

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS TRUSTEES MEETING
MAY 29, 30 & 31, 1997
CHICAGO O'HARE MARRIOTT - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

- A) **Welcome and opening comments - Tom M.**
Tom M. gave his welcome and opening asking all new Trustees and Alternate Trustees to stand and introduce themselves. He explained the procedures for the meeting and stated that we will try to follow Roberts Rules of Order "pretty closely". Two Proxy's and three Absentee Ballots were received and distributed to the designated people for voting. Everyone was reminded to participate and get involved.
- B) **Roll Call/Changes - Karen H.**
Karen H. took roll and simultaneously changes were made to the Confidential Trustees Listing with dates of abstinence being recorded. There are presently 46 eligible votes.
- C) **Approval of minutes from Vancouver meeting**
The minutes of the Vancouver meeting were approved as submitted.
Approved: 43 Against: 1 Passed
- D) **Approval of minutes from mail meeting**
A point of order is brought up stating that this mail meeting was out of order because the item would constitute a Guidance Code Change. The Chair said this is in order and then the Chair is challenged. The Chair's ruling fails by a vote of 29 to 8, therefore the content of the mail meeting was out of order. The mail meeting still counts as a meeting for attendance purposes.
- E) **Committee Reports**
1. **Vancouver Conference Report - Tom M.**
Tom M. gave the report stating that he had received a final written Conference report showing a profit. He thanked Henry I. and the committee for a job well done.

2. **Chicago Conference Report - Dan M.**
Dan M. gave a report stating that everything seems well organized with a large committee. There were a few concerns; the lack of information sent to him, no physical proof. Hopefully future Conferences will adhere to our guidelines. Allan S. gave a report that everything is in place and that they have over 520 people registered. Tom thanked Allan and all the committee for their hard work.
3. **Los Angeles Conference Report - Jim C.**
Jim C. gave a report on the upcoming Conference to be held at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Manhattan Beach October 17 - 19, 1997. Reports are being received in a timely manner. As of now there are 36 reservations, with deposits of \$700.00. Committees are all in place and they are doing an excellent job.
4. **Myrtle Beach Conference Report - Jim C.**
Jim C. reported on the Conference to be held in Myrtle Beach April 24 - 26, 1998. There were several questions regarding complying (or lack of) with the turning in of reports for the Conference. There seemed to be a communication problem, which has now been worked out and the Committee is now aware and will be submitting reports regularly. Rob S. reported that 12 people have registered. He reported on the video gambling in two bars and one lobby at the Conference resort. He also discussed the video gambling in the Myrtle Beach area. Concerns were expressed. A lengthy discussion followed. Motion for the Board of Trustees to instruct the Myrtle Beach Conference committee to cancel the contract with the Hotel and find an alternate location out of the area.
Approved: 19 Against: 21 Failed
Recount
Approved: 21 Against: 21 Failed
A point of order was made that the motion is out of order due to the fact that it is not on the agenda. The Chair rules the item is in order. The Chair is then challenged. The vote was 59 to 1 that the Chair is in order.
The Chair then asks for a roll call vote.
Approved: 22 Against: 22 Failed
5. **Orlando Conference Report - Dan M.**
Jim C. gave the report on the Conference to be held October 16 - 18, 1998 at the North Orlando Hilton in Altamonte Springs. He has received several reports from the Committee. Any problems they were having at first are now all resolved. Bob F. assured everyone there will be no gambling at the hotel.
6. **ISO/Lifeline Report - Karen H.**
Karen handed out her usual graph showing the past two years activity. This time we show a marked improvement over past years. Karen also read a letter that she sent to Lifeliners who had once pledged a donation but hadn't given in some time. Out of the 190 letters that were sent out 52 responded with money which totaled \$1,732.00. Sue thanked everyone for their participation and continued support.

7. **Chicago Walk-a-thon Update - Dave M.**
Dave M. gave a report that the walk-a-thon will take place on Saturday morning at 6:00 A.M. and that it will be a 5 mile walk.
8. **BOR Report on Florida Restitution - Bill M.**
Bill M. handed out a reconciliation accounting of the financial status on the Florida situation since the beginning. At this time no more costs are expected. Restitution is being made monthly.
9. **History Booklet Report - Dan M.**
Dan M. gave a report explaining the entire process of what has transpired since taking over the History Booklet. Corrections and additions were made during the report. A lengthy discussion took place after Danny expressed his opinion that this is probably as far as the book will go. It was the consensus of the Board that the committee should continue to work on the book. Danny agreed to continue the work. Tom set a deadline of July 15, 1997 for anyone having information to submit, to compile it and get it to Danny by that date.
10. **12 Steps Video Tape Committee - Merril, Robert, David & Joe**
Motion to table.
Approved: 37 Against: 1 Passed
11. **12 Steps Audio Tape Committee - Larry G. & Ralph D.**
Ralph D. gave a report. The committee will continue working on this. Possibly to combine all 24 Steps. They hope to have tapes to all Trustees by the next conference for review.
12. **New Orleans Outreach Report - Tom M., Rick B. & Rob S.**
Tom M. reported on the "One Day Seminar" held in New Orleans on December 14, 1996. He explained the entire day and what was done to help the 25 members who were present from the New Orleans Intergroup and surrounding areas. Tom thanked Rick B. and Rob S. for their participation in making this event a success.
13. **Internet Committee Report - Rob S. & Geoff M.**
Rob S. and Geoff M. gave a report on the Internet. So far we are under the original budget that was set. We have a little more training to do. The I.S.O. has received approximately 388 emails since we were up and running in January of this year. About 80% of inquiries are from non G.A. members. It is working. A complete report will be provided in Manhattan Beach.

F) Old Business

1. Establish appropriate procedures where the G.A. name is used with regards to contracts or payment of monetary funds is to be received. Literature Committee. Denis M.
Motion to table.
Approved: 38 Against: 1 Passed
2. **Guidance Code, Page 21, Article XVI, Section 9: Insert the word "working" after (14) to read..." within fourteen (14) working days of the meeting".** (No. California)
Approved: 45 Against: 0 Passed (2nd Vote)

3. **Combo Book, Page 17, #6, Line 3: Change "of" to "ior".**
Approved: 43 Against: 0 Passed (2nd Vote)
4. **Discuss the refusal of A.A. to allow us to use the 12 G.A. Promises as approved by B.O.T. in Whistler and what alternatives we have.**
Discussion only.

G) New Business

1. **Site selection for the Mid-Western Conference Spring of 1999. Bidding Ontario (Area 4) & Cincinnati, Ohio/Northern Kentucky, Southern Indiana and Tennessee (Area 10B)**
Both of the above Areas submitted bids for the above Conference.
Motion to table.
Approved: 5 Against: 34 Failed
A vote was taken by secret ballot and Area 10B was awarded the 1999 Mid-Western Conference to be held May 14 - 16, 1999 at the Drawbridge Estates in Northern Kentucky.
2. **Guidance Code, Page 23, Article XVIII, Section 5. Change "even" to "odd" and remove..." after the election of Trustees".** (Windsor, Ont.)
Motion to accept above.
Approved: 45 Against: 0 Passed (1st Vote)
3. **If change in Article XVIII, Section 5 is approved, current term of officers to be extended 6 months, making the next election to take place at the Spring Conference of 1999.** (Windsor, Ont.)
Motion to accept above.
Approved: 45 Against: 1 Passed (1st Vote)
4. **Combo Book, Page 15, Question 1, add "family" after the word school to read..." did you ever lose time from work, school or family due to gambling".** (No. California)
Motion to accept above.
Approved: 14 Against: 28 Failed
5. **Combo Book, Page 16, Question 20, change "self destruction" to "suicide". To read..." Have you ever considered suicide as a result of your gambling?"** (No. California)
Motion to accept above.
Amendment to add the words "self destruction or".
Approved: 32 Against: 12 Passed
On the motion.
Approved: 30 Against: 14 Passed (1st Vote)
6. **All Trustees and Alternate Trustees must be a member of Lifeliners as part of the requirements to hold that office.** (Chicago)
Discussion only.
7. **Compile a list of all the members who have passed away in the prior months to each conference and mention these people at the beginning of the B.O.T. meeting and remember them with a moment of silence. (Discussion)** (New Jersey)
Motion to accept above.
Approved: 41 Against: 3 Passed
It will be the responsibility of the area Trustees to contact Marshall R. from New Jersey with the names.

8. Discuss putting the 12 Steps of Recovery and the 12 Steps of Unity on shades to be hung in the G.A. meeting rooms. (Long Island)
Motion to accept above and for them to be sold out of the I.S.O.
Motion to table.
Approved: 5 Against: 36 Failed
On the motion.
Approved: 7 Against: 34 Failed
9. How long can an agenda item be carried from conference to conference. When should the agenda item cease to be tabled from conference to conference. (Long Island)
Discussion only.
10. G.A. is a business. (Discussion) (Long Island)
Discussion only.
11. Can G.A. grow and reach people that need help with an attraction rather than a promotion policy. (Discussion) (Long Island)
Discussion only.
12. From G.A. Home Page. Delete Q & A: Do Gamblers Anonymous members go into gambling places to help former members who are still gambling? (Page 2 and Home Page) (New Jersey)
Motion to accept above.
Approved: 2 Against: 39 Failed
13. From G.A. Home Page. Delete Q & A: Does Gamblers Anonymous look upon gambling as a vice? No. (Page 3 and Home Page) (New Jersey)
Motion to accept above.
Approved: 2 Against: 41 Failed
14. Replace the word "National" with "International" in the answer to the question "How does Gamblers Anonymous support its service centers?" (Page 5 and Home Page) (New Jersey)
This will automatically be done at the next printing.
15. Delete Q & A: Are there more compulsive gamblers in certain occupations than in others? and replace with "Are there more compulsive gamblers in certain groups than in others (Pg 6 & Home pg) (New Jersey)
Motion to delete Question and Answer from page 6 and the Home Page.
Approved: 29 Against: 10 Passed (1st Vote)
16. Delete Q & A: How many compulsive gamblers are there in the United States? (Pg 6 and Home Pg) (New Jersey)
Motion to accept above.
Approved: 38 Against: 3 Passed (1st Vote)
17. Combo Book, Page 17, Number 6. Change from "or re-evaluation of you and your spouse (if married)" to "or re-evaluation of you and an important person in your life (if required). (Australia)
Motion to reword page 17, number 6 to "When you are ready, the Trusted Servants will conduct a Pressure Relief Group meeting or re-evaluation for you and your spouse (if married) or an important person in your life and adherence to it will aid in your recovery.
Approved: 6 Against: 32 Failed

18. Discuss what control we have over people on the internet using G.A. material in their home pages. (So. California)
Discussion was held. We have no control over what others do on their home page.
19. Motions made at the Board of Trustees meetings need not be made in the "positive". While this is a good tradition and if possible be re-worded to the positive. This would have precluded Unity Steps 6, 9 & 10 from ever being motions. (No. California)
Motion to make motions in both the positive and negative.
Approved: 8 Against: 34 Failed
20. One Day at a Time book: Jan 10th, Serenity Prayer, delete "the" before courage in the prayer to conform with the original version of the Serenity Prayer: (No. California)
This change will be done during the next printing.
21. Discuss Attachment #2 and determine if it is appropriate to create a drop in center and outreach program with the use of the G.A. name with outside funds. (Ontario, Canada)
Motion to remove above item from this agenda.
Motion to table.
Approved: 27 Against: 18 Passed
Motion is pending and will be on Manhattan Beach agenda.
22. Discuss if it is appropriate for the family members and friends of G.A. members who have passed away to donate money to G.A. in their memory and if money is sent in to I.S.O. should it be returned? (No. California)
Motion that it is appropriate for the family members and friends of G.A. members who have passed away to donate money to G.A. in their memory.
Approved: 11 Against: 29 Failed
23. Combo Book, Page 17. Add "get a sponsor". (So. Carolina)
Motion to add "Get A Sponsor" as number 2, Page 17, and move other items down accordingly.
Approved: 3 Against: 36 Failed
24. Discuss, "What is a group conscience?" How often do you have them? Who can participate? Can anyone be excluded? Where can it be held? Is this different from a business meeting? (So. Carolina)
Discussion only.
25. Can a room require a member to make 39 meetings at their particular room within 52 weeks in order to qualify for a pin? (Guidance Code, Article VII, Section 4, Page 5) (So. Carolina)
Motion to add "after 12 months at least 1 meeting per week including pinnings".
Approved: 0 Against: 39 Failed

26. Discuss adopting "How it Works" from the A.A. literature as presented in the G.A. form. (Attachment #3) (Great North West)
Motion to table to Literature Committee.
Approved: 36 Against: 7 Passed
27. Place in the Guidance Code that only G.A. approved literature may be distributed at meeting. (So. California)
The above item is withdrawn as it is already in the Guidance Code.
28. Can we restrict G.A. new member packets to approved G.A. literature only? (So. California)
Motion to include G.A. flyers, Intergroup lists, phone lists as appropriate literature to be used in G.A. rooms.
Approved: 40 Against: 1 Passed
A straw vote was then taken to restrict G.A. "New Member" packets to include only approved and appropriate literature. Consensus was in favor of using only approved and appropriate literature.
29. Can literature (non-approved G.A.) distributed at workshops be distributed at G.A. meetings? (So. California)
A straw vote was taken on the above item and it was the consensus that it is not O.K. for non approved or non appropriate literature to be distributed at G.A. meetings.
30. Combo Book, Page 17, delete, "particularly the new Gamblers Anonymous members". It would read. "to all Gamblers Anonymous members". (Upstate New York)
Discussion only.
31. Discuss the year end (1996) bonuses to the staff of the I.S.O. that were given, why it was done and can we afford to do it if we are always asking for more donations. (Upstate New York)
Tom M. read a letter from Bill M., Chairman of the Board of Regents in response to the above item. Short discussion followed.
32. Have a coin available at the I.S.O. to recognize members who are celebrating the years other than the pinning years. (Area 10 B Kentucky)
This item is out of order. Does not meet with the "two year" rule.
33. Discuss the updating of the International Directory to be more cost effective. (I.E.S. Karen H.)
Discussion was held on keeping the International Directory more current and cost effective. It seems that the Directory is already outdated by the time it goes to the printers and the cost to have it printed in its current format is very expensive. It would make better sense to have it available on the computer and print the needed pages on request.
Motion that the G.A. International Directory be included on G.A. web site.
Approved: 39 Against: 5 Passed
34. Combo Book, page 17 #1, change to read, "attend as many full (or entire) meetings weekly as possible". "Meetings make it" (Nevada)
Motion to change page 17, #1 to read: Attend as many entire meetings weekly as possible. MEETINGS MAKE IT.
Approved: 13 Against: 24 Failed
35. G.A. Pressure Relief Pamphlet, page 1, paragraph 2, third sentence, insert: "It is suggested that"...before each member. To read, "It is suggested that each member..." (So. California)
Discussion only.
36. G.A. Pressure Relief Pamphlet, Page 2, 4th paragraph, second sentence. Replace "advice" with "suggestions", and then remove "and have done the following" and replace it with, "in preparation for the Pressure Relief meeting". (So. California)
No discussion.
37. Discuss the validity of a member of Gamblers Anonymous contacting casinos and requesting that they place signs in them reading as follows: "If you have a gambling problem contact Gamblers Anonymous at (telephone number) (So. California)
A straw vote was taken and it was the consensus that it is appropriate for a member of Gamblers Anonymous to contact casinos and ask that they put signs in their casinos.
38. Request that in accordance with the Guidance Code, Article X, Section 2, to expel the Anaheim Tuesday Korean meeting from the fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous. To further direct them NOT to use the Gamblers Anonymous name in reference to their meeting. This request is for continued violations of Guidance Code, Article VII, Section 1. Also violation of Unity Step 4. (So. California)
The group in question had a member go to the L.A. Intergroup meeting (since this agenda was prepared) stating that all problems have been corrected.
Motion to table to Manhattan Beach.
Approved: 43 Against: 0 Passed
39. Propose that a "chat room" be set up on our current web site. The cost would be \$99.00 to set up and \$19.00 per month, to be tested on a trial period of 5 months and reviewed at the next conf. (So. Carolina)
Motion to set up a "chat Room" linked to our current web site. not to exceed \$194.00 expense for a 5 month trial and must be re-approved at Manhattan Beach Conference to continue.
Approved: 15 Against: 27 Failed
40. Combo Book. Page 17, item #6. Change to read: "After 30 days, or when you are ready, the trusted servants will conduct a financial Pressure Relief Group meeting for you and someone close to you, adherence to it will aid in your recovery" (Chicago)
Discussion only.

41. **Guidance Code, Article VIII change to give alternative trustees the right to vote and make all appropriate changes as needed in the Guidance Code.** (Chicago)
Motion to accept above.
Approved: 19 Against: 21 Failed
42. **All monies received from the Florida conference should be deposited in a separate account until all money is recovered.** (Chicago)
Motion to accept above.
Approved: 0 Against: 41 Failed
43. **I.S.O. provide a recognition (key chain, medallion, etc.) for the off years of abstinence in the program where there is not a pin given.** (Boston)
This item is out of order for the same reason as item #32 of New Business.
44. **Combo Book, page 3, change from "over any considerable period of time we get worse, never better". Change to "over any considerable period of time, as long as we continue to gamble, we get worse, never better".** (Boston)
Motion to accept above.
Approved: 6 Against: 36 Failed
45. **G.A. Sponsorship Manual - change to make "gender neutral".** (So. Carolina)
Motion to accept above.
Amendment #1 to change any and all items on this agenda to "gender neutral".
Approved: 35 Against: 6 Passed
Amendment #2 to change all G.A. literature to become "gender neutral".
Approved: 16 Against: 23 Failed
On the motion.
Approved: 36 Against: 5 Passed (1st Vote)
Items 46, 50, 52, 54, 69, 70 and 71 of New Business will all be included in the above motion.
46. **A New Beginning - change pages 26-36 to match Sponsorship Manual.** (So. Carolina)
Above item is included as part of New Business item #45's motion.
47. **A New Beginning - change page 8 to match page 17 of the Combo Book.** (So. Carolina)
Will be done at next printing.
48. **A New Beginning - change page 26, paragraph 2.** (So. Carolina)
Motion that we delete page 26, paragraph 2 of "A New Beginning" book.
Approved: 42 Against: 1 Passed (1st Vote)

49. **A New Beginning - delete "and reg. info center", mid 3rd paragraph.** (So. Carolina)
Motion that we delete "and the Eastern Regional Information Center" from page 26, middle of 3rd paragraph of "A New Beginning" book and any other place it might appear.
Approved: 44 Against: 0 Passed (1st Vote)
50. **A New Beginning - change pages 47, 49 and 55 to make gender neutral.** (So. Carolina)
Above item is included as part of New Business item #45's motion.
51. **G.A. Info Packet - number the pages.** (So. Carolina)
Motion to accept above.
Approved: 13 Against: 24 Failed
52. **G.A. Info Packet - every place it says "chairman" to "chairperson" pages 2-3, 11.** (So. Carolina)
Above item is included as part of New Business item #45's motion.
53. **G.A. Info Packet - change pages 5-6 to match page 17, of the Combo Book.** (So. Carolina)
This change will be done during the next printing.
54. **G.A. Info Packet - change page 10 "clergyman" to "clergy".** (So. Carolina)
Above item is included as part of New Business item #45's motion.
55. **G.A. Info Packet - move page 10 to page 12 with other letters.** (So. Carolina)
Motion that we move the "Dear Clergy" letter to next to the "Dear Judge" letter and move other pages ahead of it.
Approved: 40 Against: 0 Passed
Since this is not a change in literature it only needs one vote. Change will be done at next printing.
56. **G.A. Info Packet - change page 11 line 2 "gamblers" to Gamblers Anonymous".** (So. Carolina)
Item withdrawn by presenter.
57. **G.A. Info Packet & Group Handbook - make "establishing a G.A. group" for both the same (page 1 Info Packet & page 6 Handbook)** (So. Carolina)
Motion that we replace the "Establishing A G.A. Group" on page 6 of the Handbook with the "Establishing A G.A. Group" from page 1 of the Info Packet.
Motion to table.
Approved: 30 Against: 12 Passed
Motion is pending and will be on Manhattan Beach agenda.

58. **G.A. Info Packet & Group Handbook - make "suggested meeting format & procedures" for both the same. (page 2, 1st paragraph - page 7, Handbook) (Chicago)**
 Motion to table to next session.
 Approved: 26 Against: 2 Passed
 Motion that we change suggested meeting format procedures paragraph in the Info Packet" page 2, to be the suggested meeting procedures section page 7, in the Group Handbook.
 Approved: 42 Against: 1 Passed (1st Vote)
59. **G.A. Info Packet & Group Handbook - make "meeting agenda/format" for both the same. (page 3 info & page 7-8 Handbook.) (So. Carolina)**
 Motion to accept above.
 Motion to table.
 Approved: 7 Against: 33 Failed
 On the motion.
 Approved: 36 Against: 4 Passed (1st Vote)
60. **Group Handbook - change "National Service Office" to "International Service Office" & "NSO" to "ISO". (So. Carolina)**
 This item is deleted as it has already been done.
61. **Group Handbook - discuss under open meetings, 2nd paragraph, line 12, "at open meetings, families are not permitted to participate in the meetings". (So. Carolina)**
 Motion to table.
 Approved: 29 Against: 10 Passed
 Bill B. and Chuck R. volunteered to prepare something to bring back to Manhattan Beach.
62. **Group Handbook - add Gam-Anon address & phone number to page 9. (So. Carolina)**
 Motion that we add the Gam-Anon address and phone number to page 9 of the Group Handbook.
 The Chair ruled this item out of order as it deals with an outside issue. Chair is then challenged.
 Vote on the challenge is 19 - 21 that the Chair is in order. Therefore the item is out of order.
63. **Group Handbook - move summary paragraph at bottom of page 9 to inside back cover and title as "the future growth of G.A." (So. Carolina)**
 Motion that we move summary paragraph at bottom of page 9 of the Group Handbook to the inside front cover and title as "The Future Growth of G.A."
 Approved: 36 Against: 4 Passed (1st Vote)
64. **Group Handbook - change front cover font to be more stylish. (So. Carolina)**
 This item is deleted as it has already been done.
65. **Group Handbook - discuss page 4 #3 under "group representatives". (So. Carolina)**
 Discussion only.

66. **There is Help - change "thru" to "through", inside upper right section. (So. Carolina)**
 Motion to accept above.
 Approved: 40 Against: 0 Passed
 Only one vote is needed since this is a grammatical correction.
67. **All literature - add fax & "e"mail address everywhere our regular address is. (So. Carolina)**
 Motion to accept above.
 Motion to table.
 Approved: 28 Against: 10 Passed
 Motion is pending and will be on Manhattan Beach agenda.
68. **Towards 90 Days - change "fellow gambler" poem, line 6, to "this" disease. (So. Carolina)**
 Since this is a grammatical error, it will be done at next printing.
69. **Towards 90 Days - change page 5 "he" to "they" (So. Carolina)**
 Above item is included as part of New Business item #45's motion.
70. **Towards 90 Days - change page 11, "him" to him/her. (So. Carolina)**
 Above item is included as part of New Business item #45's motion.
71. **G.A. Judiciary, etc...change page 2, Twenty Questions, to match Combo Book. (So. Carolina)**
 This item is deleted as it has already been done.
72. **G.A. Judiciary, etc...change page 2 top line, "believe" to "belief". (So. Carolina)**
 Motion to accept above.
 Approved: 40 Against: 0 Passed (1st Vote)
73. **G.A. Judiciary, etc...change page 3, 4th paragraph, line 2, "no compulsive gambler can overcome this hopeless phase once attained" to "no compulsive gambler can overcome this hopeless phase once attained without help" (So. Carolina)**
 Motion to accept above.
 Amendment #1 to place "Without help," to the beginning of the sentence.
 Amendment #2 to change the original motion to be suffixed with "with help".
 Chair ruled the second amendment out of order.
 Chair is then challenged. The challenge fails 29 - 4, therefore the second amendment is out of order.
 On the amendment.
 Approved: 30 Against: 8 Passed
 On the motion.
 Approved: 29 Against: 10 Passed (1st Vote)
 The amendment now becomes the motion.

74. G.A. Judiciary, etc...change page 1, 17th paragraph, line 4, "his" to "theirs". Change page 2, 1st paragraph, line 4 "his first" to "his/her first". Page 2, 2nd paragraph, line 2-3 to read, "these questions are provided to help individuals decide if they are compulsive gamblers and want to stop gambling". Change page 3, 1st paragraph, "he admits" to "he/she admits". (So. Carolina)
Above item is included as part of New Business item #45's motion.
75. G.A. Judiciary, etc...discuss whether page 1, section "Recognizing Compulsive Gamblers", should we add some of our experience about "court ordered" mandatory attendance at G.A. meetings.
Discussion only. (So. Carolina)
76. Add as a piece of G.A. literature "The New Person Script" (attachment #4) (Long Island)
Discussion only.
77. Make available as G.A. literature "The Pressure Group Meeting Handbook". Which is not currently in supply at the I.S.O. (this piece of literature has previously been approved) (Maryland)
Motion to accept above.
Approved: 36 Against: 2 Passed
Only one vote needed on this item, is already approved.
78. Combo Book, page 2, add the word "that" so it will read as follows: "Gamblers Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other so that they may solve.." (So. California)
Motion to add the word "so" in front of "that" on line 3 of page 2 of the Combo book.
Approved: 7 Against: 31 Failed
79. Combo Book, page 11, add the words "the dream world" and subtract the word "this". It would then be as follows. "What is the dream world of the compulsive gambler? The dream world is another common characteristic of compulsive gamblers".
Motion to accept above. (So. California)
Approved: 4 Against: 38 Failed
80. Discuss: Emergency mail votes should be reserved for true emergencies and should not be called just because an election is just around the corner. (So. California)
Motion that between every convention there be a mail in vote to allow those who choose not to attend a conference, due to the gambling problem in the area, so as not to be put in jeopardy to lose our job as Trustees.
Approved: 0 Against: 44 Failed
81. Discuss: When the chair has an opinion on an issue being discussed on the floor, if he/she wants to express their opinion, should they have to relinquish their facilitator status for that item. (So. California)
Motion that the Chair calling a mail vote refrain from giving his/her opinion on the vote in order to avoid unduly influencing the Board.
Approved: 6 Against: 29 Failed

82. Discuss: Should I.S.O. advertise a golf outing or any other type of sporting event in our Lifeline bulletin. (Long Island)
Discussion only.
83. Election: International Executive Secretary, nominations taken during the first session and voting during the last session of the Board of Trustee meeting. (Chairman)
Karen H. was the only person nominated for the above position.
A motion was made to extend Karen's term for an additional 2 years.
A vote was taken and Karen H. was elected by acclamation.

H) Anything Omitted from the Agenda

Committee Reports

14. Edmonton, Alberta, Canada Report
Danny M. and Tibor B. went to Edmonton about the problem with a member receiving money from the Government to start Gamblers Anonymous meetings. They met with the member in question and the outcome of the meeting was good. Since the Intergroup of the area was involved, they also met with them and the result is that the issue has been resolved and the Unity is positive.

Old Business

5. 40th Anniversary Update.
Areas described what they are doing for the 40th Anniversary on Saturday, September 13, 1997. Mini-Conferences, workshops, dinners, fund raisers and Open Unity meetings are some of the events that will be taking place. Australia has organized an 8 hour continuous meeting. Australia has also contacted South Africa and some people in the United States to join them in this type of event.

New Business

84. Prison Committee.
Tom M. stated that a new committee was formed to act as a liaison to prisons. Rick B. will head up this committee.

I) Good and Welfare

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at 1:50 P.M. The collection for the five (5) sessions was \$1,010.13.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held October 16, 1997 at 1:00 P.M. in Manhattan Beach, California.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen H., International
Executive Secretary

ROLL CALL

AREAS	SESSIONS	AREAS	SESSIONS
1 (T) Manny E.	5	8A (T) Duane O.	5
(T) Lanny R.	5	(A) Tom W.	4
(T) Johnny W.	5	8B (T) Charlie O.	5
(A) Sandy T.	5	9 (T) Danny M.	5
(A) Linda O.	5	(A) Nick R.	5
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