

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS TRUSTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 19 & 20, 1992
SHERATON GRAND HOTEL – HOUSTON, TEXAS**

A) ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Karen H. and changes made to the Trustee listing.

B) CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT

Larry G. gave an opening statement welcoming everyone and explained that Roberts Rules of Order (our interpretation anyway) would be followed.

C) INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS – CHANGES

Since there were so many new members in attendance, all members were asked to stand and introduce themselves.

D) MINUTES OF MONTREAL MEETING

The minutes of the Montreal meeting were approved as submitted.

Approved: 31 Against: 0

E) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Conference Committee – Paul P.

Paul P. gave a report on the three upcoming National Conferences. Everything looks good. The dates are as follows:

Pittsburgh: April 30 – May 2, 1993

Anaheim: October 29 – 31, 1993

Connecticut: April 29 – May 1, 1994

2. Lifeline Report – Karen H.

Karen H. gave a report on Lifeliners and handed out a chart for the past years activity. She thanked the Trustees for helping to get the word out and making their areas aware of the importance of Lifeliners.

3. Financial Status - Chairman B.O.R.

Bob W. gave a report on the Financial Status of the International Service Office.

A motion was made to limit the amount of an individual member's contribution to up to \$2,500. per year

Amendment to add "To I.S.O."

Approved: 27 Against: 2 Passed

On the motion.

Approved: 5 Against: 28 Failed

Motion made that there be no limit to an individual member's contribution to I.S.O.

Approved: 34 Against: 1 Passed

4. Telephone Hot Line – Paul A.

Motion to accept Telephone Proposal as submitted by the Committee
Approved: 12 Against: 22 Failed

5. Booklet on history of G.A. – Eddie L.

Motion to table to Pittsburgh
Approved: 28 Against: 1 Passed

6. Review of B.O.R. Election Procedure – Dan B.

Dan B. gave a report. Will go back to committee for exact language of proposed Guidance Code change.

7. Literature Committee – Paul A.

A Public Service video tape was presented by the Philadelphia area. Motion to accept "The Deal" tape as G.A. approved literature.

Approved: 34 Against: 0 Passed (1st vote)

8. Literature correction committee – George M.

All approved corrections for "G.A. – A New Beginning" and "Sharing Recovery Through Gamblers Anonymous" were submitted by George M. Changes will be made at next printing.

F) OLD BUSINESS

1. "A Newcomer asks..." tabled from Montreal – sent to committee chaired by Eddie L. (N.J.)

Motion to table to Pittsburgh
Approved: 25 Against: 3 Passed

2. Guidance Code:

a) Page 1, Article III, Section 1 – Item 2 :

Change the word "churches" to read "houses of worship" – second vote
Approved: 25 Against: 2 Passed

b) Page 1, Article III, Section 1 – Item 4:

Change the word "churches" to read "houses of worship" – second vote
Approved: 28 Against: 2 Passed

c) Page 7, Article VIII, section 6:

Change to read "Two thirds (2/3) or more members" – second vote
Approved: 30 Against: 0 Passed

d) **Page 9, Article VIII, Section 22:**
To read: Any Trustee or Alternate who misses two (2)... - second vote
Approved: 26 Against: 6 Passed

3. **Combo Book:**

Page 9 – 2nd to last paragraph:
Use bold capital letters for “HONESTY, OPENMINDEDNESS AND WILLINGNESS” – Tabled from Montreal

Motion to accept above.
Approved: 24 Against: 10 Passed (1st vote)

4. **“Check list of Symptoms leading to relapse” as new G.A. literature – submitted to Literature Committee to be included in G.A. Information Packet on next printing – tabled from Montreal – Tony M. (Philadelphia) to research and correct.**

Motion to accept above.
Approved: 25 Against: 6 Passed (1st vote)

5. **Review and discuss status of Spanish translation – Gil S. (N.Y.) – Pete V. (N. California)**

Report was given. Motion to table to Pittsburgh.
Approved: 30 Against: 1 Passed

6. **Public Relation Survey Fact Sheet – already approved literature. Add the following: Members home town and country (In this way, it would be easier to contact member (s) who reside closest to where the engagement is scheduled) – second vote**

Approved: 24 Against: 1 Passed

7. **Each area should have one voting Trustee and as many Alternate Trustees as deemed necessary. All Alternates will be designed 1st Alternate, 2nd Alternate, etc... The Alternate Trustee would vote in place of the absent Trustee. (reason) – cost becoming prohibitive and this way, most areas can properly fund Trustee to Trustee Meetings. Tabled from Montreal.**

Motion to accept above.
Approved: 0 Against: 27 Failed

8. **Good and Welfare – tabled from Montreal.**

Motion to table until the next time we are in Montreal.
Approved: 28 Against: 3 Passed

G) GUIDANCE CODE

1. **Page 8, Article VIII – Section 1 – 3rd line from bottom of page: Change forty (40) to forty-eight (48).**

Motion to accept above.
Approved: 31 Against: 4 Passed (1st vote)

2. **Page 5, Article XII – Section 4:
After the word “meetings” add “in the prior 12 months.”**
Motion to accept above.

Amendment to add “With at least one meeting in each of the previous 12 months.”
Approved: 0 Against: 27 Failed

On the motion.
Approved: 24 Against: 9 Passed (1st vote)

3. **Page 7, Article VIII – Section 6:
Change “proxies” to read /Absentee Ballots.”**

Motion to accept above.
Approved: 10 Against: 25 Failed

4. **Page 15, Article XII – Section 1: As we are large enough now, an election should be held for five (5) area delegates representing: a) east; b) mid-west; c) west; d) south; e) international.**

Motion to delete Article XII and adjust all other applicable areas.
Approved: 16 Against: 11 Failed (2/3 vote needed)

Motion to accept above as read.

Motion to table to Pittsburgh
Approved: 25 Against: 5 Passed

(Marc L. will chair committee to check the feasibility of area delegates.)

5. **Page 22, Article XVII – Section 1:
Change to read “The areas from which the trustees shall be elected are to be determined at the Fall Physical Meeting in the odd years.”**

Motion to accept above.
Approved: 10 Against: 12 Failed

6. **Page 23, Article XVIII – Section 5:
After “will take place at” delete all and replace by “the spring physical meeting.”**

Motion made that Article XVIII – Section 5 would read “Election for Chairman of the Board of Trustees and any officer of the Board of Trustees will take place at the first physical meeting of the even year.”
Approved: 15 Against: 14 Failed

H) COMBO BOOK

1. **Page 3 – paragraph 2:
Change “All of us” to “We may have”**
Motion to accept above
Approved: 2 Against: 30 Failed

**2. Page 3 – paragraph 2:
Change “time” to “gambling.”**

Motion to accept above
Approved: 2 Against: 31 Failed

**3. Page 5 – 12th Step
Change “tried” to “try.”**

Motion to accept above
Approved: 2 Against: 30 Failed

**4. Page 13 – last paragraph:
Change “risking” to “causing.”**

Motion to accept above

Amendment to take out “seems to” and add an “s” to point.
Approved: 17 Against: 12 Passed

On the motion
Approved: 16 Against: 17 Failed

**5. Page 17 – Item 3:
Remove all reference to raffle tickets.**

Motion to accept above
Approved: 1 Against: 31 Failed

**6. Page 17 – Item 6:
Change to read as follows: “The trusted servants will conduct a pressure group meeting, or re-evaluation, of you and your spouse (if married) and adherence to it will aid in your recovery.”**

Motion to accept above
Approved: 0 Against: 29 Failed

I) NEW BUSINESS

1. Remove “Good and Welfare” from the B.O.T. agenda including items “8” under old business and item “L” of this agenda.

Motion to remove Good and Welfare from the B.O.T. agenda
Approved: 1 Against: 27 Failed

2. Approve in principle the concept of pre-printed billboard advertising – see attached letter.

Motion to approve concept.
Approved: 16 Against: 16 Failed

3. The I.E.S. should have library of previous B.O.T. meeting minutes available at all meetings.

This is being done.

4. **Create a committee to research past B.O.T. decisions and list them in an easy reference manner in order to assist newer board members.**

Sent to committee to be chaired by Danny M.

5. **Any group of G.A. rooms that establish a new intergroup shall be entitled to elect a trustee to represent them at the B.O.T. meetings.**

Motion to accept above

Approved: 5 Against: 27 Failed

6. **Sponsorship for the Newcomer” to be approved G.A. literature. (as used by Penrith Group G.A.) – see attached.**

Motion to accept above

Approved: 0 Against: 24 Failed

7. **When conference site selection was made at general business meeting, Gam-Anon members had the right to participate in the voting. Now that the B.O.T. chooses sites, they have no say, yet they have their annual delegates meeting at the spring conference. Proposed: That conference site selection for the spring conference should be made by a combined vote of Trustees and Gam-Anon delegates at the spring meeting two years in advance of said conference.**

Motion to accept “proposed” above.

Approved: 6 Against: 22 Failed

Motion made that Gam-Anon Delegates shall be invited to participate in the site selection discussion for the Spring Conference but voting will remain the sole right of voting Trustees.

Approved: 33 Against: 1 Passed

8. **Conference site selection – South – fall of 1994.**

Motion to accept Tampa’s bid for the Southern Conference in the fall of 1994

Approved: 33 Against: 1 Passed

9. **Election of I.E.S.**

Karen H. was re-elected as I.E.S. for a two year term.

10. **Elections of Chairman and Vice-Chairmen – B.O.T.**

The following members were elected to serve for a two year term through the fall Southern Conference in 1994.

Chairman: Danny M. – Detroit, Michigan

1st Co-Chairman: JoAnn S. – Kenner, Louisiana

2nd Co-Chairman: Paul A. – Maitland, Florida

J) DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Discuss the feasibility of creating a daily meditation booklet designed by and for use by Gamblers Anonymous members.**

Motion to have Compcare print a meditation booklet after Literature Committee approves it.

Approved: 20 Against: 15 Passed -NO VOTE-
Chair ruled this vote was out of order.

Motion to accept concept of developing a daily meditation book which would go through the Literature Committee, then come back to this Board for approval prior to going to Compcare.

Motion to table to Pittsburgh
Approved: 17 Against: 10 Passed

- 2. There is a Woman's Only Meeting in the Orange County, L.A. area. L.A. Intergroup does not recognize the Woman's Only Meeting because we meet monthly. Please discuss why we cannot be recognized.**

Item was withdrawn.

- 3. Create a list of what is gambling to eliminate all grey areas –Is this possible?**

Motion to accept above
Approved: 1 Against: 28 Failed

K) ANYTHING OMITTED FROM THE AGENDA

- 1. Montreal Intergroup is requesting funds to be available for translation of Literature into French.**

Motion to allocate up to \$2,500. for translation of French Literature.

Approved: 34 Against: 0 Passed

L) GOOD AND WELFARE.

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at approximately 1:30 P.M.
The collection for the three (3) sessions was \$645.00.
The next Board of trustees meeting will be April 29 and 30, 1993 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen H., International Executive Secretary