

**BOARD OF REGENTS
MEETING OF APRIL 16, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Benni F., Chairman Board of Regents at 7:30 P.M.

Present: Benni F., Gerry F., Mike M., Sassoun N., Sean N. and Karen H., International Executive Secretary.

Absent: Allan S., Dwight C., Eddie R. and *Gary S.

* Gary S. would have been present telephonically but computers and phones at the International Service Office were not functioning at the time of the Board of Regents meeting. His absence is thus excused.

A. The minutes of the Board of Regents meeting of March 19, 2010 were read and approved.

Motion seconded and passed
For...5 Against...0 Abstained...0

B. The Operating Statement for March 2010 was read and approved.

Motion seconded and passed
For...5 Against...0 Abstained...0

2-OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion on Lifeliners. There were 11 new Lifeliners as follows: 7 from New Jersey and 1 each from California; Florida; Delaware and Pennsylvania.

There was one new Can from California.

25 Starter Kits were sent out in March (including one going to a prison in Texarkana, Texas) as follows: 1 each to Cathedral City, California; Clovis, California; Fresno, California; Hercules, California; Placentia, California; Santa Ana, California; Chicago, Illinois; Opelousas, Louisiana; Columa, Michigan; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Silver Springs, Nevada; Pataskala, Ohio; Salem, Oregon; Kent, Washington; Toronto, Ontario; Brno, The Czech Republic; Nairobi, Kenya; Mexicali, B.C.; Amsterdam, Netherlands; Harare, Zimbabwe and 2 each to Pine, Colorado and Madison, Wisconsin.

17 new Group Information Forms were received back in March as follows: Prescott, Arizona; Pinole, California; Pittsburg, California; Conifer, Colorado; Chicago, Illinois; Eldora, Iowa; Lake Orion, Michigan; Lakewood, Ohio; Miami, Oklahoma; Silverton, Oregon; Bluefield, West Virginia; Mauston, Wisconsin; Wyong, N.S.W.; Waterford City, Republic of Ireland; Nairobi, Kenya and 2 from Madison, Wisconsin.

B. Board of Regents I.E.S. Committee. Benni F. discussed how feedback from the Board of Trustees is also needed as to the proposed By-Law below.

Article VIII

By-Laws-Section 6 (F)- In the event of the termination of the International Executive Secretary for any reason, the Chairman of the Board of Regents will become the interim-acting International Executive Secretary until the International Board of Trustees elects a permanent International Executive Secretary.

By-Laws- Section 6 (G)-While the Chairman of the BOR is acting IES ,the Vice-Chairman of the BOR shall assume the duties of the Chairman. While acting as IES, the Chairman of the BOR shall lose his/her vote on the BOR. The BOR will operate with eight (8) members for this period.

By-Laws- Section 6 (H)-When the BOT elects a permanent IES ,if it is not the Chairman of the BOR, who is acting as IES, the Chairman of the BOR shall return to his/her original position and his/her voting power restored. If the acting IES (Chairman of the BOR) is elected permanent IES, the BOR shall fill the vacancy per Article III, Section 5 of these By-Laws.

Article IV

By-Laws-Section 4-The IES shall be elected by the BOT of the Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous for a two year term, as provided by the Guidance Code. The IES may be terminated by the BOR and/or the BOT of the Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous.

Guidance Code –Article XVI –Section 1 & 2

Summation

In the event the IES cannot continue for any reason. After the Chairman of the BOR has assumed that position of IES, the Chairman of the BOT should immediately call for nominations to fill the IES position on a permanent basis. If the next BOT meeting is more than 60 days away the Chairman of the BOT should arrange a mail election. If the next BOT meeting is to be held within 60 days, this election shall wait until the BOT meeting. The new IES will have 30 days to assume that position.

C. Procedures for B .O.R. Replacements. Allan S. proposed By-Law change was read by Mike M. during the meeting as follows:

In the event an individual elected to the BOR to serve a year term from July-June of any given year is unable to fulfill that obligation for whatever reason, they will be replaced by the next highest vote getter from the election that was conducted by the BOT. If the BOR member is from outside the greater LA area, the replacement will be the next highest vote getter from outside the greater LA area. In either case, if the next vote-getter is not available to fulfill the balance of the term, it will automatically default to the next person in voting sequence. If there are no individuals available to fulfill the balance of the term,

the BOR will submit to the BOT a list of names for the BOT to have a SPECIAL ELECTION to fulfill the term with that list going to the BOT within thirty (30) days and the SPECIAL ELECTION to be conducted within thirty (30) days to fill the vacancy. In the interim, the BOR will conduct their business meeting (s) as usual. The newly elected BOR member will serve out the balance of the vacated term.

The issue was tabled because depending on outcome of change in term proposed at the upcoming Trustees meeting.

D. Infringement of G.A.'s Intellectual Property. All active URL's at issue were emailed by Karen to Facebook and we are waiting for their response.

Karen sent the letter to Wheatmark. No response from the publisher has been received which is needed by the Board of Regents. The publisher has until April 30, 2010 to respond. However a response was received from the author with suggested changes.

E. Septembers International Walk-A-Thon. A proposed flyer encouraging all groups and areas to arrange a Walk-A-Thon was passed around for Board members to review and revise as needed. Karen H. read the following letter:

Dear Fellow G.A. Members:

In May of 2007 at the Board of Trustees meeting that was held in Chicago, the following item was presented by Gary S., from New Jersey. A motion was made and passed **To designate the month of September as, "International Gamblers Annual Walk-a-Thon Month". All areas worldwide will be encouraged to host a walk-a-thon fundraiser one day in September of each year through which the International Service Office will use the proceeds to continue its efforts in maintaining service to our Fellowship and increase service and programming that will benefit the entire International community of Gamblers Anonymous.**

This has been a great way for the International Service Office to receive additional funds and with the past three years totaling \$22,647.00 (2007 - \$11,957.00; 2008 - \$4,755.00; 2009 - \$5,935.00) the Board of Regents is requesting all Areas participate in this fundraiser to help the I.S.O. continue to meet the needs of our Fellowship and our ever growing expenses. Just some of what is accomplished by the I.S.O. follows:

"WHAT THE I.S.O. DOES"

- Answers telephones, e-mails and all other correspondence received.
- Updates and maintains the Gamblers Anonymous International Directory on our website so that we have the most current meeting information available.
- Writes receipts for all donations, Lifeliners, Cans, Groups, etc.
- Maintains ledgers for all money received.
- Writes receipts for all accounts receivables and literature orders.
- Processes orders; received by mail, fax and our On-line store.
- Prepares and sends Starter Kits to those requesting them and keeps the Trustees

- informed of when and where meeting kits are going.
- Sends information to the many people requesting same on our Program.
 - Sends pertinent information to Trustees, Regents and membership as needed.
 - Keeps an inventory of all literature and orders and inventories all office supplies.
 - Balances ledgers to deposits and makes weekly bank deposits.
 - Prepares monthly Operating Statement and does complete accounting procedures.
 - Keeps track of all accounts payable and processes the checks for bills that are signed by two of three mandatory signatures of the Board of Regents.
 - Compiles, enters, and proof reads all letters, donations, anniversaries, etc. for Life-Line Bulletin on a continuing basis. Upon completion, labels, zip codes, and stuffs into envelopes for bulk, first class and foreign mailing to all groups worldwide.
 - Constantly updating and reprinting (or upon approval by the Board of Trustees) printing new literature.

This is just a sample of what is being done at the International Service Office, therefore to be able to continue carrying the message, please join in and start “Planning Your Walk-A-Thon” now. September will be here before you know it!

Thank you, *Your* International Service Office

This letter will be included in future issues of the Life-Line Bulletin as well as being included with the flyers and following letter from Gary S. to be mailed to all Intergroups.

Dear Chair,

Enclosed is a copy of the flyer we have created for this month. Each month you will receive a different flyer.

We encourage you to read the letter from the International Service Office at your next Intergroup meeting and also make copies of both to pass out for all of your rooms. Our fellowship needs every members support to help our current and future members.

If you need any help or suggestions with your **International Gamblers Anonymous Annual Walk-a-Thon** please feel free to contact me anytime either my email or cell phone.

Gary S.
Gs2255@me.com
201.401.1997 cell

PS. Please let me know if you would like an electronic file of the flyer.

F. Revisit Conference Calls During B.O.R. Meetings. Nowhere in the By-Laws, Guidance Code or Standing Rules is there a procedure for attendance by non Board members at Board of Regents meetings. Benni F. will prepare a Standing Rule to be voted on as to whether to allow any one other than a Board member to attend the meeting

in person or by phone or a conference call. Because a full Board is not present at this meeting the proposal was not submitted during the April meeting.

G. G.A. Hotline. Denis M. has been provided with most of the information and by May 1, 2010 all of the information will be with Denis and the Hotline will be officially in the purview of the Board of Trustees.

3-NEW BUSINESS

A. Review Trustee Agenda. With respect to the two year commitment for the Board of Regents, Board members felt it would have been more difficult to get members to run for the position. Benni F. discussed why at least five members are needed to be present physically at a Board of Regents meeting.

The collection in the amount of \$12.00 was taken and the meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer. The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held May 28, 2010 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Sassoun N., Recording Secretary