

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
15TH ANNUAL EASTERN
CHERRY HILL,
THURSDAY & FRIDAY, APRIL 22 & 23, 1976

ROLL CALL: Bill B., Chairman of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m

DESIGNATION: (T) Trustee (A) Alternate (AT) Alternate Acting Trustee

Jim B. (T); Irving L. (T); Lenny K. (T); Marge C. (AT); Hank K. (T); Bill W. (T); J. E. Steve S. (AT); Lee N. (T); Al V. (T); Bob S. (T); ; Bill G. (T); Elmer M. (A); Robert C. (T); Eddie L. (T); Pat P. (T); Lou S. (T); Bill B. (A); Ed W. (A); Charles D.(A); Chris C. (T); Irv K. (AT); William K. B. (T); Jack F. (T); Joe S. (T); Donald B. (T); Al C. (T); Bob F. (AT); Gerald A. (A); Phil G. (A).

Top Business: Select a National Executive Secretary.

Chairman opened floor for nomination.
Nominated, Jim Z.

Jim Z. appointed National Executive Secretary for the year July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977.

2. Geographical Alignment – Board of Trustees.

There were (4) four changes – So. Ca., Nevada, New Zealand .. 3 trustees, 3 alternates – 1 change in So. California, Nevada.

Colorado – 1 trustee & 1 Alternate.

Central California, L.A., etc. – 2 Trustees, 2 Alternates.

Canada, Buffalo, Rochester, N. Y. – 1 Trustee, 1 Alternate.

Connecticut, Upper N.Y., such as New Haven; Hartford; Albany; New York; Carmel; New York; Binghamton, New York; Waterberry, New York; Syracuse, New York – 1 Trustee, 1 Alternate – there were 23 trustees assigned.

3. All New National Meeting Directory addresses gathered at the conference and some mailed to the N.S.O. always date meeting card and send and or mail to N.S.O. at once.

4. Trustee Directory Brought Up To Date

OLD BUSINESS:

- (1) Big Book Discussion. Letter of March 22, 1976 was read, and it was the opinion of the B.O.T. that the Chairman of the B.O.T. should follow this up with the attorney with the suggestion made to paragraphs 1 & 3, and pages mentioned.

Mention that the reference made to the 12 Steps recovery & unity be made to the explanation of the 12 steps of recovery & unity. Not to the 12 steps of recovery & Unity specified and reference made to the personal stories of the explanation of the 12 steps or recovery & unity, not the personal stories of compulsive gamblers.

- (2) Conference Report and Discussion.

First International Conference of G.A.

Dear Brothers:

April 1, 1976

This is our seventh bi-annual report regarding the 1977 Conference. Chicago has been hard at work putting together an informative and educational program for all of G.A. It is our intention that here – at Cherry Hill – we shall be able to finalize the G.A. program and be able to return to Chicago to implement the Gam-Anon program with ours and present a full, complete program at the Pittsburgh conclave in October.

To date, as you will note on the attached financial sheet, we have approximately 94 couples, plus children, already having made reservations. Based on a projection we made two and one half years ago, that is about 20% of the projected attendance. We have had communication with all representatives for the past six months and expect that in Cherry Hill we shall be supplied with enough ideas and suggestions to complete the program.

As a trustee who may not have been involved in the program planning, we still need your assistance in promoting the deposits from members in your area. Now is the time to really push this idea. We suggest a \$25.00 original deposit with monthly payments of \$10.00. You can see by the figures that this would at least have the member half-paid upon a Plan A program. Therefore, if he can do so, making the monthly installments, he would have the total amount paid in prior to the Conference.

Chicago intends to provide the dinner speaker for the banquet night and also provide the format for the candle-lighting ceremony. A preview for the Trustees of the program and the facilities has been planned for April, 1977.

Thank you for your past assistance. We look forward to additional help for the next fifteen months.

Respectfully submitted,
Sam G., Chairman
Le N., Trustee

Mailing Address

Post Office Box 59415
North Town Station
Chicago, Illinois 60659

FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF G.A.
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
3/31/76

<u>INCOME:</u>	Groups (\$2.00 per package)	
	1974 Miami	\$ 254.00
	1974 West Coast	159.00
	1974 Cincinnati	238.00
	1975 New York	610.00
	1975 West Coast	232.00
	1975 Toronto	303.86
		<u>\$1,796.86</u>
	Individual Deposits:	
	Plan A 82	
	Plan B 5	
	Plan C 1	
	No Plan Ind. <u>6</u>	
	Total 94	\$2860.00
	Less Refunded	70.00
	Net Total From Individuals	<u>\$2,790.00</u>
	Fund-Raising	\$ 119.73
	Interest Earned	127.18
	Miscellaneous Income	<u>8.93</u>
	Total Income	<u>\$4,842.70</u>
<u>EXPENSES:</u>		
	Postage	\$ 333.36
	Printing	237.19
	Telephone	105.04
	Office Supplies	100.15
	Equipment (Tape Recorder)	35.00
	Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>21.00</u>
	Total Expenses	<u>831.74</u>
	BALANCE	<u>\$4,010.96</u>
	First National Bank of Chicago – Savings Account Balance	\$3,819.44
	First National Bank of Chicago – Checking Account Balance	<u>191.52</u>
	Total	<u>\$4,010.96</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Le. N.
Financial Officer
March 31, 1976

RESERVATIONS BY STATE

CALIFORNIA	10
FLORIDA	5
GEORGIA	4
ILLINOIS	16
MARYLAND	1
MICHIGAN	2
NEVADA	3
NEW JERSEY	10
NEW YORK	20
OHIO	9
PENNSYLVANIA	3
VIRGINIA	1
WEST VIRGINIA	1
TORONTO	7
MONTREAL	1
LONDON	<u>1</u>
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OLD BUSINESS:

- (3) Michigan Survey Report in connection with the National Gambling Commission is that there is no harm to G.A. They come up with the figure of 1,500,000 compulsive gamblers.
- (4) Twelve ways to avoid a slip presentation – nothing new to present.
- (5) Black List page 12, Combo Book. Motion – he finds he has lost his friends and his relatives have rejected him. 2nd approval. For – 18 Against – 1 Absent – 3
- (6) Address at N.S.O. to be put under the approved seal, on the back of the cover page. 2nd approval. For – 21 Against – 0 Absent – 1

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) 11th & 12th steps of Unity. Remove “anonymity” and replace by “honesty”. One and one-half hour of discussion. Motion – is to change the 12 Steps of Unity, eliminating the word “anonymity” and substituting the word “honesty”. 2nd – Bob F. For – 3 Against – 16 Defeated
Motion – add the word “honesty” to step 12 of unity after “anonymity”. 2nd – Bob F. For – 11 Against – 10 Not 2/3 defeated.

Step 11 of the Unity Program, 6 months trial of selected few to go full face on press, radio, films and television. Show of hands should there be a change to Step 11 of the Unity Program.

For Changes: For – 5 Against – 13

Table issue until the next physical meeting. For – 9 Against – 11 Defeated

- (2) 2nd Step of the Recovery... add..”provided we don’t gamble”, on the question.
For – 0 Against - 20
- (3) Limit term of office of the Board of Trustees. Motion Steve S. Make amendment to the Guidance Code under Trustee. That no Trustee can serve any more than two consecutive terms. 2nd – Lou.
Amendment to the motion except in those areas where no other candidate is available or interested.

Regarding Amendment: For – 9 Against – 10 Not 2/3
On the Motion: For – 8 Against – 11 Not 2/3
- (4) Limit term of office of Chairman of the Board of Trustees:
Motion – the Chairman of the Board of Trustees be limited to four consecutive years.
2nd. For – 8 Against – 12 Defeated

- (5) For what reason other than gambling can a trusted servant be asked to resign. Motion guide lines to be the same for trusted servants as for the National Board of Trustees.
For – 4 Against – 3 Absent - 4
- (6) Should a member be refused a pin for making a mind bet.
Motion: Lee N.
Mind bets or dreams not considered gambling and should not affect the member's absence from gambling.
For – 18 Against – 1 Absent - 2
- (7) Post Office Employees survey and progress. Trustee to get involved by show of hands. Hank K. motion. Accept as proposed. 2nd – Bob F. get surveys form N.S.O. and mail back to N.S.O.
For – 17 Against - 3
- (8) Montreal and Colorado Group problems. Report from the Montreal Trustee, Bill W. Denver, Colorado make a phone call by Jim Z.
- (9) Twenty-four pamphlets covering recovery & Unity programs. Example of R12 enclosed.
Motion – Bill B. The B.O.T. wants to have additional explanation to the 12 steps of Recovery & Unity other than in the Big Book.

For – 7 Against – 10 Absent – 5
- (10) Page 14 – Combo Book. Paragraph “I only go on gambling binges periodically”. “Do I need G.A.”. ..eliminate first sentence and eliminate, “however”. Add – yes compulsive.
For – 13 Against – 5 Absent – 3 1st approval.
- (11) Should group information be sent to an individual? Yes.
For – 16 Against – 1 Absent - 3
- (12) Combo Book, Page 4. Change to read, “Here are the steps which if followed, are a program of recovery”.

Motion – Al V. 2nd – Bill B.
For – 5 Against - 15
- (13) Automatic collating machine and stapler, from Pitney Bowes to be purchased at \$100.00 per month not to exceed 4 years.

Check in to cost of service policy.
B.O.T.'s feeling is that they think this would be a worthwhile machine and would enhance the service of the office secretary.

- (14) Serenity Prayer printed on stained glass. Price selling .. \$3.00....Cost 11.00....Shipping fee..... Not feasible N.S.O. to handle. No interest shown.
- (15) Design and information on a 20 year pin.
Anyone sending in ideas get a sketch from the makers of our pins now (Cal Ring), to be taken up at the Pittsburgh meeting of the Board of Trustees.