

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

AT 13TH GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 18TH & 19TH, 1979 AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

The meeting was called to order by Eddie L. Chairman of the Board of Trustees at 2:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Designation - Trustee (T), Alternated Trustee (A), and Alternate Trustee - Acting Trustee (AT) number of sessions (5) - of session attended (5) 100% attendance

PRESENT: Irving S. (T) (5)-(5), Manuel E. (AT) (5)-(5), Daniel T.B. (T) (5)-(5), Hank K. (T) (5)-(5), Bob G. (A) (5)-(3), Al P. (T) (5)-(5), Ralph G. (T) (5)-(5), Leroy N. (T) (5)-(4), Ed A. (T) (5)-(2), Bill G. (T) (5)-(4), Bob B. (T) (5)-(5), James P. (A) (5)-(5), Robert G. (T) (5)-(5), Eddie L. (T) (5)-(5), Irwin S. (T) (5)-(5), Ray S. (T) (5)-(5), Richard I. (A) (5)-(5), Norman W. (A) (5)-(5), Jack W. (T) (5)-(5), Norman B. (T) (5)-(5), Bob F. (T) (5)-(5), William K.B. (T) (5)-(5), Steve B. (T) (5)-(5), Sandy C. (AT) (5)-(5), Perry B. (AT) (5)-(5), David F. (T) (5)-(5), William S. (A) (5)-(5), Sam G. (A) (5)-(2).

ABSENT: Harry D. P. (T), Jack R. E. (A), Bob F. (T), George V. (A), Dave R. (A), Henry H. (T), Robert S. (A), Bill W. (T), Ronald G. (A), Roy C. (A), Tom B. (A), Samuel H. T. (A), Jim V. (A), Glenn A. P. (A), Tony D. (A), David S. (A), Joe S. (T), John P. G. (T), Bob N. (A), Joel G. (A), Ed T. (A), Jerome R. (A), Sam W. (T).

OLD BUSINESS

1. Guidance Code addition add paragraph to cover code of ethics in elections at group level Board of Trustees and Board of Regents in Gamblers Anonymous discussion died for lack of motion.
2. Combo Book page 14, Definition of Gambling should include the words for Self or - Others after wagering. On the question.
For 15 Against 2 Abstain 2 2nd Voting
3. Combo book page 12, last paragraph, last sentence, change to the following:
"Most Gamblers Anonymous members look upon this as their greatest challenge which should be worked on immediately and continued throughout their lives." 2nd Voting
For 18 Against 0 Abstain 1
4. In areas where trustees are elected through an Intergroup election, should the Voting procedures be uniform?
Motion Norman W. 2nd Irving S. Motion and 2nd withdrew. Motion Rick I. 2nd Bill B. N. Y. uniformity for National Board of Trustee Election that is in Guidance Code page-23 Item 21 Sec. 3 be uniformity in election of Board of Trustees.
For 12 Against 5 Abstain 1
5. Combo book page 17 #6 to read: When you are ready, the trusted servants will conduct a pressure group meeting for you and your spouse (if married), and adherence to it will aid in your recovery. 2nd Voting
For 19 Against 0 Abstain 0

6. Guidance code Article XI Section 1, page 7- Define regular attendance for Trustees. (tabled Item)
 Motion Norman B. 2nd A1 P. 26 meetings per year. Motion withdrew.
 Motion Norman B. Board of Trustees suggest to attend 1 meeting per week and as many other meeting as possible. 2nd Irvin S.
 For 2 Against 12 Abstain 4
 Board of Trustees defines regular attendance for National officers as 39 meeting per year. Motion Norman B. 2nd A1 P.
 For 12 Against 5 Abstain 2
7. 20 Questions survival (new literature).
 Tabled - Put in committee for a clean up job. Motion Bill B. N.Y. 2nd I
 For 11 Against 0 Abstain 8
8. Any Business brought before this Board and omitted shall be made paid of this agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Realignment of National Trustees and areas.
- Area #1 - Central California and Greater Los Angeles.
 2 Trustees - 2 Alternate Trustees
- Area #1A - Australia
 1 Trustee and 1 Alternate Trustee
- Area #2 - Northern California
 1 Trustee and 1 Alternate Trustee
- Area #2A - Washington, Oregon, North Dakota, Province of B. C. Alberta, Monitoba, North Western and Western Canada.
 1 Trustee and 1 Alternate Trustee
- Area #3 - South California, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado
 1 Trustee and 1 Alternate Trustee
- Area #4 - Province of Ontario Canada, Hamilton, Toronto and Ottawa
 1 Trustee and 1 Alternate Trustee
- Area #5 - Province of Quebec Canada Montreal, Hull.
 1 Trustee and 1 Alternate Trustee
- Area #6 - Florida, Puerto Rico, Texas, and Oklahoma.
 1 Trustee and 1 Alternate Trustee
- Area #7 - Louisiana, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Mississippi
 1 Trustee and 1 Alternate Trustee
- Area #8 - Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and South Bend Indiana.
 1 Trustee and 1 Alternate Trustee
- Area #9 - Michigan, and Toledo, Ohio
 1 Trustee and 1 Alternate Trustee
- Area #10 - Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana Western, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia
 2 Trustees and 2 Alternate Trustees
- Area #11 - Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine.
 1 Trustee and 1 Alternate Trustees

Area #12 - New Jersey, Suffern, N.Y., Scranton, Pennsylvania
3 Trustees and 3 Alternate Trustees

Area #13 - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Maryland Delaware Washington D.C., Woodbury,
Moorestown N. J. and Garden State, N.J. and Atlantic City, N. J.
1 Trustee and 1 Alternate Trustee

Area #14 - Long Island, N.Y. and Hempstead, N. Y.
2 Trustees and 2 Alternate Trustees

Area #15 - New York, N.Y. and White Plains - Westchester, N. Y.
5 Trustees and 5 Alternate Trustees

Area #16 - Upper N. Y., Rockchester Friday and Monday Schenectady, Tri County, Albany,
Lockport, Binghamton, Syracuse, Troy, Lockawanna, Buffalo, Corning and Niagara Falls.
1 Trustee and 1 Alternate Trustee

Area #17 - Tri-State, Connecticut, Carmel, N.Y., Long Meadow, and Massachusetts.
1 Trustee and 1 Alternate Trustee

Vote on awarding a Trustee and Alternate Trustee to area 2A.
For 20 Against 0

Vote on change Buffalo and Niagara Falls from Area 4 to Area #16.
For 18 Against 0

Area #8. Raise to 2 Trustees and 2 Alternate Trustees
For 5 Against 13

Area #14 Raise 2 Trustees and 2 Alternate Trustees
For 12 Against 1 Abstain 5

2. The following voting procedure to be adopted by all Intergroup electing Board of Trustees and Alternate Trustees: each eligible group allotted 2 votes. To be elected Trustee a nominee must receive more than one - half of the total vote. Polling will continue until the required number of Trustees are elected. In the event that more than the required number of Trustees receive more than 50% of the votes during an individual ballot, the highest number will decide the election. Thereafter, the Alternates will be elected on a "one at a time" basis. This is required as Alternates are designated 1st, 2nd, etc. Therefore, the highest vote received, who receives more than 50% of the total vote, will be the only elected Alternate on a given ballot.

Motion to Table. Motion Irwin S. 2nd Ray S.
For 18 Against 0 Abstain 1

3. Chairman of Board of Trustees should have expenses paid to attend a conference that is not a physical meeting. The money should come from the \$50.00 monthly allowance. Motion to accept Rick I. 2nd Irving S.
For 16 Against 2 Abstain 2

4. Following suggestion to be transmitted to Board of Regents if approved by the Board of Trustees to allocate funds so that the Chairman of the Board of Trustees can attend the area conference that is not hosting a Board of Trustees physical meeting. If approved, funding can be secured from the following sources:

(a) Fully utilized the budgeted amount of \$50.00 (has never been used by previous chairman) Allocated for Chairman Board of Trustees monthly expenses.

(b) Institute in the budget an amount to specifically cover this expense.

Motion Bill B. 2nd Rich I. That the monthly allowance be raised from \$600.00 per year to \$1000.00 per year by voucher.
For 17 Against 2 Abstain 2

5. The following elected offices should not be held for more than 1 term consecutively.
 Chairman of Board of Trustees, National Executive Secretary, and Board of Regents Chairman.
 Motion Bob B. on the question 2nd
 Amendment all Trustees and all Board of Regents
 Amendment Rich I. 2nd Bill B.
 On the Amendment for 13 Against 3 Abstain 4
 On the Motion for 2 Against 18 Abstain 0
6. Purchase a building to be used as a National Office. It may also be used as a meeting place for Intergroups and / or Half-way house, for Gamblers Anonymous members for a short time.
 Dropped from agenda For 17 Against 0 Abstain 3
7. Should the Board of Trustees express an opinion on any individual, Group, Intergroup or National body purchasing or constructing a building - for use as a meeting place or any other Gamblers Anonymous related purpose.
 Most Trustees felt (Yes) they should be notified, and not to handle until the matter come up. Let it go at present time.
8. Guidance Code - Article XII - Section 1 change requirements from 2 years abstinence from gambling to 3 years. (Board of Trustees) Motion Bill S. 2nd Sandy C.
 For 0 Against 21 Abstain 0
9. Board of Regents voting - Change: To vote for at least 5 and up to 9 nominees. Include a sample ballot, along with official ballot. Leave home group, years abstinence, and previous Board of Regents and Board of Trustees service on official ballot.
 Motion Rich I. 2nd Irving S. Dropped 5 to 9 include a sample ballot with fictitious names on Official Ballot the same.
 For 17 Against 2 Abstain 1
- Consider revising Board of Regents voting Procedure. National involvement has had an almost total breakdown and the local California area (surrounding the N. S. O. office) have encountered problems in their voting procedure. Concides confirming voting for Board of Regents as a West Coast responsibility.
 Motion-Let the Board of Trustees vote for Board of Regents. - Hank K. Lee N. 2nd
 Table have a committee to look into.
 For 4 Against 10 Abstain 5
 On the Motion - For 1 Against 18 Abstain 0 Defeated
11. Combo Book - page 8. Paragraph 2 - remove last 4 words "With a similar problem."
 Motion Norman W. 2nd Al P. on the question
 For 2 Against 14 Abstain 2 Defeated
12. Combo Book page 8 - paragraph 2 change: Simple to recovery. Motion Norman W. 2nd Bill S.
 For 1 Against 16 Abstain 2 Defeated
13. Combo Book page 8 - paragraph 2 change: Similar to gambling or Compulsive Gambling.
 Motion David F. 2nd
 For 14 Against 1 Abstain 4 First Voting.
14. Combo Book page 10, Item 2 - Add race track after poker table.
 Motion Norman W. 2nd Bill B.
 For 2 Against 14 Abstain 3 Defeated
15. Combo Book page 11, paragraph 3 - add racing stables after servants.
 Motion David F. 2nd
 For 0 Against 16 Abstain 4 Defeated
16. Combo Book page 15, item 3 - Add for being an honest person after reputation.
 Motion Rich I. 2nd
 For 0 Against 19 Abstain 0 Defeated

17. Combo Book - Add question: Have you ever borrowed from parents relatives or friends to bail out of a gambling jackpot?
 For 0 Against 19 Abstain 0 Defeated
18. Combo Book - Add question: Have you been in and out of gambling jackpots over your gambling?
 Motion Rich I. 2nd
 For 0 Against 18 Abstain 2 Defeated
19. Combo Book - page 4, Step 1 - Add: and accepted after admitted.
 Motion Bob B. 2nd Norman W.
 For 1 Against 16 Abstain 3 Defeated
20. Combo Book - bottom of page 3 - Add: if you like what we have, and are willing to go to any lengths to get it, then you are ready to take certain steps.
 Motion Rich I. 2nd Norman B.
 For 0 Against 17 Abstain 2 Defeated
21. "Guy in the Glass" Author anonymous - New Literature.
 Motion Bill B. 2nd Hank K. to table.
 On Table - For 18 Against Tabled
22. "We Gambled For" Author, G. A. member. New literature motion Lee N. to Table. 2nd
 For 14 Against 0 Abstain 4 Tabled
23. New member letter. New literature. Motion Rich I. 2nd Irwin S. - withdrew.
 Motion to table. Motion Irwin S. 2nd
 On Table - For 1 Against Defeated
 Motion Norman B. 2nd Hank K. We do not accept this as a piece of new literature change to accept.
 For 7 Against 12 Abstain 1 Defeated
24. Suggestions for Gamblers Anonymous sponsors addition to sponsorship paper. Put in committee is be formed.
25. Combo Book - 20 Questions - Change tense to include new members and long time members. Have committee to work on and come back tomorrow.
 Motion Bill B. 2nd - For 15 Against 3 Abstain 2
 After committee worked on.
 Motion Ray S. 2nd Bob B. 1st Voting
 For 15 Against 5 Abstain 0
26. Regarding Chairman of Board of Trustees expenses: He must accept and use money from his allowance if he has Board of Trustees expenses.
 Motion Sandy C. 2nd Lee N.
 For 15 Against 3 Abstain 2
27. What Constitutes attendance at a physical Board of Trustees meeting?
 Motion Lee N. behind names, number of sessions Board of Trustees meeting, number of sessions each Trustee attended.
 Amendment - Bill S. 2nd. Secondary roll call at end of each session.
 On Amendment - For 13 Against 2 Abstain 2
 Physical present at all sessions 2nd 100%. On the Motion.
28. Literature change - Group Hand Book: "no therapy should be taken out of any Gamblers Anonymous meeting by any Gamblers Anonymous member and be repeated. (put in)- Gamblers Anonymous Group Hank Book - page 8.
 Motion Hank K. 2nd David F. - Suggested meeting format page 8., at end of #1. and #7.
 For 21 Against 1 Abstain 0 1st Voting

29. Combo Book - page 16, question 11 - Remove real cr. Motion Norman B. 2nd
 For 0 Against 18 Abstain Defeated
30. Combo Book - page 11, paragraph 3 - Change Kill to Score.
 Motion Norman W. 2nd David F.
 For 6 Against 12 Abstain 2 Defeated
31. (made from #8. Old Business) When families fight over finances to be utilized in Pres-
 sure Group meeting pamphlet. Motion Bill B. 2nd
 For 0 Against 16 Abstain 2

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. How can Gamblers Anonymous group help deaf-dumb members - Send a person who can communicate with them to the meeting or write to them their are agencies that will help.
2. Board of Trustees recommendation to Intergroup that asks help regarding group that doesnot use Gamblers Anonymous approved literature.
 - (a) Should they be taken off group address cards.
 - (b) Should they be removed from telephone answering service list (there by no new members via phone number and P. O. Box would be sent to that group.
 Motion Lee N. - 2nd Bob F. - Group Stoneham Gamblers Anonymous group in Stoneham, Massachusetts can be reinstated in six month by presents at a physical meeting.
 Amendment - For 5 Against 13 Abstain 1
 On the motion Board of Trustees remove the Stoneham Gamblers Anonymous group of Massachusetts, for not adhering to the Guidance Code and not using Gamblers Anonymous approved literature.
 For 17 Against 3 Abstain 0
3. Board of Trustees recommendation to Intergroup that ask help regarding group. that allows people to participate in their regular closed meetings, who do not admit to being a compulsive gambler.
 Motion Bob F. 2nd Al P. - Only members admitting to being a compulsive gambler shall give therapy in a Gamblers Anonymous room.
 For 6 Against 14 Abstain 0
4. Postal Survey - Results an recommendations, 49 postal surveys received at National Service Office.
 Give surveys to Dr. Custer for evaluation then send a copy of all to Bill S., Carmel Gamblers Anonymous group.
 Tabled Motion Norman B. 2nd by Hank K. -
 For 6 Against 11 Abstain 2
5. Group survey via Board of Trustees - Trustees and Alternate Trustees, take home and bring back to Browns Hotel meeting.
6. Silver Anniversary report 1982.
 Irving S. reported, no report was not given one, had nothing to report.
7. New Big Book report given by Norman W. - Discussion on what was given.
 Motion by Bill B. 2nd by Irving S. -
 Initial printing to be paper back form., target date 25 Anniversaries.
 For 19 Against 0 Abstain 0
 Committee to meet in November in New York area. Contact Norman W.
8. Letter regarding Gamblers Anonymous literature for resale. Carry over (Tabled).
9. Pre Board of Trustees area meeting discussion was had general agreement was to have.

10. Specific assignments for National trustee by Board of Trustee Chairman examples :
- Strengthening retention.
 - Sponsorship.
 - preview of types and length of meetings etc. to carry over.
11. Gamblers Anonymous meeting held at a race track meeting not be held any more discussed slightly dropped from agenda.
12. Remove a Board of Trustee National trustee from board for non-attendance at Gamblers Anonymous meeting.
 Motion Dan B. 2nd Norman W. - Dropped.
 Motion Bill G. Board of Trustees Chairman write a letter or by phone to get the facts to Sam W. - (On the question - Ray S. 2nd Sandy C.
 For 10 Against 4 Abstain 5
13. Recommend to Board of Regents, the following:
- That National Service Office pay 40% of expenses of Trustee and / or Alternate Trustee, to all National Conferences.
 - Only conference where Board of Trustees meeting is being held. Tabled to Browns. Carry Over.
14. Compulsive gamblers and spouses, both members of Gamblers Anonymous and Gamaron at the same chapter the members are not attending meetings anymore, discussed slightly. Dropped from agenda.

Trustee Collection \$138.00

Respectively Submitted.
 Jim Z.
 Recording Secretary Board of Trustees
 National Executive Secretary

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VOTING ON BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MAIL MEETING AUGUST 21, 1979

Roll Call: Designation Trustee (T) - Alternate Trustee (A) - and Alternate Trustee. Acting Trustee (AT). Absent (T) or Alternate (A)

Present: Bob F. (T), George Y. (AT), Henry H. (T), Robert S. (A), Hank K. (T), Bob G. (A), Ralph G. (T), Leroy N. (T), Sam G. (A), Bill G. (T), James P. (AT), Robert G. (T), Eddie L. (T), Irwin S. (T), Ray S. (T), Norman W. (A), Joe S. (T), John C. (T), Sandy C. (AT), Joel G. (AT), Jerome R. (AT), David F. (T), William S. (A).

Absent: Irving S. (T), Manuel E. (A), Dan B. (T), Dave R. (A), Bill W. (T), Ronald G. (A), Al P. (T), Roy C. (A), Bob B. (T), Tom B. (A), Ed A. (T), Sam T. (A), Jim V. (A), Richard I. (A), Glenn P. (A), Jack W. (T), Tony D. (A), Norman B. (T), Dave S. (A), Bob F. (T), William K. B. (T), Steve B. (T), Bob N. (A), Ed T. (A), Sam W. (T), Perry B. (A).

QUESTIONNAIRE

- Number of groups in your trustee area.
- Number of groups contacted in survey.

145
 119

QUESTIONNAIRE

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| 3. Number of members who attend at least 2 meetings monthly. | | incomplete | |
| 4. Number of groups that specifically offer a sponsor to a new member. | | <u>39</u> | |
| 5. Number of groups that offer the 3 month member the 90 DAY PLATEAU. | | | |
| 6. Number of groups that have Big Book available for sale or use at group level. | | <u>96</u> | |
| 7. Number of groups that have literature (reprints of news articles on G. A.) available to members. | | <u>109</u> | |
| 8. Number of groups that encourage the reading of (or writing to) the Bulletin to its members. | | <u>74</u> | |
| 9. Number of groups that give a "new member letter" to new members their first meeting. | | <u>42</u> | |
| 10. Number of groups that offer pressure meetings. | | <u>108</u> | |
| 11. How many groups offer either regularly or occasionally: | | | |
| a) step meeting | <u>59</u> | d) topic meeting | <u>50</u> |
| b) therapy meeting | <u>119</u> | e) open to public meetings | <u>58</u> |
| c) comment meeting | <u>61</u> | f) combined G. A. and Gam Anon | <u>59</u> |
| 12. How many groups sponsor with Gam Anon, a Gam-Ateen meeting. | | <u>2</u> | |
| 13. Regarding Public Relations: Number of groups that did Public Relations with- in the last year. : | | | |
| | T. V. | <u>36</u> | |
| | Radio | <u>56</u> | |
| | Newspapers | <u>71</u> | |
| | Speaking Engagements | <u>77</u> | |
| | Others | <u>18</u> | |
| 14. How many groups belong to an intergroup. | | <u>128</u> | |
| 15. How many groups have group inventory meetings (to discuss ways to better func- tion as a G. A. group) | | <u>56</u> | |
| 16. The following questions please answer briefly based on your experiences and thoughts: (check one) | | | |
| a) The ideal group size for retention | 2 - 5 | <u>0</u> | |
| | 6 - 10 | <u>3</u> | |
| | 11 - 15 | <u>11</u> | |
| | 16 - 20 | <u>3</u> | |
| | 21 - up | <u>3</u> | |
| | not important | <u>2</u> | |
| b) What do you think are the main areas that need upgrading at the group level in your area ? | | | |

Results of Board of Trustees Mail Meeting:

August 21, 1979

Trustees Answering: 13

Alternate Trustees answering: 9

There were 5 Alterante Trustee votes counted because the Trustee in that area did not vote.

Total Valid votes: 18

Trustees answer to question 16 b.

What do you think the main areas that need upgrading at the group level in your area?

1. Retention
2. Sponsorship Program Implimented
3. Better prepared chairman conducting meeting
4. Follow up on new members
5. More gamanon meetings
6. More involvement by members at group level

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7. Telephone committee to call members
8. More firm following of G. A. suggestions
9. Better understanding of the G. A. recovery and unity programs
10. More public relations at group level
11. More life liner participation
12. More telephone communication between meetings by members
13. Two hour limit on G. A. meetings
14. Practicing principals before personalities
15. More involvement of members in the pressure group committee
16. More open to the public meetings
17. More spirit and fellowship at group level
18. Better training of all members on responsibilities to group and G. A. as a whole
19. Chairman should be aware of members who did not speak recently and give all members opportunity to give therapy
20. Chairman should communicate to group announcement of coming events and responsibilities to H. S. D. etc.
21. Use of 90 day plateau paper
22. New member kits - with the following given at 1st meeting to members:
 - a) group telephone list
 - b) meeting card (address of other meetings in area)
 - c) various reprints of G. A. newspaper articles
 - d) new member paper
 - e) the bulletin
23. Taking new members to 2nd meeting
24. Invite new members to ask questions at first meeting

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