

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

20th EASTERN CONFERENCE

AT GROSSINGERS, NEW YORK

APRIL 26, 27, 1984

The meeting was called to order by Al G., Chairman of the Board of Trustee's at 2:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Designation - Trustees (T) Alternated Trustee (A)
Alternate Trustee's Acting Trustee (AT)
Number of Sessions Attended (4) 100% Attendance
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PRESENT: Manuel E., (T) (4)(4) Melvyn M., (T)(4)(4), Al G., (T)(4)(4), Don S., (A)(4)(4)
Phil G., (T)(4)(4), Vick S., (A)(3)(3), Howie C., (T)(4)(4), Jerry S., (A)(4)(4)
Jerry S., (T)(4)(4), Bob G., (AT)(4)(4), Ira C., (T)(4)(4), Milton K., (AT)(3)(3)
George J. (T)(3)(3), Stafford K., (T)(3)(3), Jerry G., (A)(4)(4), Dick G., (T)(4)(4)
James P. (T)(4)(4), Robert B., (A)(4)(4), Tom S., (A)(4)(4), Don O. S., (T)(4)(4),
Eddie L., (T)(3)(3), Pat P., (T)(3)(3), Joe K., (T)(4)(4), Milton K., (A)(3)(3),
Tony D., (T)(4)(4), Joe O'N., (A)(4)(4), Louis T., (T)(4)(4), David S., (T)(4)(4),
Norman B., (A)(1)(1), Scott A., (A)(4)(4), Joe S., (T)(4)(4), Simon S., (T)(2)(2),
Steve T., (T)(3)(3), Steve B., (T)(4)(4), Robert N., (A)(4)(4), Wm. B., (A)(4)(4),
Ken G., (T)(4)(4), Paul T., (T)(4)(4), Ed B., (A)(4)(4), David F., David F.,
(Ass. Ch.#2)(4)(4)

ABSENT: Harry P., (T), Marcia R., (A), Lynn (H), Abraham L., (A), Hank K., Charles S., (A)
Al J., (T), Lou D., (A), Larry K., (T), Bill G., (T), Robert B., (A), Jimmy S. (A)
Bill G., (A), Joel F., (T), Phillip G. (A).

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Directory of Gamblers Anonymous terms. No item refer to committee
Bill B., New York.
2. Motion regarding the 12 steps of recovery. No item changes.
3. How, I keep from gambling - Booklet refer to committee George J.
4. Gamblers Anonymous Posters. 2nd-Vote-Passed-Motion Mel M., 2nd Marie E.
For...21 Against...0
Put sketch in bulletin exact wording do not add to some wording
gr & intergroup print their own print.

If You Have a Gambling Problem or Know Someone Who Does CALL: Gamblers Anonymous phone numbers (212) 689-7500 or (201) 622-4618 Or write: New Jersey Intergroup, P. O. Box 283, Kearny, New Jersey 07032
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5. Increase the number of members on the Board of Trustees to (36) thirty-six
trustees, and thirty-six Alternate trustees (36).
Motion Howie C., 2nd David F. For...19 Against...2
Guidance code changes-Passed.
6. Pressure group form changes. 1st vote no item.
7. Change combo book page 17, #6 to read pressure relief program. Also,
change pressure group meeting pamphlet and pressure group financial
forms to the word relief. 2nd vote motion Mel M., 2nd Marie E.
For...20 Against...1 Passed

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8. Who you see here, What you see here, When you leave here, Let it stay here.
2nd vote. Motion David F., 2nd Stafford K.
For...22 Against...0 Passed
9. Report on Big Book New 1st Ed. The Gamblers Anonymous Book.
The idea of producing a completely new Gamblers Anonymous Book was first considered in July of 1977. The Board of Trustees of the Fellowship discussed the project at the 20th Anniversary International Conference held in Chicago, Illinois. It was generally agreed that an original approach would be needed to present all segments of our program. The Board also felt the book should be written in a structured and interesting fashion and include all relevant data. At this meeting the Board of Trustees voted in favor of the project and then formed a committee to get the word out to all members that submission of fresh ideas and material would be everyone's responsibility.
The book remained in the planning stage until it was decided that the actual writing should be left to professionals. The firm that was selected gathered basic information by attending meetings, reading our literature and interviewing many of the people who contributed to the book. Approximately three years of weekly meetings between the writers and the committee then followed, as it immediately became apparent that constant input from the fellowship would be required. Almost seven years after the first discussion by the Board of Trustees the book has become a reality.
Gamblers Anonymous would like to thank everyone who helped in developing and producing the book. A special thanks to members of Gam-Anon and the professional community who made numerous contributions.
We believe that the aims and purposes of the Gamblers Anonymous Fellowship have been maintained and advanced through the development of this volume. Committee voted no further payment to Mr. Johns of the writers allowance Inc. Committee to gave list of names and letter of thank you letter to National Service Office for free Big Blue Book 1st, Ed., for those people who helped on the New Big Book 1st, Ed. not to exceed 50 copies.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Insurance survey was never discussed.
 2. The subject of I.R.A.'s and whether or not the compulsive gambler should have them in his or her own name.
Discussed at length came to no decision, a lot of suggestions were made etc.
 3. When a group has 20, or so members attending, they consider splitting into two groups. Out no one could explain.
 4. A plan of action for Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon to help Gam-A-Teem get started throughout the country.
Discuss this when a plan is drawn up. Defeated on the motion Don S., 2nd Dave.
For...0 Against...23
 5. Financial support for trustees and alternate to attend Board of Trustees was on last agenda out for three meeting of B.O.T.
- 6,7,8.
All three together. Definition of Gambling in combo book. Definition of own admission and its meaning. Participation in various activities where the person has on financial involvement, such as: Reader digest Sweepstakes, Give-A-Ways at stores where you play bingo or rub out spots for prizes, etc... Long long discussion.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS:

9. Duties of Assistant and 2nd Assistant Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Should they be spelled out and included in the guidance code? Refer to committee put on next agenda.
10. Is there a national trend developing where meeting formats have drifted away from "talking about your past gambling problems"? No. A few instances, but not a National trend.
Motion Mel M., 2nd. For...0 Against...24
11. The procedures necessary to determine whether or not a meeting is a Gamblers Anonymous meeting, and under what circumstances is their recognition as a Gamblers Anonymous meeting taken away.
Motion Ira C., 2nd Tom S. Expell thursday nite meeting, Massachusetts.
For...3 Against...18
Motion Ira C., 2nd Tom S. For...0 Against...24
Part #2 to handle like guidance code, says Letter by Al G., Chairman to group asking them to use approved G. A. literature comply with 6 statement what is a G. A. group send guidance code copy to group, ask for a reply.
For...24 Against...0
12. Parole procedures on the group level. Insert #3, tabled to act meeting for out put of material to Trustees and Alternate Trustees.
13. To Honor Jim W., and Ray M., as the Co-founders of Gamblers Anonymous. Honor Jim W., as Founder not Ray M.

Items Omitted from agenda

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 1A Possibility of advance notice on all national programs on or about Gamblers Anonymous. Any idea how to do this, only one course National Service Office to work, it seems like an impossible task, and what results it would bring in there are 453, Gamblers Anonymous Groups to notify, what a task?
- 2A Clarify "Requirements for membership," a desire to stop gambling.
- 3A No smoking meetings. Motion Bill B., 2nd. The group has the right to have non-smoking or smoking meetings.
For...18 Against...1 Passed
To have Board of Trustees a non smoking meeting. Motion Bob B., 2nd.
For...2 Against...18 Defeated
Motion Bob B., 2nd. House room split in half smoking, half non smoking.
For...18 Against...2 Passed
- 4A Clarification of voting procedures for Trustees and Alternate Trustees. The procedures are in the guidance code page 24.
- 15-1-8
Survey New Jersey. Motion George J., 2nd to pass out. Survey
For...19 Against...3
- 15-2-8
Form from Bill G., for group use in conducting meeting, and items for other information leave up to group.

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DISCUSSIONS ITEMS:

15-8

Old Business. Parole proceeding to help someone in trouble with the law. Out of order; not in hand of trustees. 45-days before meeting table for October, 1984 meeting.

15-1

Nomination for National Executive Secretary. Nominations open Jim Z. Nominations be closed unanimes For...24 Against...0 James J.Z., National Executive Secretary.

15-2

Give back to New York Intergroup their trustee and alternate trustee they gave up at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Conference. Motion Dave S., 2nd. For...20 Against...0

15-3

Upstate New York Mini Conclave, November 7, 8, 9, 1984, O.K. to advertising in bulletin. etc...

15-4

Spanish combo update and put on tape.

15-5

Establish guide lines by three areas Mid-West, Eastern, and West. The groups that are eligible to have conference, which may be broken in to by someone becoming eligible. Motion Ira C., 2nd. Board of Trustee to decide where the next conference will be held, and who will handle it. For...3 Against...22 Defeated
Establish list of eligible groups, or intergroups, that may be broken in when someone else becomes eligible to be handled by chairman and co-chairman. Motion Norman W., no one 2nd. Leave as had been previous years.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Transfer of the National Service Office, to the East Coast. Out of order, should not be on agenda.
2. That the chairman of the Board of Regent, or his representative, attend every Board of Trustees meetings. Motion Mel M., 2nd Marie E. Talked about finances. For...19 Against...7
3. That there be guide lines, as to how funds are raised for conventions. Motion Mel M., refer to committee Mel M., Marie E., Howie C., 2nd Marie E. For...19 Against...2
4. Combo book-page 2, third paragraph change no one likes to think, to people do not like to think. 1st vote. Motion Don S., 2nd Dave S. For...0 Against...23 Defeated.
5. Combo Book-page 12, second paragraph-change "A Person" to People in the grip. 1st vote. Motion Ira C., 2nd. For...0 Against...23 Defeated

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NEW BUSINESS:

6. Combo Book--page 16, number 20 change "as a result" to "as results"
1st vote passed. Motion George J., 2nd.
For...20 Against...4
7. Combo Book--page 16, number 18, change "Do arguments" to "Did arguments"
1st vote defeated. Motion George J., 2nd.
For...2 Against...23
8. Combo Book--page 17, number 6, put a comma between for you, and your.
1st vote.
For...0 Against...24 Defeated
9. Eliminate Article XI, Section 18 of the guidance code. Motion
Howie C., 2nd Mel M. For...0 Against...24 Defeated
10. Combo book--page 6, number 3, change "is a desire to stop gambling" to
"an honest and sincere desire to stop gambling." Motion Mel M., 2nd.
For...0 Against...24 Defeated
11. Combo Book--page 8, third paragraph change "has a desire to get well"
to "has an honest and sincere desire to get well. 1st vote.
Motion Mel M., 2nd Manie E. For...0 Against...24 Defeated
12. Combo Book -- Page 4 & 5, change to be made as per enclosed on the
Recovery program. 1st vote. Out of order was on last agenda.
13. Cancel the 1985 Western Convention, because of the conflict with the
International Convention to be held in England in July 1985. Motion
Mel M., 2nd. For...0 Against...24 Defeated
14. Forms to be used at group level as approved literature. 1st vote.
Motion cancelled with drew.
15. Any business brought before the Board of Trustees and omitted.
16. Good and welfare.

Jim Z. -- Hello everyone, I am Jim Z., your National Executive Secretary,
I know that I have slipped on a thing but, I keep trying and I will
continue to the best of my ability to do so, please trustee
give some input for the bulletin and we can have a better bulletin
for reading. Thank you for your hard work for Gamblers Anonymous,
and I hope everyone continues to do so. I thank you.

Bill B. -- For a better agenda please give Al G., things in writing, so
he can get up an agenda. It's not fair if we donot write to the bulletin
how can we expect other people to write to the bulletin, how can we
expect to be notified of events. Like to thank everyone for the pertisipat-
ing, but I think also we should do our home work before we come here instead
of waiting til we get here to do it.

Ken G. -- It's a great fellowship, greater clarification on items, more
communication, money wise etc. Try to do a better job, keep trying.

Mel M. -- Very happy to be here in the great state of New York, to
pertisipation in the trustees meeting.

Manie E. -- I have been very happy to serve you to the best of my ability,
if anything if I can do for it for this board, I will be happy to do so.
Thank you.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Dave S. - Sign on the billboard from New York, and Long Island, it has been very successful. We pay nothing for the billboard just pay for the sign.

Scott A. - I have been a great accomplishment, and I am proud to be here. Thanks.

George J. - I been ask to rerun for trustee, I have not made up my mind if god willing in a few days and be ten years old.

Paul J. - I have learned a lot, and I can see how important it all is thanks a lot.

Jim P. - I am Jim P., from Wheeling, West Virginia, I do not talk much, but I listen good and learn a lot, and suppose everyone here is coming to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania conference in July. Thank a lot, booth will be open sunday morning.

Joe K. - I want to leave you with a though we recently put in a new answering service, and our calls have trippled in the first month. I thank you very much. Two line patch system.

Stafford K. - I am happy to be here, I really get a lot out of it, and I hope I am here a long time.

Irwin S. - A school on how Gamblers Anonymous works involement is everything think I am learning every day what a wonderful fellowship this is thanks for being here the steps are important

Tom S.

Steve B. - New York, I have been pertisipation the last 3 ½ years one thought always with love, when we go back to our areas make things possible for gamblers to grow. We have to live 365, days a year.

Jale O., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dick D., Detroit

Ed P., - Trustee Tri State Intergroup, my 2nd meeting for trustee I have learned a lot and enjoyed all of it. Thanks.

Don O., - Massachusetts, I have learned a lot and answered a lot of questions to my area, and a lot of you have helped me. Thanks a lot with love.

Ira C. - Florida - I know it has been an experience for me. I thank you for your patience, I have been asked to rerun, and don't know if I can handle it. Thanks very very much for everything.

Louie C. - Long Island, New York - Could not pick up the last four years I am proud of our area we have gone from 8 rooms, to 24 rooms.

Bob N. - New York - Someone was taking to me last night that Gamblers Anonymous burnis out the energy of people, I am happy to say all conference, I have attended I have not burned our yet. Thanks.

Phil G. - VanCouver - It has been a pleasure to serve. I will rest a while, and give a few people in our area to serve and get involved a while if you ever cross my area please call and at least say hello.

Bob G. - Tronto Canada - Kank K., send his love could not be here this time. Like to see one convention a year an centralize it a lot of people would like to come, but can not. Thank you.

Phil S. - California - Glad to be here.

Irv S. - California - Yesterday the trustees meeting was good, because I was not here.

Jerry S. - Las Vegas - Happy to be here hope the good lord will allow me to do this again.

Tony D. - Talking to fellow last night and you have to be nuts to be a trustee, I said, yes it takes a special bread to be a trustees. Love and happiness from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Vick S. - Portland, Oregon - Real experience, I would like to try it again, I might go back to school. I am glad such a G.A. exist to govern this fellowship

Jerry G. - Chicago - could not pick up.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Bob B.-Cincinnati, Ohio-Thanks for putting up with me, and my poor language and I want to thank the chairman for getting this over with on time.

Jerry S.- San Diego - Thank Jim Z., for taking me to meetings, I just could not have gone if he had not picked us up and taken my wife and I. Thank everyone for the fine job they have done.

Dave F. - Connecticut-Has been a marvelous experience of sharing and caring. What it means to people thanks for being here need a leadership continued to have the growth.

Howie C.-Thank Al G., for letting me chair part of the meeting and thanks for putting up with me, and help me to learn more about myself and another goal for me getting through on time, I am here to learn.

Al G., Chairman.

Joe S. - Will Celebrate 20, years this month. Co-ordinator of E.R.I.C. New York, everyone for their participation.

Al G.- Thank Jim Z., Howie, Dave, for helping, go in good health and stay that way through the fellowship.

Bell S. - Happy to be here in New York, I have enjoyed have always enjoyed them. Thank you.

Jim S. - Nebraska - Keep coming, keep growing, thank you.

Respectively Submitted
Jim Z., Recording Secretary

COUNTING OF BOARD OF REGENTS BALLOTS
JUNE 6, 1984

PRESENT: Jim Z., Mel M., Phil S., Mike P., Walt D., Bill M., Bob F., Marie E., Karen H., Irving S., Warren D.

Meeting called to order by Jim Z., National Executive Secretary at 7:30 P.M.

Those elected were:	1. Bill M.	Ballots sent in..77
	2. Marge C.	Votes cast.....583
	3. Ray M.	Ballots void.....7
	4. Jerry S.	were Reseda Thursday, California
	5. Chet B.	Monday Step G. A., Las Vegas
	6. Phil S.	Rowland Heights, California
	7. Karen H.	Reseda Tuesday, California
	8. Walt D.	No name
	9. Mike P.	Bedford Park, New York
		No name

Collection \$22.00

Meeting closed at 9:00 P.M.