

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
13TH EASTERN CONCLAVE, MIAMI, FLORIDA
May 2, 3, 1974

ROLL CALL:

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

Designation..... (T) Trustee
(A) Alternate
(AT) Alternate acting as Trustee

Jim B. (AT), Nat. H. (T), Sheldon S. (T), Irving S. (AT), Hank K. (AT), Bert G. (T), George M. (AT), Bill G. (T), Elmer "Red" M. (T), Herb C. (T), Eddie L. (T), Al G. (T), Pat P. (A), Chris C. (T), Jim C. (T), Bill B. (T), Carl M. (T), Al C. (T), Arnie W. (T), Marty T. (AT), Don P. (A), Joe C. (A).

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 90-Day Wonder Kit:

Motion by Red M., second by Jim C., that 90-Day Wonder Kit be accepted as approved piece of literature. Motion to appoint a committee of Don P. and Eddie L. to make corrections, deletions, etc., and present at next physical meeting.

2. Atlantic City Conclave Book:

Growth with and for G.A. proposed changes passed out by Eddie L. as regards legal aspect. Tabled. Presented by Bill B., Chairman B.O.T., regarding G.A. Big Book. G.A. Big Book published by G.A.P., objected to by Jim W. A letter was written by Jim W. to A.A. World Services. A.A. World Services, in turn, wrote to G.A. Publishing to discontinue publication, distributions, and recall all already sold, etc. G.A. Publishing stopped voluntarily publication and distribution only. Proposed a flyleaf insert giving credit to A.A. World Services.

Motion Chris C., the Chairman of the B.O.T. continue to correspond with the president of A.A. World Services in order to determine their direction and call for a special meeting if deemed necessary to present the entire action to all members of the Boards of Trustees and Regents and the National Executive Secretary. Legal counsel if required will also be presented to consider any continued action by G.A., G.A. Publishing, B.O.T. and B.O.R. Second by Jim C. Time element to be reasonable length of time, such as 30 days or less. Motion to adjourn until 9:30 Fri. For 19/Against 1/Abstain 0. Motion to take a break for 20 min., amendment, Second by Al C. For 11/Against 9.

3. Quick Response Meeting:

Motion Don P., Second Sheldon P., A quick response meeting be counted for attendance. For 17/Against 0/Abstain 0. Phone meeting explained.

4. Dropped from Agenda
5. G.A. Handbook Changes, Second Voting: Insert Recovery and Unity Book Motion by Bill B., Second by Don P. re G.A. Group Handbook Changes. For 15/Against 0/Abstain 2.
6. Article 11, Section 3, Page 8 – amending and concluding 6/30 the following even year: For 19/Against 0/Abstain 0.
7. Blood Bank:
Blood Bank. Nationally. Stricken from agenda. Motion by Red M., second by Nat H.
8. 1977 Report:

Dear Members:

This is your 2nd bi-annual report advising you of our progress toward making our forthcoming in 1977 International G.A. Conference a total success. We in Chicago have, as of this date, completed all the necessary groundwork..The caissons have been planted; the hotel has been established – the Chicago Marriott – which we feel will have the accommodations to make this conference a totally enjoyable and information experience as well as provide the facilities to make your stay a holiday of fun.

The package prices have been established and, though the efforts of our conference committee, we have been able to put a ceiling on room rates and food. Only one who shops today or someone familiar with our economy will realize the difficulty in acquiring a ceiling price at this early stage.

Now it is time to commence building a program that will reward each and every one of us through a sharing of ideas and experience; a program to help us communicate on a National and International level and, at the same time, celebrate the 20th Anniversary of G.A. This will take a total involvement of the membership from all areas. It is our hope at this time to go back to Chicago and begin setting up our committees in such a way as to achieve representation from all different areas to further lend a hand on Program Committees, Finance, Entertainment, etc.

As of this time we are not completely sure as to how these committees will be formed or from which areas representatives will be involved. However, we feel that by the time of the next Eastern Conclave, these Committees will be formed and will meet one day prior to the next Easter Conclave, such as the Board of Trustees meets now. The work load is now ahead of us and when we say all of us that is just what we

mean. Each individual member can share in this involvement with his or her ideas, with suggestions to be forwarded to area representatives.

As individual members, we can make our first responsibility that of getting our reservations in as early as possible. Many of you will think that this takes a tremendous amount of optimism in order to project being at an International Conference in Chicago in 1977. Let's eliminate the negative and accentuate the positive. For the purposes of establishing the number of people attending, we must get an early "feel" as to how many are planning to attend. Our goal is 1,000 people (at this point). As of now, we have six couples with reservations. This leaves us only 988 people to go!!! We would hope to surpass this figure.

In order to accommodate this, we have set up a Reservation Table at this conclave through the graciousness of our Miami Hosts (and we wish to thank them for this opportunity). We are taking deposits at this conclave and will continue at each succeeding conference as well as by mail. Any amount of deposit will hold your room – as you can see by our \$5.00-\$10.00 club.

Make the 1977 International Conference a part of your budget - \$5.00-\$10.00 a month toward a rewarding experience. Flyers and brochures are available at our Reservation Table.

Once again, it is a pleasure to be able to host this forthcoming affair and to thank all of you for your cooperation and efforts toward making this something special.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob K., Alternate Co-Chairman

DATES: July 21, 22, 23, 24, 1977 (Thurs. through Sun.)

WHERE: Chicago Marriott Motor Hotel, 8535 W. Higgins Rd., Kennedy Expressway – Chicago, Ill. 60631 7 minutes from O'Hare International Airport. At the hub of all Interstate Highways and Expressways leading to and from Chicago.

DEPOSITS AND RESERVATIONS: Advance registrations are now being accepted with a \$25.00 deposit. Budget plan is available (join our \$5.00/\$10.00 club) Receipts will be promptly mailed. All monies should be in U.S. funds. Deposits are refundable if unable to attend.

VACATION PLAN: Hotel room rates for a few days prior and a few days after the Conference will be the same as Conference room rates.

MARRIOTT MOTOR HOTEL: Resort atmosphere, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, health club, sauna, ice skating rink, recreation center, tennis courts,

24-hour restaurant, plus four other restaurants including the fabulous Kona Kai.

MAILING ADDRESS: First International G.A. Conference, P.O. Box 59415, North Town Station, Chicago, Ill. 60659.

PLANS:	A.	Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun., 3 night lodging, 18 meals.	Couple	\$250.00
	B.	“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 9 meals.	Single	160.00
	C.	Fri., Sat., Sun., 2 night lodging, 16 meals	Couple	200.00
	D.	“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 8 meals	Single	125.00
	E.	Saturday and Sunday, 1 night lodging, 10 meals	Couple	125.00
	F.	“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 5 meals	Single	75.00
	G.	Banquet and registration	Couple	50.00
	H.	Banquet and registration	Single	25.00
	I.	Meetings only	Single	15.00

9. Sponsorship and Retention Report

First Voting. Motion Sheldon S., Second Nat H. Sponsorship as an additional piece of literature. The written report is optional. For 11/Against 5/Abstain 2.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Limitation of Terms of National Executive Secretary:

Motion Al C., Second Bob M., no limitations. For 17/Against 2/Abstain 0.

2. Limitation of Consecutive Terms of B.O.T.

Motion by Jim C., Second Bert G., No limitation for B.O.T. For 17/Against 1/Abstain 0.

3. Limitation of Consecutive Terms of B.O.R.

limitation Motion Bill B., Second Don P. For 13/Against 3/Abstain 3.

No

4. Combo Book, Pg. 3, Definition of Spiritual. Is this complete as approved? Motion by

Al C., Second Don P., Definition be left as is. For 19/Against 0/Abstain 0.

5. Combo Book, Page 17, Eliminate Heading “Here are Some Suggestions”

Combo Book Page 17. Motion to drop from Agenda by Red M., Second by Herb C. For 11/Against 7/Abstain 2

Combo

Motion by Jim C. to adjourn and reconvene Friday 9:30. For 19/Against 0/Abstain 0.

6. Combo Book, Page 17:

Motion from Hank K., second Irv S., Change #1 to read “attend at least one meeting per week and as many other meetings as possible”, etc. For 18/Against 0/Abstain 0.

7. Combo Book, Page 17:

Item #3. Lack of motion. No change.

8. Combo Book, Page 17:
Item #4 change to read “read the recovery and unity program often. Follow them, as these are the basis for the entire G.A. Program”. For 17/Against 2/Abstain 1.
9. Combo Book, Page 4:
Drop “suggested”. Motion this item be dropped from Agenda. For 13/Against 1/Abstain 6. For next Agenda. Change “suggested” to “given”.
10. Brother Shannon gave presentation Friday night.
11. Report of action by N.Y. area B.O.T. in reference to problem involving two Groups:
Report only from Don P. on how Trustee tried to help a group and did.
12. Amendment of Guidelines concerning Intergroups:
Insert “majority of Groups have to be represented before any vote can take place”.
Motion by Arnie W., Second Carl M. For 15/Against 1/Abstain 2.
13. Combo Book: All Literature to be dated as to Last Revision Date:
Motion by Al C., Second by Carl M. For 15/Against 0/Abstain 5.
14. Consider Gamanon Proposal to Charge those Attending Conferences an Extra Amount to Pay for President’s Expenses:
Motion by Don P., Second by Hank K. that G.A. for all future conferences, whether the president or her delegate in her place attend, that the price or cost of the conclave be upgraded and added to the package. Amendment that G.A. will see that the full expenses, travel, room and board by the Conference starting in 1975. Amendment by Jake P., second by Pat P. For 10/Against 4/Abstain 6. Voting on Motion For 15/Against 3/Abstain 2.
15. Method of Nominating B.O.R.:

Motion by Irv S., re Article XVI, Sec. 1 on Method of Nominating B.O.R. 18 people on ballot, all from L.A. area. Second by Sheldon S. For 0/Against 15/Abstain 5.
b. 18 names including one from Midwest and 1 from East. For 8/Against 11/Abstain 1.
c. 18 names only motion Jim C., 2nd Sheldon S., For 17/Against 1/Abstain 2.
16. Change in Unity Steps 11 and 12 Regarding Anonymity:
Presented by Don P. Motion by Jim C., there be no change in Unity Steps 11 and 12. Second by Hank K. For 15/Against 0/Abstain 2.
17. Article XXI, Section 1:
“to be done at physical meeting at a conference in odd year preceding election”.
Motion by Red M., Second by Bert G. For 17/Against 0/Abstain 3.
18. Article XI, Section 4:

“remove from office by non-attendance at G.A. meeting or for gambling by his own admission”. Removed from Agenda. For 16/Against 0/Abstain 3.

19. Realignment of Trustee Areas:

Based on one Trustee and one Alternate representative on the average of 7 groups and 120 members. Hank K. Province of Quebec, Canada, to have one Trustee and one Alternate (3 groups/45).

Balance of Canada and Buffalo, N.Y. to have one Trustee and one Alternate (4 groups/100). Motion by Hank K. second by Irv. S. For 19/Against 0/Abstain 0.

Motion by Chris C. Philadelphia area be reduced from two Trustees and two Alternates to one Trustee and one Alternate. Second by Carl M. For 9/Against 7/Abstain 0.

Motion by Eddie L., New Jersey, requesting three Trustees and Three Alternates instead of two. Second by Marty T. For 17/Against 1/Abstain 1.

New York; Albany, Rochester, Binghamton, Connecticut and two groups (Hartford and New Haven). Motion by Bill B. Second by Bert G. to have one Trustee and one Alternate. For 15/Against 2/Abstain 2.

Motion by Carl M., 2nd by Al C., N.Y. Trustees to be increased from five to seven. For 5/Against 10/Abstain 4. Motion by Don P. Second by Marty T. that New York be allowed six Trustees and Six alternates. For 14/Against 4/Abstain 1.

Pittsburgh area request for a Trustee. (Four Groups/45). For 0/Against 1/Abstain 18.

20. Election of National Executive Secretary:

Nominations for National Executive Secretary Jim Z., Nat H., Motion to close nominations by Bert G., Second Don P. Jim Z. National Executive Secretary.

Closed with Serenity Prayer

Respectfully submitted by,
Jim Z., National Executive Secretary

Trustee Collection: \$25.00