

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

1984 WESTERN CONFERENCE

DUNFEY'S HOTEL SAN MATEO CALIFORNIA

OCTOBER 18th & 19th 1984

The meeting was called to order by Al G., Chairman of Board of Trustees at 2 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Designation— Trustee (T) Alternated Trustee (A)  
Alternate Trustee Acting Trustee (AT)  
Number of Sessions (4) 100% Attendance  
Number of Sessions Attended (4)

PRESENT: Harry P., (T)(4)(4), Irving S., (T)(4)(4), Phil K., (T)(4)(4), Manuel E., (A)(4)(4), Melvyn M., (A)(4)(4), Dan B., (T)(4)(4), Jim S., (A)(4)(4), Robert M., (T)(4)(4), Peter C., (T)(4)(4), Marvin H., (T)(4)(4), Sid A., (T)(4)(4), George J., (T)(4)(4), Stafford K., (T)(4)(4), Jerry G., (A)(4)(4), Lou D., (A)(4)(4), Danny McG., (T)(4)(4), Bill G., (T)(4)(4), Jim P., (T)(4)(4), James M., (A)(4)(4), Don S., (T)(4)(4), Matty C., (T)(4)(4), Eddie L., (T)(4)(4), Arnie W., (T)(4)(4), Tony D., (T)(4)(4), Tony M., (A)(4)(4), Marvin H., (T)(4)(4), Charles H., (AT)(4)(4), Don R., (A)(4)(4), Wm B., (T)(4)(4), Sy S., (T)(4)(4), Jerry R., (T)(4)(4), Arthur F., (AT)(4)(4), Marty D., (A)(4)(4), Scott A., (A)(4)(4), Kenneth G., (T)(4)(4), Edward B., (T)(4)(4), Paul T., (A)(4)(4).

2nd Assistant Chairman David F., (4)(4)  
1st Assistant Chairman Howie C., (4)(4)  
Chairman Al G., (T)(4)(4)

ABSENT: Nina C., (A), John S., (A), Morris B., (A), Tom S., (A), Robert G., (A), Ed W., (A), Milt K., (A), Thomas H., (A), David S., (T), Joe S., (T), Steve T., (T) Norman W., (A), Sandy C., (A), Thomas R., (A).

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Guideline as how funds are raised for conventions.  
Use what the Trustee's approved, mail out copies to all Trustees and Alternated Trustees.
2. Combo Book page 16 & 20 change as results to as a result. 2nd Vote  
For...19 Against...1 Abstained...5

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Jim Z's response to the Spokane, Washington Group, long discussion many had an opinion on this the financial should not have been made.
2. Gamblers Anonymous - Day at a time book. Some discussion on this thought this would be a good item, if any one wishes to present this work at next fiscal Board of Trustee's meeting they may do so.
3. Can we try to have conventions closer to the airports? Leave it up to the Convention Committees, or have transportation available.
4. Attraction rather than promotion. Where do we draw the line? What is ok and what is not allowed.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 5 & 6  
Combined large input, large discussion some groups do and some group do not. No evictions if possible, when you have the right method step 3 falls in to place.
7. How do you handle sharing the answering service with Gam-Anon? Is it allowed? How can it be handled? Many salution were given some do and some do not. Up to area to workout best possible way to have seperate answering service or combined.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

- Insert in Article XI, Section 3 no Trustee shall serve more than 3 consecutitive terms 6 years. 1st Vote Out of order take off agenda, Table to next meeting.
- "How it works" be approved as Gamblers Anonymus literature. Motion to table, defeated. Motion to accept this as a piece of approved literature. For...17 Against...4 Abstained...5 1st Vote
- Change Article XII, Section 7 to increase the amount to \$2,500.00 per year. Motion Al G., seconded. For...19 Against...2 Abstained...5 1st Vote
4. Change the combo book page 9, 4th paragraph, last line to read Honest openmindedness and Willingness. Motion Phil K., seconded. For...5 Against...16 Abstained...5 Defeated
5. Change the combo book page 7, 7 from ought to be to shall be. 1st Vote Motion Dan B., seconded. For...10 Against...15 Abstained...1 Defeated
6. Change the combo book, page 5, number 11, eliminate the word only here and in all other place where this step appears. 1st vote. Motion Irving S., seconded. For...4 Against...18 Abstained...4 Defeated
7. Guidance Code page 8, Article XI, Section 6 two thirds (2/3). 1st vote Motion Tony D., no second died from lack of second.
8. Put the "Big Steve" film on video cassette not our film belongs to Franciscan Communications Center. Motion George J., seconded. For...4 Against...15 Abstained...7 Defeated.
9. Put some therapy meeting on audio cassette. 1st vote Motion Matty C., seconded. For...22 Against...3 Abstained...1 Passed
10. Guidance Code page 24, Article XXII, Section 2 a map to outline the areas covered. 1st vote. Motion George J., seconded For...4 Against...18 Abstained...4 Defeated
11. Guildance Code page 12, Article XII, Section 7 include a more detailed include a more detailed explanation of what is meant by and what is included in an expense voucher. 1st vote. Nothing, out of order.

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NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

12. Guidance Code page 23, Article XII, Section 1. Clarify areas from which Trustee shall be elected. 1st vote. Motion to be deleted out of order.
13. Guidance Code page 27, Article XIV, Section 5 remove the words "all Group representatives." 1st vote. Motion . . . . . Howie C., seconded.  
For...25 Against...0 Abstained...1
14. Guidance Code page 11, Article XII new section to read Duties of the assistant chairman of the Board of Trustees.
  - a. To oversee all conventions.
  - b. To be sent a copy of everything that is supposed to go on the Trustee agenda, and one of the two assistant Trustee must approve in order for the item to appear on the agenda.
  - c. To head committees that are formed and to guide them on decisions.  
1st vote. Motion . . . . . George J., seconded.  
For...0 Against...26 Defeated
15. Combo book page 16, number 18, add the word still between frustration and create 1st vote. No motion.
16. Guidance Code, page 8, Article III, Section 6 to read Twenty (20) or more. 1st vote. Motion . . . . . Bill B., seconded.  
For...18 Against...3 Abstained...5 Passed
17. Combo book to make reading easier by using less difficult words, changes listed as follows. Motion . . . . . Jerry R., seconded.
  - Page 3-change inevitably to always-~~demoralization~~to sadness  
For...3 Against...14 Abstained...9  
For...3 Against...14 Abstained...9
  - Page 6-number 6- change ought to should and prestige to status  
For...0 Against...18 Abstained...8  
For...0 Against...18 Abstained...8
  - Page 7-number 9 & 10 change ought to should  
For...0 Against...18 Abstained...8
  - Page 8-1st paragraph, take out varying  
For...0 Against...18 Abstained...8
  - Page 9-2nd paragraph-change subtle to devious or keen  
For...8 Against...11 Abstained...7
  - Page 10- 1st paragraph-change perplexing to puzzling  
For...0 Against...20 Abstained...5
  - Page 11- in the dream world change characteristic to trait  
philanthropic to generous accrue to get Pathetically to Sadly  
in reckless desperation to recklessly fathomless to bottomless  
For...5 Against...17 Abstained...4
  - Page 13-change trivial to small change bet to bets and eliminate  
experimentation, change inevitably to always  
For...0 Against...22 Abstained...4
  - Page 14-change periodically to occasionally-period to sporadic-  
Symptomatic to typical For...2 Against...17 Abstained...7
  - Page 16- number 12, change expenditures to expenses 1st vote  
For...1 Against...24 Abstained...1

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NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

18. Election of Chairman and two Assistant Chairman for the National Board of Trustees. Nominations for Chairman of Board of Trustee  
open: Bill B., New York  
Eddie L., New Jersey Declined  
Dan B., San Francisco Declined  
Dave F., Connecticut declined  
Howie C., Las Vegas  
Al G., San Francisco declined  
Elected Chairman Board of Trustees Bill B., New York.  
Nominations for two Assistant Chairman  
open: George J.  
Eddie L., declined  
Dave F.  
Mel M., declined  
Mally C., declined  
Tony D., declined  
Sy S., declined  
Howie C.  
Elected 1st Assistant George J., Chicago  
2nd Assistant Dave F., Connecticut
19. Motion Scott A., seconded.  
For...0 Against...25 Abstained...1
19. Spanish translation and on tape, ask Board of Regents to pay for this \$337.15  
For...22 Against...9 Abstained...4
19. Fall River G. A. Group. Motion Don C., seconded to remove them from G. A. as a group.  
For...22 Against...3 Abstained...1  
Motion George J., seconded to accept addendum.  
For...18 Against...4 Abstained...4

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Assign trustees to all areas not presently covered by trustees.  
Out of order.
- B. Feeling of the Board of Trustees with respect to the National Council on Compulsive Gambling. Presentations Harry P., wants felling of Board of Trustees and Corporation. Large discussion on how they work, and what they did in Australia.
- C. Problems concerning the Las Vegas Area. No problems.
- D. Interpretation of Article XXII, Section 6, page 24 of the guidance code.  
Work O.K. has to be.
- E. Distribution and price of the Big Book to outside agencies. Send out and mailing list purchased from R.R. Bowker & Company, New York.  
Start a committee Eddie L.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- F. Send Public Awareness Pamphlet to all groups with cover letter on how groups, members and intergroups can utilize. Next Bulletin to all groups must adment letters to all groups.  
For...25 Against...1 Abstained...0  
Bulletin Motion For...24 Against...0 Abstained...2
- G. Update literature available a N.S.O. French combo, free literature update. Committee: Dan B., Jim S., Eddie L.
- H. Recovery unity report. None. Some work has been done on this, but chairman was not here and did not send a report.
- I. G. A. Trustee representation in the following areas: 1-A Australia, 4-Toronto, 5 - Montreal, 7 Louisiana, 9 Michigan-Toledo. Chairman to write letter to areas Trustee about this and if they do not comply their Trustees will be reassigned.
- J. Prison meetings. Should Trustees encourage them. How? N.S.O. to notify Trustees of a starter kit, when sent out.
- K. Suggested therapy and step meeting format. Enclosed. Table passed  
For...19 Against...2 Abstained...5

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Disclaimer form (enclosed). New Literature. 1st vote. Motion made by Stafford K., seconded. Pressure release program disclaimer.  
For...1 Against...26 Abstained...0
- B. Change combo book page 11-change "What is the dream world of the compulsive gambler" to "Does a compulsive gambler live in a dream world?" Yes. 1st vote. Motion Tony D., seconded.  
For...1 Against...25 Abstained...0 Defeated
- C. Gamblers Anonymous-Step meeting new literature 1st vote.  
Motion Tony D., seconded.
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|-------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|----------|
| Paragraph 1 | For...1            | Against...14 | Abstained...4 |          |
| Change #2   | For...5            | Against...11 | Abstained...9 | Defeated |
| Change #3   | For...5            | Against...11 | Abstained...9 |          |
| Change #4   | For...14           | Against...6  | Abstained...5 |          |
| Change #5   | For passed by page |              |               |          |
| Change #6   | Defeated           | Change #17   | Passed        |          |
| Change #7   | Passed             | Change #18   | Passed        |          |
| Change #8   | Passed             | Change #19   | Passed        |          |
| Change #9   | Passed             | Change #20   | Passed        |          |
| Change #10  | Passed             | Change #21   | Passed        |          |
| Change #11  | Defeated           | Change #22   | Passed        |          |
| Change #12  | Passed             | Change #23   | Passed        |          |
| Change #13  | Defeated           | Change #24   | Passed        |          |
| Change #14  | Passed             | 1st Vote.    | Passed        |          |
| Change #15  | Passed             |              |               |          |
| Change #16  | Passed             |              |               |          |

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NEW BUSINESS:

- D. Set up quantity packages of literature. 1st vote.  
(Enclosed) Motion Sy D., seconded.  
For...24 Against...0 Abstained...2
- E. Change the combo book-page 9-change the last four (4) lines to read-  
No-Inssofar as stopping gambling, many Gamblers Anonymous members  
have abstained from gambling without the knowledge of why they gambled.  
1st vote. Motion Tony D., seconded.  
For...12 Against...14 Abstained...0 Defeated
- F. Change the Combo Book-page 10-change the first two lines to read  
"What are some characteristics of a person who is a compulsive gambler."  
1st vote. Motion to table Eddie L., seconded.  
For...16 Against...10 Abstained...0
- G. Change the Combo Book-page 10-delete lines 3, 4, & 5. 1st vote.  
Motion to table Eddie L., seconded.  
For...19 Against...2 Abstained...5
- H. Change the Combo Book-page 11-change line 11 to read "This is another  
common. 1st vote. Motion to table Manle E., seconded.  
For...17 Against...6 Abstained...3
- I. Guidance Code-Page 14 & 15-ability of the R.S.O. to remove any  
Trusted Servent R.S.O. if by his own admission has gambled. 1st vote.  
Motion Bill B., seconded any trusted servant is automatically removed  
for gambling by his own admission.  
For...26 Against...0 Abstained...0
19. Presentation by Bill G., to put back in the 12 step of Recover the  
the original words.
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|-----------|---------|---------|----------|
| 1. Same   | 4. Same | 7. Same | 10. Same |
| 2. Sanity | 5. Same | 8. Same | 11. Same |
| 3. God    | 6. God  | 9. Same | 12. Same |

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Bill B., I thank you for the confidence you expressed in me, I hope I can do the job you would like, you mentioned of good and welfare, I have been chairman before. I expect that the trustee to get items for the agenda if the membership desire to make some changes or move in some direction I trust that you will submit them and actively solitute them. I am out spoken and like to have my opinion.

Harry P., I than you. I traveled 10,000 miles to come to this conference I would like perminsion to read this letter from Australia. Harry P., read this letter my view has not change but has strengthened.

Bob M., I am a grateful member of Gamblers Anonymous some times I am a little sinacal my faith in humanity is restored. We are all faithfull members all working for one purpose to help the Compulsive Gambler who still suffers. Thank you.

Pete C., I have a very short statement, I would like it all put in the bulletin, I thank everyone of you, I thank my area for sending me to this Conference Trustees meeting, thank you.

Matty C., Where I come from if you mentioned god it was unheard of. When I came to a Conference special meeting to be here and see the growth that

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has taken place and to see what was discussed and to see the growth and what has taken place and has been accomplished to here Bill G., and know what he is talking about and be able to comprehend what was going on, all have changed for the better we have had it. Thank you the way we reach the compulsive gambler is a blessing. I will pray for myself and everyone not to ridical than you all and love you all.

Don R., A great honor. Could not pick up.

Mel M., Greatful to be, I am one of the silent people that everyone talked about. Thank you.

Manie E., I thank it is great, I want to apologize if I stepped on someones toes, I did not mean to, I love San Francisco, I am going to enjoy everything and the rest of the conference. I love you all thank you.

Cnet B., I was invited here by being chairman of the Board of Regents and the Board of Trustees, I have learned a lot and I will contribute more as I shall return, I will be back. Thank you.

Scott A., Listening to over 30 people in the room and making progress by the way I see a lot of openness here, it is a great honor to be here. I will be celebrating my 5th birthday soon.

George J., I want to thank past officers for a job well done, I would like to thank the Board for the trust they put in me, and I assure you that I will not let you down. I am looking forward to it, I think the new board will do as good a job. Thank you.

Jerry G., I want to thank Al, Howie, and Dave, for a find job well done. The comment that was made on the piece of literature we were asked to correct. We will have it for Brown in the Eastern Conference. Thank you. Everyone I have had a good time.

Stafford K., I am happy to be here and I have to remember principles before personalities and I love everybody. Thanks.

Lou D., Thank you. Happy to be here, I love everybody. I'm happy to be here with my brothers in the fellowship. Thanks.

Al P., I am happy I can say my thoughts and that Al P., will listen to me.

Jim M., Sixth Conference, 1st time trustee, now I understand what it says in the Combo Book patient. Thanks.

Jim P., I am know as a big speaker in Pittsburgh, you may not understand this but it is true.

Bob H., 1st time as a Trustee, I have learned a lot, learned about awareness that was often mentioned here. I felt bloodrunning through my veins, when Bill G., talked on steps I feel that something is pastive when I represent my group. Thanks you all.

Arnie F., this is my first meeting as a trustee, as always it is so rewarding to me. I have been around about 10 years, I really can not see enough. Thank you.

Tony D., as always principles before personality, until now I quite.

Sy S., I want to thank the conference committee for choosing Dumphrey Hotel, for my grand children are only one hour from here. We spent a lot of time on changing the combo books, we spent hours on it. If you don't try you can not make a mistake. I am inviting you all up to Browns, I am celebrating my 20th year in G. A.

Dan M., Thank the people in Detroit that put their faith in me to send me here, it was not quite what I expected, I am proud of what I did accomplished.

Sid A., I am thrilled to be here, took me six years to be here. Thanks again.

Bill G., Love of fellowship experience, do not loose it when checking in to hotel, when they do not have a room ready for you.

Phil K., Bill G., was the first man to make me cry.

Tony M., Another Photo for me. Thanks.

Belle S., Former trustee, former Board of Regents, I always look forward to come to the bay area. Thanks.

Arnie W., the last time I sat in Board of Trustees meeting was 10 years ago.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

I would never do it again, I had feeling for real concern for the growth in Gamblers Anonymous. G. A. Will move a lot farther than it did up to now. I see a strong feeling for the recover in G. A. program and thank you now for this.

Dan B., When I first came into this program I did not believe in myself. People told me to do this and this and things started to happen. Why can we do this and that. I thank God that this maybe his way of showing us the right way.

Marge C., I am working hard on this bulletin the last months it has been appreciated. Make it look like it belongs to G. A.. We are growing.

Jim S., it is an honor to sit on the Board of Trustees, 3 years and 4 months. Told me I was not working step 11. Thank you.

Irving S., it is a life and death program the least expensive way I know of keeping on this program, I go to trustees meetings when I am off the trustee and when I am not.

Paul C., Fourth trustee meeting the first one I have attended with out my wife, I had the privilege of bedding down with Ed. I have never been so homesick in my life, I really appreciate what Bill G., said about putting God back into G. A. I will receive my fifth year pin this year.

Dan O., back for the 2nd time, I will receive my fifth year pin in March thank God and thank G. A. that I have arrived.

Ken G., Third term as trustee, I think it is better. Thank you for teaching me about the G. A. program. Thank you.

Eddie L., Bill B., mentioned the Quite people in G. A. I was one of these my first trustee meeting, I sat and listered for 14 hours. Your thoughts are very important, I sat next to our founder as anniversary 25 of G. A. his dreams were 10,000 members. We are growing. Thank the out going board and they have a great responsibility to do all this work. Next, I would like to thank Jim Z., for his work a 9 to 5 worker, I love it. Mike that picked me up at the airport. Rabbi that spoke in Pittsburgh Conference about changing ones self, so he or she would feel good about their self. The bottom line all of the people that have a problem, recovery with the 12-Steps of Recovery that is a tremendous vehicle.

Jerry R., Bill B., sessions as Chairman it will be great for me and my family. I want to thank everybody.

Dave F., Four years on the Board of Trustees to work hard to improve this fellowship by literature, yet in getting involved in the change of the 12-Step of Recovery. I thank you all.

Howie C., To learn and share my plans for the next two years, thank the out going officers they did a good job. I'll be back for I am in this fellowship for the rest of my life. Thank you. Start the 2nd edition of new big book now.

Al G., I thank you all in G. A. for serving you in the last two years as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, but I had made up my mind not to run for Trustee. The fellowship is a great fellowship that I will be involved with for ever. I will be at the Trustee meets just to take shot at some one from the other side of the table, welcome to our area, I hope you are all staying for the rest of the conference, great things are planned.

Jim Z., Thank you, Al G., I want to thanks the out going board for a job well done, I just know I am going to receive a lot of input for the bulletin. I just know. I am going to receive this, for it is your bulletin and it should be that way with the new board. We are in good hands.

Respectively Submitted

Jim Z.,

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National Executive Secretary