

**MINUTES**  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MIDWEST CONCLAVE  
CINCINNATI, OHIO  
October 17 AND 18 - 1974

Bill B., Chairman of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Roll Call:                      Designation Trustee                      (T)  
   Alternate Trustee                      (A)  
   Alternate Trustee acting Trustee                      (AT)

Present: Irving L., (T), Sheldon S. (T), Hank K. (T), George M. (A), Bert G. (T), J.E.S. (A), Leroy N. (AT), Tom H. (AT), Bob S. (T), Bill G. (T), Elmer M. (A), Charles I. (A), Eddie L. (T), Pat V. (T), Lou S. (T), Bill B. (A), Chris C. (T), Wm. S. (T), Jack F. (T), Carl M. (T), Joe S. (T), Don B. (T), Bob F. (AT), Bob N. (AT).

Absent: George R. (T), Robert S. (T), Mark B. (T), Bill W. (T), Mark R. (T), Al O. V. (T), Robert G. (T).

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Combo Book, page 17 #1 changed to read, "attend at least one meeting per week and as many other meetings as possible"...2<sup>nd</sup> Voting.  
For – 15, Against – 0, Ab. – 1.
- 2) Combo Book, page 17 #4 changed to , "Read the Recovery & Unity Program often. Follow them as these steps are the basis for the entire G.A. Program". 2<sup>nd</sup> Voting. For – 16, Against – 0, Ab. – 0.
- 3) 90 Day wonder kit – Committee of Eddie L., N. J., Carl M., N.Y., to take suggestions of ideas and changes and rewrite and bring back in April at next physical Board of Trustees Meeting.
- 4) Nominations for members of Board of Regents. For the nominating committee to consist of present and past B.O.R. to add present and past B.O.T. Change in Guidance Code, Article 16, Section 1. Motion – Hank K. 2<sup>nd</sup> . For – 3, Against – 11, Ab. 2.
- 4a) Art. 16, Section 1, "Prior members of B.O.R. who have continued to abstain from gambling and are regularly attending G.A. Meetings". Motion – Sheldon S., 2<sup>nd</sup>. For – 15, Against – 0, Ab. – 1.

4b) “Prior to nomination and regularly attending G.A. meetings. Motion – Chris C. – 2<sup>nd</sup>. For – 15, Against – 0, Ab. – 1.

5) Big Book Discussion

Attorney’s Name – Donald R. Dunner

Firm – Lane, Aitken, Dunner & Ziems

Address – 1828 L. Street, Northwest, Washington, DC 20036

Not reprint the Big Book as we have printed it, and we will insert in all remaining Big Books we have left. Some thing on fly-leas of cover. Working model this text derived from 12 steps and 12 tradition which was published by A.A. World Serv. Inc. Not only do the GA 12 steps of Recovery & Unity closely parallel the A.A. 12 steps and tradition, but the personal stories herein which originated in the A.A. text modified as necessary to adapt them to GA is closely patterned to this work to the monumental A.A. work. G.A. in no way intends to depreciate the importance and significance or its sensitivity of A.A.’s work or to undermine any of A.A.’s prepriority rights in its publications. On the contrary the utilization by GA to A.A. approach in dealing with their problems reflects G.A.’s admiration for such an approach.

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Motion by Lou – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sheldon. Future of all other literature and that this only applies to the explanation that apply to the Recovery & Unity Steps. For - -16, Against – 0, Ab. – 0.  
“everyone will receive a copy of this”.

6) Sponsorship & Retention Report

Committee – Carl M. & Eddie L. for next physical meeting in April 1975.

*First International*

*Conference of G.A.*

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October 18-20, 1974

To the Board of Trustees and All G.A. Members  
9<sup>th</sup> Midwest Conclave  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Members:

The following is our 3<sup>rd</sup> bi-annual report to fellow members advising you of what progress has been made (and what further progress can be made) toward the forthcoming 1977 International conference being hosted at the Chicago Marriott Hotel in Chicago, Illinois.

The Chicago Conference Committee is moving along in steady pace. The ground work is completed and now is the time to start building.

Flyers have been distributed to all G.A. groups (National and International). Up-to-date progress reports will appear in our N.S.O. monthly Bulletin. Reservations forms will also continue to be a part of the N.S.O. Bulletin. Emphasis is being placed on the \$5.00-\$10.00 Club, giving the fellowship and opportunity to "pay as you plan".

Our current financial report is as follows: We have forty (40) paid reservations – 960 to go to reach our goal of 1,000!!! We have received \$254.00 from the last Eastern Conclave (Miami hosting) and \$159.00 from the last Western Conclave (Las Vegas hosting in San Mateo). These monies are the result of the \$2.00 per package initiated last year. As of September 30, 1974 there is \$679.50 on hand.

The following steps are yet to be taken:

- 1) To ask the Board of Trustees to assist in formulating the theme and program for the Conference;
- 2) To ask the Board of Trustees to assist in establishing an International Committee;
- 3) To ask each delegate on the Board of Trustees to provide the Chicago Conference Committee with two names of individuals (from his area) who wish to participate on Committees. A form

is attached and should be filled out and returned to the Chicago Conference Committee by January of 1975.

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- 4) We are planning to set aside time at the next Eastern Conclave to meet with different Committees and combine our thoughts and efforts.

If these undertakings can be put together by the next Eastern Conclave, our time schedule will be on target. However, we cannot ignore our major responsibility – which is to send in our deposits.

We have set up a Reservation Table at this Conclave through the graciousness of our Cincinnati hosts. We are taking deposits at this time and will continue at each successive Conclave, as well as by mail. Any amount of deposit will hold your room. This room may hold your future!!

Once again, it is our pleasure to be hosting this first International G.A. Conference. We thank all of you for your co-operation and efforts towards making this Conference something special.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam G.  
Chairman  
1977 Conference

Marv R.  
Delegate  
Board of Trustees

Le N.  
Alternate  
B.O.T.

RESERVATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

GROUP \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

_____	PLAN A....4 days.....3 nights.....18 meals.....Couple.....	250.00
_____	PLAN B....4 days.....3 nights.....9 meals.....Single.....	160.00
_____	PLAN C....3 days.....2 nights.....16 meals.....Couple.....	200.00
_____	PLAN D....3 days.....2 nights.....8 meals.....Single.....	125.00
_____	PLAN E....2 days.....1 night.....10 meals.....Couple.....	125.00
_____	PLAN F....2 days.....1 night.....5 meals.....Single.....	75.00
_____	PLAN G.....Banquet and Registration....Couple.....	50.00
_____	PLAN H.....Banquet and Registration....Single.....	25.00
_____	PLAN I.....Meetings Only.....Single.....	15.00

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- 7) Art. 21, Sect. 3, How can B.O.T. member be elected in large geographical areas. NSO to notify all groups in areas to send their nomination to the NSO on March 6<sup>th</sup> and to reach the NSO on or before April 1<sup>st</sup>. Ballots to be mailed to all groups April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ballots to be returned to NSO on or before April 24<sup>th</sup> in case of a tie, a run of ballots to go out April 26<sup>th</sup> and to be returned to NSO by May 20<sup>th</sup>. NSO to notify all groups the results of ballots and run off.

Motion – Hank L., 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bert G.  
For – 17, Against – 0, Ab. – 1.

New Business:

- 1) Discussion of Groups, Intergroup and Expediter Contributions and how the NSO can receive more contributions. Prepare a list for all trustees and the national bulletin of the following:
- a) Where the money goes.
  - b) Who contributes the money.
    - 1) Deplete treasury after expenses paid each month.
    - 2) Increase donations at meeting up to \$3.00.
    - 3) Each group should have an expediter officer.
    - 4) % of group contributions per month to NSO.
    - 5) Letter to groups from NSO.
    - 6) Hold down expenses at open meetings.
    - 7) Control overall expenses of group.
    - 8) Bank account with 2 signatures.
    - 9) Have Round Robins Social Events taking place once a month. Rotate groups from meeting director as to responsibility of putting on Round Robins.  
Suggested donation - \$3.00 per person.  
\$1.00 per child.

- 10) Literature & Pins mark up and mark-up will be sent by Intergroup to NSO.
  - 11) Trustee to contact Groups on a consistent basis.
  - 12) Sign in meeting room of group. NSO need your help. Expider & Group contributions.
  - 13) Intergroups to put in newsletter or bulletin results of last month's contributions. Unanimous.
- 2) Combo Book, Page 15, Eliminate "most compulsive gamblers will answer yes to at least 7 of these questions. For – 2, Against – 13, Ab. – 1.
  - 3) Amendments to guide lines to indicate Trustee to continue serving until name of new trustee has been furnished in the case of even year elections, no resignations. However, the term of office shall be extended until the newly elected trustee has been submitted to N.S.O. Add to art. 11, Sec. 3. Motion – Sheldon. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pat P. For – 16, Against – 0, Ab. – 0.
  - 4) Conventions, Agenda, Topics, Spending of Money, Distribution of Profits.

Western Conference

80% to NSO  
20% to Gamanon

Eastern & Midwest Conference

70% to NSO  
15% to ERIC  
15% to Gamanon

B.O.T. suggests the profits of all conference. For – 10, Against – 7, Ab. – 1. Committee for the balance of new business #4, Hank K., Bill B., Jim Z., Eddie L.

- 5) Staggered elections-plan on a geographical basis for members of BOT. No action at this time.
- 6) Utilization of prior members of the BOT on committees and specific assignments at the request of BOT and/or Chairman of BOT.

The BOT or Chairman of BOT may utilize qualified active GA members in specific assignments on Committees who will be responsible to BOT. Motion – Lou, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Steve S. Art. 11, Sect. 23 For - -17, Against – 0, Ab. – 0.

- 7) Elections of offices of BOT.

Chairman – Bill B., New Rochelle, N.Y.  
Co-Chairman – Chris C., Phila. Pa.

- 8) Collections - \$87.00

Respectfully submitted,

by Jim Z.  
National Executive Secretary

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