

**BOARD OF REGENTS  
MEETING OF AUGUST 15, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by John C., Chairman Board of Regents at 7:35 P.M.

Present: Chris G., David W., Grant M., Howie C., John C., Phil K., Steve K., Wendy B., and Karen H., International Executive Secretary.

Absent: Bill B. \*

Guests: Gary S.

1. A. The minutes of the Board of Regents meeting of July 18, 2008 were read and approved.

Motion seconded and passed  
For...5 Against...1 Abstained...1 (Howie C.)

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- B. The Operating Statement for July 2008 was read and approved.

Motion seconded and passed  
For...6 Against...0 Abstained...1 (Howie C.)

## 2-OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion on Lifeliners. There were 4 new Lifeliners as follows: 3 from California and 1 from Florida.

There was 1 new Can from Florida.

15 Starter Kits were sent out in July including 0 going to prisons and we had 18 new Group Information Forms received back as follows: 1 each from Bella Vista, Arkansas; Tucson, Arizona; Eureka, California; Woodland Park, Colorado; Jacksonville, Florida; Batesville, Indiana; Des Moines, Iowa; Topeka, Kansas; Metairie, Louisiana; Fall River, Massachusetts; Haddonfield, New Jersey; Eggertsville, New York; Norman, Oklahoma; Shawnee, Oklahoma; Midland, Texas; Houston, Texas; Wausau, Wisconsin; Parkdale, Victoria, Australia.

B. National Hotline. Gary S. read the report as follows:

BOR REPORT – August 2008  
888-GA-HELPS

All of the bids have been analyzed and I will be at this August BOR meeting to present the findings and make the committees recommendation. After which, the BOR will have a month to review and discuss on what and how to present its recommendation to the BOT Houston meeting this October.

I would like say that the timing of the review process was right on time and according to the plan since January 2007, when it was setup with Benni F. the Chairman of the BOR at that time – THANK YOU BENNI. Also, a personal thank you to Bob W. to assure that the process continued. Both and the rest of the BOR are a credit to our fellowship and how it is suppose to work.

I am very happy to report that besides the derogatory rumors that I had reported last month, Denver is almost live, Rochester, New York is in the setup mode and Rhode Island is live. Rhode Island is part of a very complex AREA 11 with its 5 states. We are walking the process to ensure success.

Now to my favorite part - THE NUMBERS, since our July report. We are over 3,277 more calls over 2007 and 11,047 calls over 2006. Also the calls are continuing shifting over from the local to the national by 86%. Did you know that no area has left the helpline system once they joined in its eight plus years.

<b>2006</b>	2761	18,681
<b>2007</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Groups</b>	3520	23,688
<b>National</b>	610	2763
<b>Total 07'</b>	4130	26,451

<b>2008</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Groups</b>	2561	21,826
<b>National</b>	977	7,902
<b>Total 08'</b>	3538	29,728

As always, I thank the entire GA volunteer community for the souls that they touch everyday and to our fellowship that has touched ours.

Fellowship First.

Gary S / 888-GA-HELPS/BOR

\* Bill B. joined the meeting during the Hotline Committee report.

The Board of Regents Hotline Committee has recommended we stay with our current provider. All members of the Board of Regents will review proposals and further discussion will be held next month. We will move forward with the Spanish Hotline when final decision is made.

C. I.S.O. Website. A letter was received from David M., Chairman of I.S.O. Website Committee stating a bid was received that was in excess of budget. Further proposals will be made next month. Final design will be available in Houston.

D. Review Insurance Coverage of the Corporation. Insurance policies for the Office were reviewed and found acceptable.

E. Review Standing Rule #27. Motion was made to amend Standing Rule #27 to "Health Insurance will be made available to all full-time employees the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month following 90 days of continuous satisfactory employment. The Insurance will be provided for all eligible employees through an HMO and shall be reviewed on an annual basis (every November). Employees may choose a P.P.O. option and pay for any additional premium. Families of employees will be covered at employee expense only".

Motion seconded and passed

For...8 Against...0 Abstained...0

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss Transferring Funds from Liquid C.D. to Checking Account. Motion made to move \$20,000.00 from liquid C.D. to checking account.

Motion seconded and passed

For...8 Against...0 Abstained...0

B. Approve Expenses for Board of Regents Chairman to Attend the Trustees Meeting in Houston. Motion to allow up to \$1,000.00 for the Board of Regents Chairman to attend the Houston Trustees meeting.

Motion seconded and passed

For...8 Against...0 Abstained...0

C. Discuss Fiduciary Responsibilities. Discussion was held regarding fiduciary responsibilities of all Board of Regents members.

D. Discuss Postage Costs. This was for discussion only. Perhaps in the future we can mail one Lifeline receipt per year to save on monthly postage.

E. Discuss Obtaining Competitive Bids on Accounting Services. Grant M. will get competitive bids based on all services that are currently being provided by our current CPA. This will be completed by February 2009.

F. Discuss Board of Regents Items to be put on Trustees Agenda. The following items will be submitted on the Trustee Agenda in Houston.

1. Allow current Board of Regents Chairman to post Conference Agenda items on the Trustees website.

2. Allow Board of Regents meeting minutes to be posted on the Gamblers Anonymous website.

The collection in the amount of \$75.00 was taken and the meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer. The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held on September 19, 2008 at 7:30 P.M.

**Respectfully submitted by Wendy B., Recording Secretary**