496.60 \$
Refunds	1,440.00 \$
ISO seed reimbursed	1,000.00 \$
Literature sold & paid	1,720.00 \$
Miscellaneous	65.62 \$
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>43,293.22 \$</b>
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>11,101.63 \$</b>
Paid to GA ISO	(8,881.30) \$
Paid to Gam-Anon ISO	(2,220.33) \$
<b>Balance</b>	<b>0.00 \$</b>

***2) Cherry Hill – Spring '17 (Trustee Meeting Only)***

Andy R. gave the above report on the Trustees Meeting that was held April 30 and May 1, 2017 stating that after refunds, the proceeds to I.S.O. were \$2,910 .00. Additional money will be coming from the Hotel.

### **3) Inland Empire – Fall ‘17**

Andre G. gave the above report. All documents have been received in a timely manner including all check statements and financial reports. Wendy B. welcomed everyone and stated that as of Tuesday, 491 people have registered and we are expecting close to 600. She gave a synopsis of the events for the Conference including the workshops that have been planned. The entire Committee is ready for a great weekend.

### **4) Cancun – Spring '18 (Trustee Meeting Only)**

Andy R. gave the report for the Cancun Trustees meeting to be held April 29 – 30, 2018 at the Occidental Tucancun in Cancun, Mexico. Registration flyers are out and all Trustees are urged to register during this Conference. Also the rooms have been obtained on a limited space and are only guaranteed until January 31, 2018, so please contact the hotel and register with them also.

## **J) Committee Reports**

### **Committees with Pete K. as Co-Chair Liaison**

#### **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 Committee Report – October 10, 2017 Blue Book Revision Committee Members: Arlene R./Chair, Jeannie B./Co-Chair, Tom S., Loretta D., Pam Z., Lea W., and Jill T. All Committee members are from Area 8A. The Blue Book Committee met three times in September and twice already in October with another meeting scheduled for October 15th . Our meetings last at least two hours each. We are still processing submitted stories and the history section. We recently put out a call for more international stories. We have received two more and will be going over them at our next meeting. Our focus continues to be consistency of capitalization of text, gender neutrality, and consistency in header and paragraph layouts. Content concerns in the stories will be addressed at a later date. The Committee is careful to use words and terms of inclusion. Due to the scrutiny and care taken by the committee, and the length of pages, the Committee usually completes editing of about 5-6 pages each session. The Committee is careful to use words and terms of inclusion. As stated in the March 2016 Blue Book Committee Report: “Submissions become the property of the Revision Committee and are subject to editing for grammar, length and content.” As we process the stories we are diligently looking for grammar, length and content. Any changes to the stories submitted will be made available to the author. The committee will contact those who have made submissions with any changes to their stories prior to inclusion in the final document. It is the Blue Book Committee’s hope that we will be ready to submit a completed document by the Fall 2018 Board of Trustees meeting. Respectfully submitted, Arlene R./Blue Book Committee Chair**

Arlene R. 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**

Our committee is still waiting for the recordings approved in Cherry Hill to be put onto the ISO website for sale. The Board of Regents discussed it at June meeting, but has not addressed it since then. The only digital items being addressed are those that were created by the BOR without involving the Digital Media Committee. With that said, the committee will not be going forward with any additional recordings until the three that were approved by the BOT have been added to the ISO website store and available for download. We are now unable to listen to the Board of Regents meetings to hear additional progress on these recordings and no minutes have been posted to the website since the July meeting. Once we have been notified by the BOR that they have been put on the website, we will continue as a committee. If nothing is implemented or discussed by the BOR before the Cancun Trustee Meeting, although the committee is a standing committee, we will request that the committee be disbanded as we seem to have no purpose. Paulette T. – Committee Member

Paulette T. read the above report which was submitted online.

### **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 October 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: We are still planning on having a demonstration of the Live-Tally system despite the fact Barry H. is unable to attend the Ontario meeting due to his health, and quite honestly he is the expert. The training kit arrived and we did have a training session on the phone by Barry with Beth Z. assisting me with the software installation, etc., however she will not be in Ontario to assist me. At this time I've self evacuated due to the fires in my county but once I return home I'm hoping we can have at least one more session prior to my leaving for Ontario. The goal is to make the demonstration short and easily understandable in showing the BOT how we would initially use the system as a calculating device and then phase in other aspects of the system.

**Respectfully submitted, Harold A. Area 2 Trustee Chair: Electronic/Digital Voting Committee**

Harold A. gave the above report which was submitted online.

### **Public Relations Committee – Standing Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Harold A. – 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).

**Public Relations Committee Report for October 2017 Committee Members:** Harold A. – Chair, Padmini S., Pam B., Paul N., Steve W., Tom R. Work completed, potential next meeting and

moving forward: Nothing has changed since the report submitted at the end of September except that with the fires in my area we had to cancel the conference call we were going to have on Tuesday as I've self evacuated due to the smoke and bad air quality. At this time my town of Petaluma is safe but things are changing all the time. We still will be making some recommendations on two items, the national flyer that has a man pictured with his hand holding the bridge of his nose and the letter that we send to Clergy, Judges, Parole Officers, Doctors, Therapists, Social Workers, Attorneys, Legislators, etc Once I get home I will try to see if we can have a conference call prior to Ontario or we may have to do it by email Respectfully submitted, Harold A. Area 2 Trustee Chair: Public Relations Committee.  
Harold A. gave the above report which was submitted online.

**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.**

**Prison committee Canada – Standing Committee Mission statement: To provide telephone, email, and in person (as feasible) To the trustee 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 unplubished JIP meeting directory as a much-needed resource for federal, state, And local judges, defence attorneys, prosecutors, probation and parole officers, and clinicians. This committee is open to members who would like to be involve with the process Committee members: Jean-Marc I. 5B Chair of the committee Claude C. 5B Co-chair Andre G. 5B Debra B. 2E Richard F.**

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

**Trustee Election Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Tim M. – Area 15**

**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.

**Committees with Mitch L. as Co-Chair Liaison**

**Intergroup Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Jo K. - Area 8D**

**Committee Liaison Chair – Mitch L.**

**Mission Statement: To create and assemble a comprehensive guide for Intergroups. Intergroup Handbook Committee Report October 2017 A rough draft of the Intergroup Handbook has been compiled. There are still a few things that need to be reviewed before it is presented to the Board of Trustees. It's been difficult, due to the lack of response from so many committee members. New members are needed. New volunteers really need to be fully committed to work on this committee. With a committed committee, the handbook can be brought to the next Board of Trustees meeting in the spring of 2018.**

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Jo K. gave the report which was submitted online. She stated that they should have something ready by Cancun and is asking for volunteers to join the committee. The following members volunteered: Bernie G., Area 1B; Barbara S., Area 2; Charlene L., Area 2B; Cheryl R., Area 2E; Carson J., Area 3A; Steve P., Area 6B; Debbie M., Area 8 and Cesare G., Area 9.

#### **International Relations Committee – Standing Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Paulette T. – Area 6B**

**Co-Chair – Frank L. – Area 12**

**Committee Liaison Chair – Mitch L.**

**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 Fall Conference Committee Chair – Paulette T. – Area 6B Committee Co-Chair – Frank L. – Area 12 Co-Chair Liaison – Mitch L. Mission Statement: Assist the fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous with International matters and help create a worldwide united Gamblers Anonymous. Since our meeting in Cherry Hill there has been much activity on this committee. We have begun relationships with areas that had no contact in the past. Requests for help have come from Germany, Greece, Belgium, France, Russia, Macedonia, Kuwait and Turkey. Members of the committee have established an ongoing rapport with many of the people placing the requests. New meetings will be starting soon in Turkey and Dubai. Three new groups have started in Mexico which hold 10 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 continue to work hard to help the entire Asia Pacific region and reaching out to New Guinea, Fiji and other Pacific Islands and Asia. 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 in addition to English. Google Translate works well, but cannot communicate “one on one” with someone asking for help with their Gambling problem. The most important outreach we can do is this communication as one member to another.....even if that is just an ear to help them in their walk to recovery.**

Paulette T. gave the report which was submitted online. Paulette will be stepping down as Chair but will remain on the committee. More volunteers are needed. Tony L., Area 26 and Barbara S., Area 2 have joined the committee. Ara H., Area 1 will be the new Chair.

#### **Literature Committee – Standing Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Chuck R. - Area 15**

**Committee Liaison Chair – Mitch L.**

**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 Ontario Conference**

The Literature Committee completed, after input from the Trustees and in conjunction with Chris N. (the author), a complete edit of item #43 from the Cherry Hill agenda, “Working the Twelve Steps of Gamblers Anonymous”. This item, which passed the merit vote, will be up for a first approval vote in Ontario.

Respectfully submitted, Chuck R. Literature Committee Chair

**International Relations Committee – Standing Committee: International Relations Committee**

**Report for 2017 Fall Conference Committee Chair – Paulette T. – Area 6B Committee Co-Chair – Frank L. – Area 12 Co-Chair Liaison – Mitch L. Mission Statement: Assist the fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous with International matters and help create a worldwide united Gamblers Anonymous. Since our meeting in Cherry Hill there has been much activity on this committee. We have begun relationships with areas that had no contact in the past. Requests for help have come from Germany, Greece, Belgium, France, Russia, Macedonia, Kuwait and Turkey. Members of the committee have established an ongoing rapport with many of the people placing the requests. New meetings will be starting soon in Turkey and Dubai. Three new groups have started in Mexico which hold 10 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 continue to work hard to help the entire Asia Pacific region and reaching out to New Guinea, Fiji and other Pacific Islands and Asia. 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 in addition to English. Google Translate works well, but cannot communicate “one on one” with someone asking for help with their Gambling problem. The most important outreach we can do is this communication as one member to another.....even if that is just an ear to help them in their walk to recovery. Chuck R. gave the above report which was submitted online.**

#### **Pressure Relief Committee – Standing Committee:**

**Committee Chair – John R. – Area 17**

**Committee Liaison Chair – Mitch L.**

**Mission Statement: To provide leadership and support throughout Gamblers Anonymous by coordinating, educating, training and clarifying the Pressure Relief Group Process that will aid in fostering an atmosphere of continuity, cohesiveness and unity as well as understanding within our Fellowship which will bring about an alleviation of pressures for our Members and thus strengthen and empower Members, Groups and Gamblers Anonymous as a whole.**

No report was submitted.

The committee needs more members, so the following people stepped up: Roger L., Area 2; Steve L., Area 2B; Ted S., Area 12 and Alan J., Area 15. A discussion ensued and a member called the discussion out of order saying it should take place in a “closed session”. The Chair ruled the discussion in order and was then challenged. The vote on the challenge fails therefore the Chair is in order and so is the discussion.

#### **Prison Committee – US – Standing Committee:**

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

**Committee Liaison Chair – Mitch L.**

**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 - Mitch L.**



**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 Report for 2017 Ontario Fall Conference Committee Chair – Julian F. (Area 3F), Committee Co-Chair – Andres G. (Area 21) Co-Chair Liaison – Mitch L.** Since the trustee meeting in Cherry Hill the activity of this committee has slowed down a little to re-focus our work strategy and drive our mission. The working relationship between this committee and the Spain RSO (Area 21) has improved significantly. I have communicated several times through E-mail with Juan B (Spain trustee) and Rafael N. (Spain RSO Chair). The Spain RSO has provided me with a copy of a “CD” containing all their GA approved literature which has already been translated into Spanish. They have sent it to other Spanish speaking Areas indicating that they are providing the “CD” in support of the work which this committee is doing to co-ordinate and insure the latest literature updates approved by the BOT are made to all existing Spanish GA literature. In addition, we are also making the Spanish GA literature free of regionalisms as much as possible so the same version can be used by more Spanish speaking areas. The Spanish Literature Committee, through its Committee Chair, is introducing 4 agenda items for the Ontario Trustee Meeting. Agenda item #37 is to seek BOT approval for the I.S.O. to print and sell the Spanish Guidance Code. The Spanish Literature Committee has completed work on the Spanish version of the Guidance Code which is free of regionalisms as much as possible and only needs to include any updates to the Guidance Code approved by the BOT since August of 2016 before handing it over to Karen H at the ISO to start the final review prior to the printing process. Agenda item #38 seeks BOT approval for the ISO to print and sell additional Spanish GA literature the Spanish Literature Committee has completed or currently working on: 1) Gamblers Anonymous Suggestions for New Member Retention, 2) Your First Meeting, and 3) GA Suggestions for Coping with Urges to Gamble. Items #36 and #39 relating to adding new stories into the Spanish GA Red Book will most likely be modified or withdrawn because according to the BOT Chair, they are considered “out of order” the way they are written now. -Julian F.

Julian F. gave the above report which was submitted online.

### **Video Meeting Format**

**Committee Chair - Vacant**

**Committee Liaison Chair - Mitch L.**

**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.

No report was submitted.

Kathy S., from Area 10B answered questions. She also stepped up as Chair of this committee.

### **Committees with Andy R. as Co-Chair Liaison**

#### **Abuse and Harassment Committee:**

**Committee Chair - Vacant**

**Committee Liaison Chair - Andy R**

**Mission Statement:** To look at the feasibility of re-writing the Abuse and Harassment Pamphlet.

No report was submitted.

Andy R. asked for volunteers and the following members volunteered: Gagik G., Area 1 is the

new Chair and committee members are Guy H., Area 1; Len K., Area 1; Mary H., Area 2H (current member) Pat D., Area 9A; Kathy S., Area 10B; Nan V., Area 13A and Dom S., Area 13B (current member).

**Conference Oversight and Assistance Committee – Standing Committee:**

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

**COMMITTEE REPORT – ONTARIO, FALL 2017** Before the Cherry Hill trustee meeting last May, the chair of our committee stepped down and a replacement was appointed, effective July 1st 2017. Since then, our committee has been active through Conference Calls and exchange of emails. We have 2 agenda items for this trustee meeting. They are: Item # 30 To replace current version of the ‘Hosting an International Conference’ pamphlet. The main reason behind this proposal is to include in the pamphlet some documentation prepared by the Conference Review committee and already approved as appropriate literature. This documentation completes what is already in the brochure. We also created a Table of contents, which is badly needed for a 26-page pamphlet and made other minor changes, always keeping in mind to look for ways to help areas hosting an International conference. Item # 31 Approve as appropriate literature a Quick check list to be posted on the trustee website Using that check list, an Area wishing to bid for an International Conference would see on a one-page document everything they need to do. We have been in regular contact with the Ontario Fall Conference organizing committee and we are receiving regular reports from them. A few documents are missing to close the books on the Fall 2016 San Diego conference. Our requests have remained unanswered so far. We hope we can finalise this before Ontario trustee meeting. Finally, at the time we are writing this report, we are in contact with an Area wishing to present a bid for the fall 2018 Conference. Some documentation is still to be received to make it official. Unfortunately, our Committee did not receive documentation or information request from any Area for the Spring 2019 or Fall 2019 International Conferences. André G. Committee chair, Area 5B  
Andre G. gave the report which was submitted online.

**Group Handbook Revision Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Jack R. - Area 1A**

**Committee Liaison Chair – Andy R.**

**Mission Statement: To undertake a comprehensive revision of the Group Handbook.**  
**Group Handbook Committee Report for Ontario Conference** The composition of the committee at the time of the Ontario Conference is as follows: Name Area Betty S. 7 Bill B. 15 Cheryl R. 2E David M. 12 Jack R. 1A Jim G. 7C Mary H. 2H Mike M. 3D Phil S. 13 Steve W. 2A Since the committee was re-constituted with me as chair, we have had four meetings, 6/19, 7/10, 8/14, 9/11, and 10/9. Different groups of people have attended each meeting based on availability. At the first meeting, each member was given the opportunity to express their opinions on the Group Handbook in its present form and what they wanted to see the document become. It was the consensus of the group that the document should become a combination of optional (“best practices”) rules and procedures and mandatory rules and procedures that would be binding on all groups in the fellowship. Originally, we took a “bottom up” approach by which we would come up with individual pieces of information and later assign them to specific headings. At the 3rd meeting, the committee decided instead to take a “top down” approach in which we would

come up five broad section headings and populate the headings with 1 st order sub-headings (capital letters), 2nd order subheadings (numbers), and possibly 3rd order subheadings (lower-case letters) until we came up with a sufficient “skeleton” to begin the task of writing narratives for each section heading. To facilitate the final step, members will be asked to take on individual sections, write the narratives, and have the committee “edit” each section. The section headings are as follows: I. Statement of purpose of the Group Handbook II. The definition of a “group” III. Establishing a group IV. Group practices V. Closing a group At the time of the Ontario meeting, we will have written 1 st order of sub-headings for the first four section headings and it is anticipated that at the November meeting, we will have completed writing all 1st order of sub-headings. The intention is to then go back to the beginning and write the second order of sub-headings for each section. If necessary, the committee will then do a final sweep and write 3rd order subheadings. By mutual agreement, the committee will not hold itself to a strict timeline but rather, take sufficient time with each step to do it correctly and professionally. Respectfully submitted, Jack R. Trustee Area 1A Orange County, California  
Jack R. gave the report which was submitted online.

#### **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. October 2017 Hotline Committee Report PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN YOUR AREA HAS THE RING CENTRAL PASSWORD AND SECURITY QUESTION. WE HAD ANOTHER INCIDENT WHERE AN AREA TEMPORARILY LOST SERVICE BECAUSE NO ONE HAD THE INFORMATION. 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 39) • Area 1 – Los Angeles • Area 1A – Orange County, California • Area 1B –Inland Empire (split from Area 1) • Area 2 – Northern California • Area 2A – Vancouver, Alaska • Area 2B – Greater Sacramento • Area 2E – Manitoba • Area 2G – Oregon • Area 2H – Washington • Area 2K – Calgary • Area 3 – Southern Nevada • Area 3A – San Diego • Area 3B – Colorado • Area 4 – Ontario • Area 6 – South Florida • Area 6A – Central and Northern Florida • Area 6B – West Coast Florida • Area 6C – NC and SC • Area 7 – Mississippi, New Orleans, Baton Rouge • 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 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. This was recently done for Baton Rouge, LA. 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 has completed the changeover to allow for alternate area code entry. There are a few adjustments to make to NY and CT area codes. 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. 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.

Future committee actions: • Create Users Guide for the System Administrator. • Document the system set up on Ring Central for back up purposes. • Work with Public Relations Committee to get the new number out to the public. • Placed 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 0 500 1000 1500 2000 2500 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 8000 9000 Dec-12 Mar-13 Jun-13 Sep-13 Dec-13 Mar-14 Jun-14 Sep-14 Dec-14 Mar-15 Jun-15 Sep-15 Dec-15 Mar-16 Jun-16 Sep-16 Dec-16 Mar-17 Jun-17 # of Calls Total Minutes Month Hotline Metrics Total Minutes # of Calls 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 Past Trustee

Paul S. 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.**

No report was submitted.

**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 – Jane L. - Area 3A**

**Committee Liaison Chair – Andy R.**

**Mission Statement:**

- 1)- To oversee the Trustee website.**

**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 for Ontario**

**Purpose:**

- 1. To oversee the Trustee website.**
- 2. To periodically review all websites that infer or imply membership or representation of the Fellowship or Corporation of Gamblers Anonymous, and evaluate the websites for compliance with approved Local Area Website Guidelines. Trustees and area trusted servants will be made aware of any deficiencies that need to be corrected. Websites from outside entities are not included.**
- 3. To review new designs, features, enhancements and any other changes that would be demonstrated to the Board of Trustees for approval and deployment to any website approved by the Board of Trustees. Board of Trustees Chair Liaison: Andy R. Chairman of the Committee: Jane L. – Area 3A Committee members: David M. – Area 12, Mike R. – Area 6A, Mitch L. – Area 15 and Steve T. – Area 14. Trustee Website Committee**

Conference Report – October 2017 There has been a lot of committee activity since our Cherry Hill Trustee meeting. In July, David M. stepped down as our committee chair and Andy R. appointed Jane L. as the new committee chair and Mike R. became our new website administrator. In August, the committee had to transition the Trustee website to a new server. This move created some operating glitches because the website is outdated and unstable. We apologize if anyone experienced any problems, but we did our best in a very short timeframe to make sure we had a site that was functioning for our Ontario Trustee Meeting. In preparing for the Ontario Trustee Meeting, we learned that the previous solution used for our online Absentee Ballot would no longer be available for free. Fortunately, a replacement option was found and created by Mike R. to meet our September 11th deadline for posting the Absentee Ballot on the Trustee website. Hurricane Irma caused a brief delay in our launch efforts, but we did launch successfully, two days later. In early September, we began experiencing problems with the email system causing emails to not reach the recipients. As a result, we set up a stand-alone email server that was more robust and secure from outside threats. The new system was implemented at the end of September and all email aliases have been migrated. The transition of the Trustee site in August and September made it even more apparent that it is time to replace the existing Trustee website. The committee started the planning process on September 22 and has continued work to replace the site by early 2018. We will provide an update during the committee report at the Trustee Meeting on our progress. Two items were added for the Ontario Trustee meeting agenda. One item will give the committee flexibility to hire support outside the committee, if needed. The second item allows us to discuss funding sources needed to replace the existing website and to pay for ongoing operating costs associated with running the website. Lastly, in Cherry Hill, funding was approved for programming costs to allow the current ISO website to accept online payments for contributions. However, since this meeting no work has started. The committee will review and evaluate the level of work needed to complete this before the Trustee meeting in Cancun. Upcoming Committee Work

- Launch a new Trustee Website.
- Provide ongoing support and management of the Trustee Website.
- Create an operating plan for managing all activities related to supporting the Trustee website, including sending monthly Trustee emails, managing content, preparing trustee meeting materials for download, creating the Absentee Ballot, etc. The plan will serve as a resource for all the committee members to manage and share the committee workload.
- Re-examine the scope of work, both technically and procedurally, to integrate an online contribution payment module into the ISO website.
- Visit and review local area websites to ensure compliance with our Local Website Guidelines We are actively searching for new committee members who have experience with using WordPress and/or are technically skilled with web based solutions. Please get the word out that we need help. If you know anyone in the program who is interested in joining our committee, please ask them to contact me at trustee.site.admin@trusteewebsite.com. Committee members must meet the same requirements as those for being a Trustee, but do not have to be a trustee.

Thanks. Jane L. – Chair

Jane L. gave the report which was submitted online. The committee is open to new members.

### **Tabled In Cherry Hill**

1. 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.**

**Tabled in Cherry Hill**

**Ronny W. – Area 17**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 48 Against 38

Passed

1st Vote

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

### **Rules and Procedures**

#### **2. Rules and Procedures Section (2) (Deadline)**

**To clarify deadline information in the Rules and Procedures section (2) (Deadline). Change "no later than 60 days" to "by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on the 61st day. All deadlines will be posted on the trustee website home page."**

**Current Language: Agenda items must be received by the Chairman of the BOT no later than 60 days before the next Trustee meeting. The Chairman of the BOT will be responsible to deliver copies of the final agenda no later than 45 days before the next Trustee meeting. Delivery of the official agendas will be available on the Trustee website. It will be the Trustee's responsibility to request a mailed copy if Internet access is not available.**

**Proposed language: Agenda items must be received by the Chairman of the BOT by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on the 61st day before the next Trustee meeting. All deadlines will be posted on the Trustee website home page. The Chairman of the BOT will be responsible to deliver copies of the final agenda no later than 45 days before the next Trustee meeting. Delivery of the official agendas will be available on the Trustee website. It will be the Trustee's responsibility to request a mailed copy if Internet access is not available.**

**Mike R. – Area 6A**

Motion to accept above.

Passed

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

### **Items Up for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote**

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

**Agenda item #3 in Cherry Hill**

**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.

**Passed 1st vote in Cherry Hill**

**Joel K. – Area 6**

Passed

2<sup>nd</sup> Vote

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

4. **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 # (Not assigned yet)**

**Passed 1st vote in Cherry Hill**

**Richie S. - Area 6**

Passed

2<sup>nd</sup> Vote

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

5. **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.

**Passed 1st vote in Cherry Hill**

**Andy R. - Area 13B**

Passed

2<sup>nd</sup> Vote

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

6. **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, 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 in Cherry Hill

Peter A for John C. - Area 13

Passed

2<sup>nd</sup> Vote

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

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

Passed 1st vote in Cherry Hill

63-11, 85.1% Margin

Peter A for John C. - Area 13

Approved 57 Against 32

2/3 Vote Needed

Failed

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

8. **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, 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.

Passed 1st vote in Cherry Hill

**60-0, 100% Margin**

**Peter A for John C. - Area 13**

Approved 56 Against 31

2/3 Vote Needed

Failed

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

9. **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, 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.).**

**Passed 1st vote in Cherry Hill**

**56-15, 78.9% Margin**

**Peter A for John C. - Area 13**

Approved 58 Against 35

2/3 Vote Needed

Failed

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

10. **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, 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.)**

**Passed 1st vote in Cherry Hill**

**60-4, 93.7% Margin**

**Peter A for John C. - Area 13**

Approved 64 Against 31

Passed

2<sup>nd</sup> Vote

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

- 11. 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.**  
**Passed 1st vote in Cherry Hill**  
**87-3, 96.7% Margin**  
**David M. - Area 12**  
Approved        30    Against        60  
Failed  
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.
- 12. Pressure Relief Pamphlet, Page 4, after Family Entertainment.**  
**Completely remove the line that says: Film/Developing**  
**Passed 1st vote in Cherry Hill**  
**Steve T. – Area 14**  
Passed 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote  
The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.
- 13. Pressure Relief Pamphlet, Page 5, after Parking.**  
**Change to Taxis/Ride Share**  
**Passed 1<sup>st</sup> vote in Cherry Hill**  
**Steve T. – Area 14**  
Passed 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote  
The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.
- 14. 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**  
**Passed 1st vote in Cherry Hill**  
**Steve T. – Area 14**  
Passed 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote  
The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.
- 15. Pressure Relief Pamphlet, Page 6, after Pet Care - Medical/Boarding.**  
**Change to Postage/Shipping**  
**Passed 1st vote in Cherry Hill**  
**Steve T. – Area 14**  
Passed 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote  
The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

16. **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**  
**Passed 1st vote in Cherry Hill**  
**Steve T. – Area 14**  
 Passed 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote  
 The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.
17. **Pressure Relief Pamphlet, Page 7, List of Creditors**  
**Add a column at far right of the page titled Interest Rate**  
**Passed 1st vote in Cherry Hill**  
**Steve T. – Area 14**  
 Passed 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote  
 The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.
18. **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 Form**  
**Proposed version: Gamblers Anonymous Pressure Relief Group Meeting Pamphlet**  
**Passed 1st vote in Cherry Hill**  
**Fred D. for Irwin S. - Area 12**  
 Passed 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote  
 The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

**Guidance Code**

19. **Guidance Code Article III, Section 1**  
**New entry as number 5.**  
**Only Members of Gamblers Anonymous may share, or be trusted servants at groups or Intergroups.**  
**What other requirements are there?**  
**Len K. for Ara H. - Area 11**  
 Motion made to add new entry that only Members of Gamblers Anonymous may share or be trusted servants at groups or Intergroups.  
 Item was ruled out of order.  
 The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.
20. **Guidance Code Article VII - Groups**  
**Add new item:**  
**Groups are not allowed to follow group conscience votes that violate the Guidance Code. Issues violating anonymity are especially important. Platforms or procedures that could be sources for violating anonymity of anyone in a group designated as a closed meeting of any kind, are not allowed at any time while in the meeting facility.**  
**Linda S. - Area 8**  
 Motion to accept above.  
 Approved 32 Against 57

Failed

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

**21. Guidance Code, Article VII, Section 1**

**Add: "and portions of the Group Handbook deemed by the Trustees to be mandatory" immediately after Guidance Code.**

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

**Proposed version: Whenever two or more persons with a desire to stop gambling meet together on a regular, weekly scheduled basis to discuss their gambling problem, they will be known as a group, and only if they commit themselves to follow the Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code and portions of the Group Handbook deemed by the Trustees to be mandatory, 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.**

**Jack R. - Area 1A**

Item withdrawn.

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

**22. Guidance Code - Article VII Section 1 - Groups To add "through their Regional Service Office (RSO)"**

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

**Proposed version: Whenever two or more persons with a desire to stop gambling meet together 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 through their Regional Service Office (RSO).**

**Juan B. for Pepe G. - Area 21**

Motion to accept above.

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

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

**23. Article VII - Groups, Section 4**

**For Discussion Only**

**That the entirety of Article VII Section 4 of the GA Guidance Code be eliminated as unnecessary, detrimental to the growth and unity of the fellowship, and in conflict with principles of the GA Unity Program. Current Version: "Abstinence from gambling and regular attendance of at least thirty-nine (39) Gamblers Anonymous meetings (exceptions can be made, via group conscience decisions, for medical reasons, and**

military stationed overseas) in the prior 12 months, by the member's own admission, is required for pinnings and for all successive anniversaries. Date of abstinence starts from your first meeting after your last bet." Proposed Version: Eliminate the entire section and adjust the numbering of the remaining sections accordingly.

**Carson J. - Area 3A**

Discussion only.

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

**24. Guidance Code - Article VII Section 5 - Groups**

**Change "Gamblers Anonymous through the International Service Office (I.S.O.)" to "the International Service Office (I.S.O.) through their Regional Service Office (RSO)"**

**Current Language: All Gamblers Anonymous literature, books, and service pins should be purchased from Gamblers Anonymous through the International Service Office (I.S.O.) except when otherwise approved by the Board of Trustees. Copying of any GA approved literature is prohibited, unless specifically designated for that purpose. Such designation will be listed on the item(s), where applicable.**

**Proposed version: All Gamblers Anonymous literature, books, and service pins should be purchased from the International Service Office (I.S.O.) through their Regional Service Office (RSO) except when otherwise approved by the Board of Trustees. Copying of any GA approved literature is prohibited, unless specifically designated for that purpose. Such designation will be listed on the item(s), where applicable.**

**Juan B. for Pepe G. - Area 21**

Item withdrawn.

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

**25. Guidance Code: Article VIII, Board of Trustees Section 13**

**Current: It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Trustees to determine the date and place of our International Conferences.**

**Proposed New Section 13A**

**Current: None**

**Proposed: Should there be no bids for an International Conference, a Board of Trustee Meeting only will be set up by the Board of Trustees using the following guidelines:**

- 1. Trustee meeting if at all possible should be centrally located in the United States**
- 2. Trustees should bring meetings to the attention of their area to host a Trustee only meeting.**
- 3. All trustee meetings should have a complete contract before bringing to the Board of Regents.**
- 4. No deposit should exceed \$2000.00**
- 5. Requirements for a Trustee meetings, meeting room to hold the current number of trustees, microphones, coffee, guest rooms for number of Trustees.**

**Betty S. Former Trustee - Area 7**

Motion to accept above.

Approved      26      Against      55

Failed

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

**26. Guidance Code - Article X Section 4 - Intergroup Guidelines**

**Change "Gamblers Anonymous through the International Service Office (I.S.O.)" to "the International Service Office (I.S.O.) through their Regional Service Office (RSO)"**

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

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

**Juan B. for Pepe G. - Area 21**

Item withdrawn.

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

- 27. Guidance Code - Article X Section 5 Part 5 - Functions of Intergroup Change "and the International Service Office (I.S.O.)" to ", to the Regional Service Office (RSO) and the International Service Office (I.S.O.)"**
- Current Language: Intergroup meetings should be held at least once per month and copies of the minutes should be forwarded to all member groups and the International Service Office (I.S.O.).**
- Proposed version: Intergroup meetings should be held at least once per month and copies of the minutes should be forwarded to all member groups, to the Regional Service Office (RSO) and the International Service Office (I.S.O.).**

**Juan B. for Pepe G. - Area 21**

Item withdrawn.

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

- 28. Guidance Code - Article X Section 5 Part 11 - Functions of Intergroup Add "through their Regional Service Office"**
- Current Language: The Intergroup should publish a meeting list for the area, and should send a copy to the International Service Office (I.S.O.) every time there is a revision.**
- Proposed version: The Intergroup should publish a meeting list for the area, and should send a copy to the International Service Office (I.S.O.) through their Regional Service Office every time there is a revision.**

**Juan B. for Pepe G. - Area 21**

Item withdrawn.

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

### **Items Passing the Merit Vote**

- 29. Approve a 12 Step workbook entitled: Working the 12 Steps of Gamblers Anonymous See attachment #29**
- Roger L. for Chris N.- Area 2**
- Item ruled out of order.
- The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

### **Committee Related**

- 30. Hosting an International Conference.**
- Approve the new "Hosting an International Conference" pamphlet as written, as submitted by the Conference Oversight & Assistance Committee to replace the current version.**

**See Attachment # 30**

**André G. - Area 5B**

Motion made to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

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

**31. BOT - Conference Oversight Committee Page.**

**Approve as appropriate literature the attached document titled 'Quick Check list' to be posted on the Trustee Website, in the BOT COMMITTEES section, under the Conference Oversight heading. See Attachment # 31**

**André G. - Area 5B**

Motion made to accept above.

Passed

Only one vote needed

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

**32. Hotline Discussion Topics Two Hotline topics:**

**1) What would be the best way to track if the caller actually went to a meeting? One area had 28 calls in one month and seem to figure that only two went to meetings?**

**2) Is it appropriate, since we track the caller's phone number, to have a person call back the caller. It is the general consensus here that we should not make call backs.**

**Is there a guideline for this?**

**Paul S. for Steve W.- Area 17**

Discussion only.

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

**33. Update Trustee Website Guidelines - Article A, Section 8**

**Current version: The Trustee website committee members will be the only ones to have access to the Trustee website. Any new committee members will be fully indoctrinated with the procedures and programming protocols for the Trustee website.**

**Proposed version: The Trustee website committee members are responsible for the ongoing maintenance and management of content on the Trustee Website. The committee may seek authorization from Board of Trustees Chair Liaison to utilize resources outside the committee, if needed and funding is available to cover any costs associated with outside support. New committee members will be indoctrinated with the procedures and programming protocols for the Trustee Website.**

**Jane L. - Area 3A**

Motion made to accept above.

Passed

Only one vote needed

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

**34. The current Trustee Website is in need of replacement. The site is custom built with code from about 15 years ago and the support for this code is reaching "End of Life" at the end of 2018. It is time to replace the existing site.**

**The Trustee Website is an important communications channel. Recently the Chair of the Board of Trustees used the discretionary fund to pay the monthly fees to host site on a new server.**

**There is no budget other than the Chair's discretionary fund to pay for costs associated with the Trustee Website. It is expected that the committee maintain the site and design and build a new site, as no funds are available to do otherwise. We**



are fortunate to have a very talented committee, but there is no guarantee that outside support may not be necessary.

**Would it be prudent to establish a Trustee Website budget to cover any costs associated with keeping the site running, development and support, if needed?**

**Jane L. - Area 3A**

Discussion only.

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

- 35. Our Trustee Meeting agenda is generally packed and little time is available for networking and information sharing/ education. Although it might be possible to extend the Trustee Meeting, it may be difficult for Trustees to devote an extra day and extra travel expenses might be too burdensome.**

**Today information sharing can be done quite easily via an online webinar. Is there any interest amongst the Trustees to hold online webinars for the sole purpose of sharing information? Topics may include Fund Raising, Public Relations Best Practices, Member Retention, Sponsorship, New Trustee Orientation and on. Topics could be suggested and polled on the Trustee Website. Perhaps a committee could be established or assigned to organize the content and run the webinar.**

**Jane L. - Area 3A**

Discussion only.

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

- 36. New Spanish Language Red Book**

**A motion is made for the BOT to give the ISO approval for the printing of a “new” Spanish version of the GA Red Book with new stories in Spanish from members of Spanish speaking areas in our GA fellowship around the world and which will be reviewed and approved by the Spanish Literature Committee.**

**Julian F. - Area 3F**

A motion was made for the B.O.T. to give the I.S.O. approval for the printing of a Spanish translation of the G.A. Red Book with new stories in Spanish from members of our fellowship in Spanish speaking Areas around the world and which will be reviewed and coordinated by the Spanish Literature Committee.

Motion was ruled out of order.

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

- 37. Spanish Translation of Guidance Code**

**A motion is made for the B.O.T. to give the I.S.O. approval for the printing and sale of the Spanish version of the Guidance Code produced by the Spanish Literature Committee from the English version currently published on the [www.Trusteewebsite.com](http://www.Trusteewebsite.com) . The Spanish Literature Committee has completed work on the Spanish version of the Guidance Code which is free of regionalisms as much as possible and only needs to include any updates to the Guidance Code approved by the BOT since August of 2016 before handing it over to Karen H at the ISO to start the final review prior to the printing process.**

**Julian F. - Area 3F**

A motion was made for the B.O.T. to give the I.S.O. approval for the printing and selling of the Spanish translation of the Guidance Code produced by the Spanish Literature Committee from the English version currently published on the Trustee Website with updates approved by the B.O.T. since August of 2016.

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

Only one vote needed

**38. New Spanish Language Literature**

**A motion is made for the BOT to give the ISO approval for the printing and sale of the Spanish version of the following new Spanish GA literature which the Spanish Literature Committee is currently working on as follows:**

- 1. Gamblers Anonymous Suggestions for New Member Retention**
- 2. Your First Meeting**
- 3. GA Suggestions for Coping with Urges to Gamble**

**Julian F. - Area 3F**

A motion was made for the B.O.T. to give the I.S.O. approval for the printing and sale of the Spanish translation of the following Spanish G.A. literature from the Spanish Literature Committee is currently working on as follows:

1. Gamblers Anonymous Suggestions for New Member Retention
2. Your First Meeting
3. GA Suggestions for Coping with Urges to Gamble

Passed

Only one vote needed

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

**39. Adding "new" stories in the Spanish Language**

**A motion is made for the BOT to approve adding "new" stories in Spanish to the GA Red Book from Spanish speaking areas in our GA fellowship around the world to be reviewed and approved by the Spanish Literature Committee.**

**Julian F. - Area 3F**

Item withdrawn.

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

**40. Discussion Only - Spanish Literature Committee**

**Only discussion - In the formation of the Spanish Literature Committee, there have been included two members of the Area 21 that, neither assemble the requirements that appear in the Guides' Code and in the Manual of Rules and Procedures, as they neither have not even asked for the confidence of the groups of the area, and in addition, one of them was stopped as guardian for not voting in two consecutive meetings. The President of a Committee has legal authority to name a vice-president and a spokesperson who does not assemble the conditions demanded in the Guides' Code and in the Manual of Rules and Procedures as well as the opposition of the members of the Regional Service Office and of the current and ancient guardians.**

**Juan B. for Pepe G. - Area 21**

Discussion only.

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

**Conference Bids**

**41. The Fall 2018 Conference is open for bids No bids were submitted for this conference in San Diego or Cherry Hill.**

Andy R. gave an update on the upcoming Conference for Fall of 2018. Since no bid was received at three consecutive Trustee meetings (San Diego - Fall 2016, Cherry Hill – Spring 2017 and Ontario – Fall 2017) a Trustee meeting only will be held. He is looking into

the possibility of Nashville, Tennessee.  
The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

**42. The Spring 2019 Conference is open for bids No bids were submitted for this conference in Cherry Hill.**

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

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

**43. The Fall 2019 Conference is open for bids.**

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

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

**Combo Book**

**44. Change location of Serenity Prayer**

**Move the Serenity Prayer from the front cover to the inside cover (per attached)  
Attachment #44**

**Ira C. for John D. - Area 14**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

**45. Combo book, inside cover, poem**

**Change the pronoun "He" in the 4th line of the poem to the word God.**

**Current: But He eluded me**

**New Version: But God eluded me**

**Gagik G for Alvin F. - Area 1**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

**46. Combo Book, page 8 - last paragraph, 1st sentence**

**Current Version: What is the first thing a compulsive gambler ought to do in order to stop gambling? The compulsive gambler needs to be willing to accept the fact that he or she is in the grip of a progressive illness and has a desire to get well.**

**Proposed Version: What is the first thing a compulsive gambler ought to do in order to stop gambling? The compulsive gambler needs to be willing to admit he or she is in the grip of a progressive illness and has a desire to get well.**

**Steve B. - Area 10B**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

**47. Recovery Step 11 Change gender specific pronouns that appear in this step when referring to God.**

**Current Version: Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.**

**Proposed Version: Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, as we understood God, praying only for knowledge of God's will**

**for us and the power to carry that out.**

**Gagik G for Alvin F. - Area 1**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 16 Against 64

Failed

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

**48. Page 5, Step 11**

**Current Version: Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.**

**Proposed Version: Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with our Higher Power, praying only for the knowledge of our Higher Power's will for us and the power to carry that out.**

**Jane L. - Area 3A**

Motion to accept above.

Approved 22 Against 68

Failed

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

**49. Combo Book, Page 12, paragraph #2, sentence #2**

**Change their to our in the whole sentence.**

**Current Version: Most Gamblers Anonymous members look upon this as their greatest challenge which should be worked on immediately and continued throughout their lives.**

**Proposed Version: Most Gamblers Anonymous members look upon this as our greatest challenge which should be worked on immediately and continued throughout our lives.**

**Debbie M. for Al A. - Area 8**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

**50. Combo Book, page 13 - 3rd paragraph, 1st sentence**

**Current version: Once a person has crossed the invisible line into irresponsible uncontrolled gambling he or she never seems to regain control.**

**Proposed version: Once a person has crossed the invisible line into irresponsible uncontrolled gambling he or she never regains control.**

**Steve B. - Area 10B**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

**51. Combo book, Page 14, paragraph 1, sentence #3**

**Change office sport pool to office betting pool.**

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

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

**Debbie M. - Area 8**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

**52. Page 16 - Question 13 Paragraph 13 (Question 13) Change the word "Careless" to read "Care Less"**

**Current Version: 13. Did gambling make you careless of the welfare of yourself or your family?**

**Proposed Version: 13. Did gambling make you care less of the welfare of yourself or your family?**

**Len K. for Benny F. - Area 1**

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

**Discussion Item**

**53. Splitting an Intergroup**

**For Discussion Only**

**What is required for an Intergroup area to split, due to geographical limitations.**

**Area 6A incorporates a large Geographical area that spans from Pensacola, FL to Cocoa Beach, FL. The drive distance is over 500 miles and would take over 7 hours.**

**Do all of the individual rooms need to agree to be moved to a new Intergroup?**

**If an Intergroup splits, will the number of Trustees split between the groups or will new Trustees be added?**

**What other requirements are there?**

**Mike R. - Area 6A**

Discussion only.

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

**54. Borrowing or Lending of Money**

**For Discussion Only**

**How to proceed when member(s) ask other members to borrow or lend money.**

**Common practice is to tell a trusted servant. The question from 16a is what are some ways trusted servants from other areas have addressed this situation.**

**Nancy K. - Area 16A**

Discussion only.

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

**55. Discussion Only - Cost of Sending Items to Foreign Countries**

**Only discussion – It can be requested to the Executive International Secretary's Office that, when sending the orders of literature to the Foreign Countries, they send them in one package in order to save customs expenses, or if they have to be sent in more than one package, an individual invoice has to be sent for the content of each package.**

**Juan B. for Pepe G. - Area 21**

Discussion only.

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

- 56. Discussion Only - Foreign Contributions to ISO**  
**Only discussion - It can be requested to the Executive International Secretary's Office to facilitate to us, the foreign countries, the form to do contributions to the ISO (there are some bank checks sent by Spain that have not been cashed by the ISO) and, that the same ones appear both in the accounting books of Area 21 RSO as well as in the bulletins of ISO.**  
**Juan B. for Pepe G. - Area 21**  
 Discussion only.  
 The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.
- 57. Discussion Only Discussion:**  
**Should the ISO explore hiring a part time employee to manage the national hotline and the Trustee website? Due to the call volume, the issues some areas are having with local RingCentral accounts, and the technical nature of administering the hotline, it may be more practical to have the whole system under one account. The Trustee website also needs someone with a technical background to manage the site, it seems one part time employee could handle both tasks.**  
**Paul S. - Area 17**  
 Item withdrawn.  
 The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.
- 58. Discussion Only**  
**Establish a Life-Liner Campaign Drive to increase awareness and drive membership. Suggest a year-end campaign as they work well because donors are accustomed to giving at that time of year. Additionally, the looming deadline if they want a charitable tax deduction provides added incentive.**  
**Perhaps establish a committee or utilize an existing committee to create a flyer and instructions to support the drive.**  
**Jane L. - Area 3A**  
 Motion to accept above.  
 Motion to table until Cancun.  
 Passed  
 Motion is pending.  
 The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.
- 59. Discussion Only Discussion:**  
**Discuss the outcome of the research the Board of Trustees requested from the Board of Regents in regards to everything pertaining to Pressure Relief Literature.**  
**Bob W. - Area 1B**  
 A motion regarding Pressure Relief Group Pamphlets was made. The Chair ruled the motion out of order and was then challenged. Vote on the challenge fails therefore the Chair is in order and the motion out of order.  
 Motion was made that the Pressure Relief Group meeting committee will be charged with the task of creating a disclaimer for the PRGM Handbook and other Pressure Relief items.  
 Failed  
 The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

**New Literature up for Merit Vote**

- 60. New Literature - Just For Today**  
**To add the literature of Just For Today to approved literature.**  
**See Attachment #60**  
**Juan B. - Area 21**  
 Motion to table until Cancun.  
 Passed  
 The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.
- 61. New Literature - Yesterday Today And Tomorrow**  
**To add the literature of Yesterday Today and Tomorrow to approved literature.**  
**See Attachment #61**  
**Juan B. - Area 21**  
 Motion to table until Cancun.  
 Passed  
 The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.
- 62. New Item for Appropriate Literature**  
**Credit or debit card protector sleeve with the words printed in bold characters.**  
**"CALL BEFORE USING"**  
**The purpose of this item is to help a member who feels an urge to gamble to call a member or the G.A. hot line instead.**  
**See Attachment # 62**  
**Claude C. for Robert W. - Area 5B**  
 Motion to accept above.  
 Item ruled out of order.  
 The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.
- 63. Modifications To Request On The 52nd Brochure (Guidelines To The Treasurer's Guide)**  
**To ensure compliance with Article XI, section 5, part 10, which says: The RSO must receive financial support from the groups of the area it represents.**  
**The following parts should be modified on the 52nd brochure (guidelines to the treasurer's guide):**  
**Current Version:**  
**Current Prudent Reserve Calculation**  
**Monthly Expenses**  
**Rent \$50**  
**Intergroup \$20**  
**Supplies \$5**  
**ISO Donation \$5**  
**Misc \$10**  
**Total \$90**  
**Prudent Reserve is two months expenses = \$180**  
**Proposed version:**  
**Current Prudent Reserve Calculation**  
**Monthly Expenses**  
**Rent \$50**  
**Intergroup \$20**  
**Supplies \$5**  
**RSO Donation \$5**

**ISO Donation \$5**

**Misc \$10**

**Total \$95**

**Prudent Reserve is two months expenses = \$190**

**Juan B. for Pepe G. - Area 21**

Motion to add on the G.A. Treasury Guidelines Example – RSO Donation if applicable.

Current Version:

Current Prudent Reserve Calculation

Monthly Expenses

Rent \$50

Intergroup \$20

Supplies \$5

ISO Donation \$5

Misc \$10

Total \$90

Prudent Reserve is two months expenses = \$180

Proposed version:

Current Prudent Reserve Calculation

Monthly Expenses

Rent \$50

Intergroup \$20

Supplies \$5

ISO Donation \$5

RSO Donation \$5 If applicable

Misc \$10

Total \$95

Prudent Reserve is two months expenses = \$190

Passed

1st Vote

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

- 64. Modifications To Request On The 52nd Brochure (Guidelines To The Treasurer's Guide) To ensure compliance with Article XI, section 5, part 10, which says: The RSO must receive financial support from the groups of the area it represents. The following parts should be modified on the 52nd brochure (guidelines to the treasurer's guide):**

**Current Language:**

**Addresses (Examples - Replace with your group's information)**

**Church (or meeting location) Current monthly donation > \$50**

**((Church Name))**

**Attn > Treasurer**

**((Church Address))**

**Intergroup**

**Intergroup Current monthly donation > \$20**

**((Intergroup Address))**

**ISO**

**GA ISO Current monthly donation > \$5**

**P.O. Box 17173**

**Los Angeles, CA 90017**

**Proposed version:**

**Addresses (Examples - Replace with your group's information)**

**Church (or meeting location) Current monthly donation > \$50**



**((Church Name))**  
**Attn> Treasurer**  
**((Church Address))**  
**Intergroup**  
**Intergroup** **Current monthly donation>\$20**  
**((Intergroup Address))**  
**RSO ((RSO Address))** **Current monthly donation>\$5**  
**ISO**  
**GA ISO** **Current monthly donation>\$5**  
**P.O. Box 17173**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90017**  
**Juan B. for Pepe G. - Area 21**  
 Motion to add on the "G.A. Treasury Guidelines Example" – RSO if applicable.  
 Actual Version:  
 Addresses (Examples - Replace with your group's information)  
 Church (or meeting location) Current monthly donation>\$50  
 ((Church Name))  
 Attn> Treasurer  
 ((Church Address))  
 Intergroup  
 Intergroup Current monthly donation>\$20  
 ((Intergroup Address))  
 ISO  
 GA ISO Current monthly donation>\$5  
 P.O. Box 17173  
 Los Angeles, CA 90017  
 Proposed version:  
 Addresses (Examples - Replace with your group's information)  
 Church (or meeting location) Current monthly donation>\$50  
 ((Church Name))  
 Attn> Treasurer  
 ((Church Address))  
 Intergroup  
 Intergroup Current monthly donation>\$20  
 ((Intergroup Address))  
 ISO Current monthly donation>\$5  
 GA ISO  
 P.O. Box 17173  
 Los Angeles, CA 90017  
 RSO ((RSO Address)) Current monthly donation>\$4  
 Passed 1 st Vote  
 The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

**Items Omitted From The Agenda**

**65. Items omitted from the Agenda**

**Andy R. - Area 13B**

Pressure Relief Literature

A motion was made to suspend the sale of all Pressure Relief Group material until all material is reviewed for corrections by the Board of Trustees. A point of information was

asked if temporarily suspending sales would make this non approved literature and the Chair responded that it would. The Chair was then challenged that if the motion passes it would affect the Guidance Code. The vote on the challenge passes therefore the Chair is out of order and the motion in order.

On the motion.

Failed

Motion to suspend the use and sales of the Pressure Relief forms by Intergroups, rooms and members until the Board of Trustees makes changes to all Pressure Relief materials.

Passed

A committee was formed to take into consideration the updating of all Pressure Relief Materials. Committee members follow: Roger L., Area 2; Debbie W., Area 2C; Jim F., Area 2H; Mary H., Area 2H; Mark S., Area 3; Butch G., Area 3A; Richard G., Area 6D; Ted S., Area 12; Craig F., Area 13B; Dominic S. Area 13B; Alan J., Area 15 and Tim M., Area 15. John C. will be the liaison for the Board of Regents.

This committee will be called the Pressure Relief Literature Review Committee.

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

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at 3:30 P.M. on Friday, October 27, 2017. The collection for the five (5) sessions was \$975.75.

The next physical meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. in Cancun, Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen H.*

Karen H.,  
International Executive Secretary

### **ROLL CALL**

AREA		SESSIONS	AREA		SESSIONS
1	Gagik G.	5	9	Cesare G.	5
	Guy H.	5		Paul K.	5
	Len K.	5	9A	Pat D.	5
1A	Hamid K.	5	10	Joe N.	Abst.*
	Jack R.	5	10A	Norm B.	5
1B	Anita R.	5		Tom L.	5
	Joe C.	5	10B	Kathy S.	5
2	Barbara S.	5		Steve B.	5
	Beth Z.	Abst*	11	Dan O.	5
	Harold A.	5		Joe L.	5
	Roger L.	5		Ron L.	5
2A	Paul N.	5	12	Arunan S.	Abst.*
2B	Charlene L.	5		Barry H.	Abst.*
	Steve L.	5		Frank L.	Abst.*
2C	Debbie W.	5		Fred D.	Abst.*
2E	Cheryl R.	5		Ted S.	5
2G	Bob F.	5	13	John B.	Abst.*

	Suzanne S.	4		Mike M.	5
2H	Jim F.	5.		Phil S.	5
	Mary H.	5	13A	Nan V.	5
2J	Patricia C.	5		Tom N.	5
2K	Allan G.	5	13B	Craig F.	5
3	Andrew B.	5		Dominic S.	5
	Kirk L.	5	14	Ira C.	Abst.
	Mark S.	5		Maury C.	Abst.
	Zeny K.	5		Steve T.	5
3A	Butch G.	5		Tom K	Abst.
	Carson J.	5	15	Alan J.	5
	Jane L.	5		Bill B.	5
3B	Padmani S.	5		Chuck R.	5
3C	Terry D.	5		Mary R.	5
3D	Jim S.	5		Tim M.	5
	Mike M.	5		Tom Z.	Abst.
3F	Julian F.	5	16	Frank K.	Abst.
4	John H.	Abst.		Robin S.	5
	Petru C.	5	16A	Nancy K.	5
5	Tom R.	5	17	John R.	5
5B	Claude C.	5		Ron W.	5
	Veronik L.	Abst.*	18	Daphne C.	5*
6	Richie S.	5		Russell K.	5*
	Steve C.	5		Steve A.	5*
6A	Bill W.	Abst.*	18A	Mark C.	5*
	Mike R.	5		Yvonne R.	5*
6B	Barbara S.	5	18B	Brian F.	5*
	Steve P.	5		John H.	5*
	William T.	Abst.	19	Silvia G.	Abst.
6D	Richard G.	5	20	Ana C.	5*
7	Jim M.	5	21	Joaquin C.	Abst.
	Ray M.	5		Juan B.	5
7A	Alex B.	5	22	Dudley B.	Abst.
	Chuck S.	Abst.	25	Maria T.	5*
7C	Jim G.	5	26	Jaekyu C.	Abst.
8	David M.	Abst.*		Tony L.	5
	Debbie M.	5	28	Martha G.	5
	Linda S.	5	29	Konstantin U.	2
	Pam E.	Abst.*	31	Darius L.	Abst.
8A	Arlene R.	5	34	Jeysa V.	Abst.
	Ernie N.	5		Nancy V.	Abst.
8B	Brian J.	5	35	Gualberto Z.	Abst.
	Linda J.	Abst.	36	Odie B.	Abst.*
8D	Jo K.	5			
	Mike W.	5			

\*Absentee Ballot Received

Chair BOT – Andy R.	5
1 <sup>st</sup> Co-Chair BOT – Pete K.	5
2 <sup>nd</sup> Co-Chair BOT – Mitch L.	5
Vice-Chair BOR – Bernie G.	5
I.E.S. – Karen H.	5