

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Held in Cincinnati, Ohio
October – 24 and 25, 1969

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bill G. Trustees present were Bill G (Cleveland), Norman W (N.J.), MayBelle G (Calif.), Jake G (Ohio), Bill B (N.Y.) and Benni F (Calif.) and Warren D (Mich).

Minutes of the May 2, 1969 meeting were approved as read.

The poor attendance at the meeting was of great concern. It was suggested that any Trustee that cannot perform his duties, which include attending Trustee meetings, resign.

It was decided to have two Trustee Meetings a year. Such meetings to be on the Fridays preceding the Midwestern and Eastern Conferences. Motion to such effect was made and passed unanimously.

A discussion as to Trustee responsibility then followed. Among others, the following suggestions were most noteworthy: Answer policy questions to groups in his area, attend his area's G.A. functions, visit the groups in his area and explain his function as Trustee, keep in constant communication with all groups in his area, attend conferences, initiate and be creative in improving G.A. in his area as a whole and communicate with other Trustees.

Election for National Executive Secretary was discussed. Benni F excused himself from attendance. Bill B nominated Benni F, Norman W seconded. No further nominations, so they were closed. A discussion followed. Voting to be held at tomorrow's meeting.

The National Executive Secretary was requested to make corrections of the Guidance Code and by-Laws in accordance with the minutes of the May 2, 1969, meeting.

At the last meeting, all areas were given the right to have area delegates, upon application to attend Trustee meetings. There were no requests for such delegates; therefore, it was decided to drop this in favor of having alternate Trustees.

The Board requested Conrad to prepare a comprehensive questionnaire to be sent to all groups. The purpose is to find out what is the status of each of our groups.

The Board then commended the new paid N.S.O. Secretary, Lucille, for the excellent job she is doing.

There was a discussion as to the pamphlet which was recently reprinted. It was done in a sloppy manner and in parts was not legible. Copies will be sent to all Trustees for further decision.

The New England area has prepared literature for discussion and approval of the Trustees. However, such was not forwarded to the Trustees so no action was taken. It was requested to have this literature available for discussion at the next meeting.

The pamphlet on Sponsorship, previously approved, was supposed to be printed, but the Board did not know if it had. The Board requested the National Executive Secretary to inform them of the status of such printing.

A pamphlet explaining the Twelve Steps was presented but not further action was taken, since all Trustees had not had the opportunity to read it.

It was decided to continue having the N.S.O. located in California.

The Board of Regents was urged to go forth with an Expediter Program which would stimulate, develop and encourage methods of raising funds for N.S.O.

The Executive Secretary was requested to find out about the Financial Statements for Group Contributions from the C.P.A.

The Executive Secretary was also asked to determine if any major publicity house was interested in publishing our Big Book.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM. And reconvened at 9:30 PM.

The Pressure Group Handbook was distributed to all Trustees present. A discussion followed and it was decided to have approval of such at the next meeting.

There was a suggestion to have better use made in all areas of color slides and TV spots. It was decided to have ERIC prepare a "How To" Handbook to be presented at the April Conclave in New York.

Norman W moved to allow New Jersey to have another Trustee. There was not second.

Wisconsin was added to the area represented by the Trustee area of Illinois.

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There was a lengthy discussion as to whether G.A. as a whole would sponsor a test case on compulsive gambling. It was the general feeling that G.A. should not get involved in such activities.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 PM.

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Meeting reconvened at 4:30 PM.

Chairman Bill G. will write to all absent Trustees of the importance of attending Trustee meetings.

There was a motion made and passed to provide for alternate Trustees.

Benni F was unanimously elected National Executive Secretary.

MayBelle G. resigned as Trustee from California because she has moved to Arkansas. The Board expressed their gratitude and thanks to MayBelle for her fine work and efforts on behalf of G.A.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Benni F.
National Executive Secretary