

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING AGENDA

Pleasanton, CA - May 5-6, 2024

Pete K. - Chair

Steve F. - 1st Co-Chair

Harold A. - 2nd Co-Chair

March 21, 2024

Dear Trustees,

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the agenda for our upcoming Trustee meeting to be held in Pleasanton, CA. This agenda should be shared with your Intergroup, rooms and members.

Please be sure to print out the agenda in its entirety including all the attachments. You should also download the latest versions of the Rules & Procedures, Guidance Code and By-Laws, which can be found in the download section at the www.trusteewebsite.com. Also have available to you any literature that may be discussed so that you will be better prepared for any prospective changes in said literature.

The items on this agenda and all agendas are the result of individual members, groups and committees' ideas and hard work. Although you may not agree with some of the items, it is our responsibility as Trustees to be well prepared to listen to each item with an open mind. It states in our Guidance code, Article VIII, Section 7, that the Board of Trustees primary function shall be to insure the most effective exchange of thoughts and ideas between all Gamblers Anonymous groups...

On the following pages I have listed some items of importance you should be aware of. When reviewing the information, please don't hesitate to reach out for help if there is anything about which you are unclear. A lot can be accomplished before the meeting itself. You might find it

helpful to contact the author of an agenda item for clarification on an issue or you may contact one of the many Committee Chairs or anyone on the Executive Board for same. If you have any procedural questions, please contact anyone on the Executive Board.

When the Trustee meetings begin in less than two months, we should all be prepared and have a good working knowledge of our literature. Special attention should be given to our Guidance Code and Combo Book because we will be referencing these publications often throughout our meeting.

If you have any problems with the agenda or the attachments on the website, please reach out to Doug K., our website administrator. Doug continues to do an amazing job on the website throughout the year and the work he does for the agenda is far beyond anything I could have imagined. I am personally grateful for the work he does for the Board of Trustees. When you have the chance, please take a moment to thank him and the rest of the Website Committee for their efforts in making this and other processes appear to be seamless.

For those of you who will not be able to physically join us in Pleasanton, please take the time to fill out an absentee ballot on the trustee website. This is the only means by which your ballot will count. Because of the work involved on tabulating the ballots, all absentee ballots must be submitted no later than midnight (EDT), Tuesday, April 23, 2024. It would be greatly appreciated if you don't wait for the very last second.

The meeting sessions are outlined on the following pages. Because we can never predict how long our meeting will last, I have set sessions for all day and evening on Sunday and Monday.

On behalf of myself and the Executive Board, we thank you for your support and anticipated cooperation and we look forward to "seeing" you in May.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete K.

Chair, BOT

MEETING FORMAT

The Board of Trustees meeting is guided by Robert's Rules of Order and conducted according to the Rules and Procedures Manual, with the Guidance Code taking priority. We shall follow them as best as we can. The Chair directs the meeting, but the group is always the ultimate authority.

Trustees, former Trustees, current members of the BOR and members who have authored an item are permitted to speak. Please raise your hand to be recognized and a list will be kept at the front table. You will be called on in the order prescribed by the Rules and Procedures. To help expedite this process, if you wish to speak on any item, please get up to a microphone prior to being called to speak.

A POINT OF INFORMATION can be raised at any time by current or former Trustees. The person raising the point will be recognized as soon as the person holding the floor is finished speaking. This should only be used to ask a question on the item being discussed. This should only be used for clarification purposes and not to make a point or continue debate. The question is always directed to the Chair.

A POINT OF ORDER can be raised at any time, also only by current or past Trustees. However, it stops the proceedings and is dealt with immediately. This should only be used when you feel that an improper procedure is taking place during the meeting or the Chair has made some procedural error that needs to be corrected.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

If you are unable to attend this meeting, you may choose to vote by absentee ballot. The absentee ballot is available on the Trustee website and must be submitted no later than 12:00 midnight Eastern Time on Tuesday, April 23, 2024. Please remember absentee ballots can only be counted as attendance for Trustees representing areas outside of the United States and Canada.

PUBLICATION CHECKLIST

Below is a checklist of the items you will need available to you during the meeting. It is your responsibility to have them with you. Agenda items refer to these publications, which are GA approved, GA appropriate or pending approval of either a merit vote, 1st or 2nd vote. In your review of the agenda, you may feel the need to have available other GA material.

This list does not include agenda attachments or committee reports, which are your responsibility to download and have with you during the discussions and votes on these items. Attachments and reports can be found in the Download Section.

| Check Box | Publication | Latest Copy |
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| | All Attachments from the Download Center | 5 items |
| | By-Laws | Download Center |
| | Combo Book | 11/22 |
| | Group Handbook | 5/19 |
| | Guidance Code | Download Center |

MEETING SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 5, 2024 (EDT)

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM - First Session

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM – Lunch Break

2:00 PM to 6:00 PM - Second Session

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM – Dinner Break

7:30 PM to 11:00 PM - Third Session

Monday, May 6, 2024

9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon - Fourth Session

12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM – Lunch Break

1:00 PM to 5:00 PM – Fifth Session

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM – Dinner Break (if needed)

7:00 PM to 11:00 PM - Sixth Session (if needed)

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Pleasanton, California, May 5-6, 2024

- A) Welcome – Pete K. Chair, Board of Trustees
- B) Remembrance of our departed members
- C) Reading from “A Day at a Time Book”
- D) Reading of the ”12 Steps of Unity”
- E) Roll Call – KC B. International Executive Secretary
- F) Approval of Minutes from Chicago
- G) ISO / Lifeliner – KC B., IES
- H) Report from the Board of Regents – Ara H., BOR Chair
- I) Trustee Meeting Report – KC B., IES
 - 1) Chicago-Fall 2023
- J) Committee Reports

Committees with Harold A. as Co-Chair Liaison

Conference Oversight and Assistance Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Wendy B. - Area 1A

Co-Chair – Norm B. – Jack R. – Area 1A

Committee Liaison Chair – Harold A.

Mission Statement: To oversee all processes dealing with International Conferences and to encourage and provide assistance to Areas seeking to host an International Conference as well as to provide advice and assistance after a Conference has been awarded.

Digital Strategy Committee

Committee Chair – Butch G. – Area 3

Committee Co-Chair – Reba L. – Area 8

Committee Liaison Chair – Harold A.

Mission Statement: The purpose of this committee is to give guidance and suggestions to the Board of Trustees on the most efficient use of digital media in order to share our message with the compulsive gambler who still suffers.

Pressure Relief Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Bruce W. - Area 1

Committee Co-Chair- Alvin F. – Area 1

Committee Liaison Chair – Harold A.

Mission Statement: To provide leadership and support throughout Gamblers Anonymous by coordinating, educating, training and clarifying the Pressure Relief Group Process that will aid in fostering an atmosphere of continuity, cohesiveness and unity as well as understanding within our Fellowship which will bring about an alleviation of pressures for our Members and thus strengthen and empower Members, Groups and Gamblers Anonymous as a whole.

Prison Committee – Canada – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Jean-Marc L. – Area 5B

Co-Chair – Aldo I. - Area 4

Committee Liaison Chair – Harold A.

Mission Statement: To provide telephone, email, and an in person resource (as feasible) to the Trustees or their designees for the purpose of assisting when a prisoner or institutional staff member is requesting to start an "inside" meeting, or an Intergroup and its committee are outreaching to prisons, jails, etc. Also, to compile in the ISO office an unpublished JIP meeting directory as a much-needed resource for federal, state, and local judges, defense attorneys, prosecutors, probation and parole officers, and clinicians.

Prison Committee, US – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Ed G. - Area 10

Committee Liaison Chair – Harold A.

Mission Statement: To provide telephone, email, "snail mail", and an in person resource (as feasible) to the trustees or their designees for the purpose of assisting when a prisoner or institutional staff member is requesting to start an "inside" meeting, or an Intergroup and its committee are outreaching to prisons, jails, etc. Also, to compile in the ISO office an unpublished JIP meeting directory as a much-needed resource for federal, state, and local judges, defense attorneys, prosecutors, probation and parole officers, and clinicians.

Public Relations Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Cindi M. - Area 8

Committee Liaison Chair – Harold A.

Mission Statement: Communicate information relating to the existence of Gamblers Anonymous meetings to outsiders. Spread the awareness of the Gamblers Anonymous Program with other when requested.

Virtual Meeting Committee

Committee Chair – Patrick G. - Area 9

Committee Co-Chair- Butch G. – Area 3A

Committee Liaison Chair – Harold A.

Mission Statement: To develop guidelines for regularly scheduled video online G.A. meetings, including but limited to how to start a meeting, technical requirements, and suggested meeting formats.

Website Meeting Audit Committee:

Committee Chair – Ed G. Area 10

Committee Liaison Chair – Harold A.

Mission Statement pending

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| <p>Committees with Pete K. as Co-Chair Liaison</p> |
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Fourth Step Inventory Review

Committee Chair – Jeanne B. – Area 8A

Committee Co-Chair – Debra B. – Area 2E

Committee Chair Liaison – Pete K.

Mission Statement: Review, revise, and rewrite the Gamblers Anonymous publication “A Guide to Fourth Step Inventory” to create a more robust and effective tool of recovery for the fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous that addresses both moral and financial inventories.

Guidance Code Audit Committee

Committee Chair – Bob C. – Area 3A

Committee Chair Liaison – Pete K.

Mission Statement: To review and verify the Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code for compliance with the Unity and Recovery Programs and on a practical level for the sustainability of Gamblers Anonymous.

GA Restructuring Committee

Committee Chair – David M. – Area 12

Committee Co-Chair – Jack R. – Area 1A

Committee Chair Liaison – Pete K.

Mission Statement: Review the current structure of the corporation and fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous to research and recommend a possible plan to restructure all related entities.

Telephone Conference Call Committee

Committee Chair – Jeanne B. – Area 8A

Committee Chair Liaison – Pete K.

Mission Statement: 1) To administrate the creation, implementation and oversight of all conference call meetings from the Gamblers Anonymous website. These meetings will be sanctioned by Gamblers Anonymous , but will not carry the distinction of being classified as a group, as per the Guidance Code.

2) To formulate, implement and maintain rules and procedures covering all aspects of the telephone conference call meetings, with Board of Trustee approval.

3) To be responsible for coordinating the Gamblers Anonymous members who will administrate the individual telephone conference call meetings.

4) To actively seek out any known phone meetings and try to assist in making them compliant with current rules and procedures covering all aspects of the telephone conference call meetings. Make changes to such procedures whenever necessary, with Board of Trustee approval.

5) Look at other platforms being used and make changes to the rules and procedures covering all aspects of the telephone conference call meetings, with Board of Trustee approval.

Trustee Removal Merit Panel – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – John B. – Area 13

Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.

Mission Statement: This is a standing panel with a 2-year term coinciding with the new term of Trustees. It will become active when an official action is presented to the Chair of the Board of Trustees to request the official removal of a current Trustee due to acts thought to be detrimental to GA as a whole, as provided for by the Guidance Code under Article VIII, Section 4. There is a specific document entitled 'Trustee Removal Procedures' available to all members for reference. The panel will consist of 5 GA members, selected from 5 geographical regions, along with 1 backup Trustee for each area.

Trustee Website Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Butch G. – Area 3A

Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.

Mission Statement:

1) – To oversee the Trustee website.

2) – To periodically review all websites that infer or imply membership or representation of the Fellowship or Corporation of Gamblers Anonymous, and evaluate the websites for compliance with approved Local Area Website Guidelines. Trustees and area trusted servants will be made aware of any deficiencies that need to be corrected. Websites from outside entities are not included.

3) – To review new designs, features, enhancements and any other changes that would be demonstrated to the Board of Trustees for approval and deployment to any website approved by the Board of Trustees.

Committees with Steve F. as Co-Chair Liaison

Chronological History Committee:

Committee Chair – Andy D. - Area 18

Committee Liaison Chair – Steve F.

Mission Statement Pending

Group Removal Merit Panel Committee

Committee Chair – Cheryl R. – Area 2E

Committee Chair Liaison – Steve F.

Mission Statement: To guide groups and Intergroups on how to address the issue of non-adherence to the Guidance Code and/or other Trustee decisions per Article VII, Section 1 and Article VIII, Section 1A of the Guidance Code.

Hotline Implementation Committee:

Committee Chair – Andy G.- Area 13B

Committee Liaison Chair – Steve F.

Mission Statement: To provide assistance in implementing a Gamblers Anonymous Hotline and oversee the operations.

- Give support and help when needed to local areas using the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline provider.
- Assist local areas in developing guidelines for hotline volunteers.
- Follow up on voicemails on the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline for areas that do not have a hotline.
- Maintain the routing information for all areas using the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline.
- Review areas that use another hotline system.
- Review the data usage on the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline and report at each Board of Trustee meeting.
- Maintain communication with the Executive Secretary of the I.S.O. regarding usage and payments to the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline provider.
- Maintain information on the Trustee Website for the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline.

International Relations Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Ara H. – Area 1

Co-Chair – Igor K. – Area 3

Committee Liaison Chair – Steve F.

Mission Statement: Assist the fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous with International matters and help create a worldwide united Gamblers Anonymous.

Literature Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Nan V. - Area 13A

Co-Chair – Debra B. - Area 2E

Committee Liaison Chair – Steve F.

Mission Statement: To encourage the creation of new Gamblers Anonymous literature as needed and to revise, edit and or update existing Gamblers Anonymous literature.

Spanish Literature Committee

Committee Chair - Julian F. - Area 3F

Committee Liaison Chair – Steve F.

Mission Statement: To unify the literature translation efforts with all the Spanish speaking areas in our G.A. fellowship that are authorized to translate and print G.A. approved literature such that all areas that use the same language will coordinate a revision of existing translated literature that meets all area requirements.

K.) Agenda Items

RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. – RULES AND PROCEDURES

Rules and Procedures, Section 19. Approval Process: Add #9:

The Bylaws are a legal document required by the State of California and shall not fall into the category of either Approved or Appropriate Literature. Any changes to the Bylaws shall require only one passing vote of the Trustees.

Jack R. for John C. – Area 1A – Orange County, California

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2. – RULES AND PROCEDURES

Add new rules and procedures

Any piece of Gamblers Anonymous approved or appropriate literature should be considered as one single piece for any purpose of any change, alteration, or deletion, with the exception that if the proposed change, alteration, or deletion is repeated in another Gamblers Anonymous piece of approved or appropriate literature from Gamblers Anonymous, should be updated on all single pieces of the literature. In order that all single pieces of literature that is repeated can be updated, the initial proposed change must have previously be approved by the Board of Trustees according the voting requirements for the individual piece, which can be 2/3 of votes or majority of votes depending on the proposed change.

Luis O – Area 28 – Mexico

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3. – RULES AND PROCEDURES

Change existing rules and procedures.

Section 5 Add a new bullet point between bullet point 1 and bullet point 2

•Combo Book Revisions

Changes to the combo book shall be made by an agenda item every 5 years when the year ends in a 0 or a 5 with the exception of the back cover. The back cover can be updated with the current Gambler Anonymous Logo, website, Address QR Code, or Physical or Post Office Box address when required.

Current Version: – Rules and Procedures provisions and changes do not automatically change existing literature.

• Maintenance of the Rules and Procedures manual

The Trustee Website committee will be responsible for updating and maintaining the rules and procedures manual on the trustee website.

Proposed Version: – Changing Literature

Rules and Procedures provisions and changes do not automatically change existing literature.

• Combo Book Revisions

Changes to the combo book shall be made by an agenda item every 5 years when the year ends in a 0 or a 5 with the exception of the back cover. The back cover can be updated with the current Gambler Anonymous Logo, website, Address QR Code, or Physical or Post Office Box address when required..

• Maintenance of the Rules and Procedures manual The Trustee Website committee will be responsible for updating and maintaining the rules and procedures manual on the trustee website.

Walter G. – Area 12 – New Jersey and Northeastern Pennsylvania

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4. – RULES AND PROCEDURES

Change existing rules and procedures.

Section 19 Literature. Combo Book Changes Remove Combo Book changes can be accepted at any time and replaced with Changes to the combo book shall be made by an agenda item every 5 years when the year ends in a 0 or a 5 with the exception of the

back cover. The back cover can be updated with the current Gambler Anonymous Logo, website, Address QR Code, or Physical or Post Office Box address when required.

Current Version: – Combo Book Changes. Combo Book changes can be accepted at any time.

Proposed Version: – Combo Book Changes. Changes to the combo book shall be made by an agenda item every 5 years when the year ends in a 0 or a 5 with the exception of the back cover. The back cover can be updated with the current Gambler Anonymous Logo, website, Address QR Code, or Physical or Post Office Box address when required.

Walter G. – Area 12 – New Jersey and Northeastern Pennsylvania

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ITEMS UP FOR SECOND VOTE

5. – CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book – Change of combo book language- 2. on page 17. Replace “Telephone” with “Connect”, Replace “Use the telephone list” with “STAY CONNECTED!”, Bold and Capitalize “STAY CONNECTED!”

Current Version: 2. Telephone other members as often as possible between meetings. Use the telephone list!

Proposed Version: 2. Connect with other members as often as possible between meetings. **STAY CONNECTED!**

Alyssa C. for Eric F. – Area 1 – Southern California

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TABLED FROM CHICAGO

6. – CURRENT LITERATURE Item #39 in Chicago

Combo Book – Page 17 – Section 5 – Change the word steps to Programs.

Current Version: Read the **RECOVERY** and **UNITY** steps often and continuously review the Twenty Questions. Follow the steps in your daily affairs. These steps are the basis for the entire Gamblers Anonymous Program and practicing them is the key to your growth

Proposed Version: Read the **RECOVERY** and **UNITY** Programs often and continuously review the Twenty Questions. Follow these Programs in your daily affairs. These Programs are the basis for the entire Gamblers Anonymous Program and practicing them is the key to your growth

Ara H. for Arthur F. – Area 1 Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii

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7. – CURRENT LITERATURE Item #40 in Chicago

Combo Book – Page 4. Item Number 2. Based on the original text, re-add the first sentence.

Current Version: 2. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Proposed Version: 2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving Higher Power as expressed in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Ara H for Arthur F. – Area 1 Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii

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8. – CURRENT LITERATURE Item #41 in Chicago

Combo Book – Page 3. Section Gamblers Anonymous.
Add a line to the last paragraph.

Current Version: Therefore, in order to lead normal happy lives, we try to practice to the best of our ability, certain principles in our daily affairs.

Proposed Version: Although there is no organizational affiliation between Alcoholics Anonymous and our fellowship, we are based on the principles of AA. Therefore, in order to lead normal happy lives, we try to practice to the best of our ability, certain principles in our daily affairs

Ara H for Arthur F. – Area 1 – Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii

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9. – CURRENT LITERATURE Item #42 in Chicago

Combo Book – Page 3. Gamblers Anonymous. Change the word “normal” to “healthy”

Current Version: Therefore, in order to lead normal happy lives, we try to practice to the best of our ability, certain principles in our daily affairs

Proposed Version: Therefore, in order to lead healthy happy lives, we try to practice to the best of our ability, certain principles in our daily affairs

Marc L for Arthur F. – Area 1 – Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii

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10. – CURRENT LITERATURE Item #43 in Chicago

Combo Book – Page 17. Item 7. – Change the word “normal:” to “healthy”

Current Version: We encourage every Gamblers Anonymous member to have a **PRESSURE RELIEF GROUP MEETING** as it offers a normal way of thinking and living.

Proposed Version: We encourage every Gamblers Anonymous member to have a **PRESSURE RELIEF GROUP MEETING** as it offers a healthy way of thinking and living.

Marc L for Arthur F. – Area 1 – Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii

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11. – CURRENT LITERATURE Item #44 in Chicago

Combo Book – Page 17. Item Number 5. Line 1. – Change “steps” to “Programs” in Line 1. Change “steps” to “Principles” in Lines 2 and 3. As in the last line of our Preamble. “Therefore, in order to live normal happy lives, we try to practice certain principles in our daily affairs.

Current Version: Read the **RECOVERY** and **UNITY** steps often and continuously review the Twenty Questions. Follow the steps in your daily affairs. These steps are the basis for the entire Gamblers Anonymous Program and practicing them is the key to your growth.

Proposed Version: Read the **RECOVERY** and **UNITY** Programs often and continuously review the Twenty Questions. Follow these principles in your daily affairs. These principles are the basis for the entire Gamblers Anonymous Program and practicing them is the key to your growth.

Ara H for Arthur F. – Area 1 – Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii

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NEW BUSINESS

CONFERENCE BIDS

12. – Fall 2024 Conference

The Fall 2024 Conference is open for bids

13. – Spring 2025 Conference

The Spring 2025 Conference is open for bids

14. – Fall 2025 Conference

The Fall 2025 Conference is open for bids

DISCUSSION ITEMS

15 – DISCUSSION ITEM – Attendance age requirement

Should Gamblers Anonymous have an age limit for attending meetings?

With the change in the availability of gambling on various electronic devices, should Gamblers Anonymous have an age limit for individuals attending a meeting?

Butch G. Area 3A – Actual discussion on the Trustee What's App group.

16. – DISCUSSION ITEM – Misapplication of Time

How do we as Trustees express to our members that their item submitted is a waste of time?

Butch G. Area 3A – Actual discussion on the Trustee What's App group.

17. – DISCUSSION ITEM – Flyer storage

Does the ISO have the capacity to save / store flyers from different areas for future use?

Butch G. Area 3A – Actual discussion on the Trustee What's App group.

18. – DISCUSSION ITEM – Anonymity

Anonymity is a spiritual foundation of this program so why are “we” not enforcing it?

Butch G. Area 3A – Actual discussion on the Trustee What’s App group.

19. – DISCUSSION ITEM – Hold Harmless

An explanation of the “hold harmless” agreement in Article 3, Section 12 of Gamblers Anonymous By-Laws. The question by a GA member in area 13 B is “If section 12 of the by-laws states ” Gamblers Anonymous International Service Office hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless all of its officers and directors for any and all actions taken by them in furtherance of the business and operations of Gamblers Anonymous, including but not limited to, negligent acts, intentional acts and wrongful acts. Further, Gamblers Anonymous agrees to pay any and all damages, legal fees and cost on their behalf for which they may become liable,” what specific acts would be covered in the “hold harmless” agreement. The concern with the language is in reference to the words “intentional acts and wrongful acts. Further, Gamblers Anonymous agrees to pay any and all damages, legal fees, and cost on their behalf for which they may become liable.” What is the rationale for holding harmless intentional acts and wrongful acts?

Ron P – Area 13 B – South New Jersey Counties

20. – GENERAL DISCUSSION

Make hybrid meetings GA recognized.

Adrien R. – Area 5B – All French meetings in Quebec

21. – GENERAL DISCUSSION

COMMITTEE RELATED – GA Restructuring Committee

Open the floor for any further clarifications or questions on the committee report that was submitted by the GA Restructuring Committee for the Pleasanton Trustee Meeting.

David M. – Area 12 – New Jersey and Northeastern Pennsylvania

LITERATURE CHANGES

22. – LITERATURE – Guidance Code Change

Article VIII – Board of Trustees – Section 4:

Add the words “either physical or virtual” at the end of the section to allow for online trustee meetings.

Current Version: Any Trustee is automatically removed from office for gambling by his/her own admission. Current or past Trustees who return to gambling and subsequently come back to G.A. should not have a voice at the BOT meeting until they have 2 years of abstinence, the same qualification as becoming a Trustee. Gambling, for the compulsive gambler, is defined as follows: Any betting or wagering, for self or others, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or “skill” constitutes gambling. He or she may be removed for other acts on his or her part, which are detrimental to Gamblers Anonymous as a whole, as per established Trustee Removal Procedures, or for not attending Gamblers Anonymous meetings. Removal requires 2/3 vote for expulsion by the Board of Trustees at the next physical meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Proposed Version: Any Trustee is automatically removed from office for gambling by his/her own admission. Current or past Trustees who return to gambling and subsequently come back to G.A. should not have a voice at the BOT meeting until they have 2 years of abstinence, the same qualification as becoming a Trustee. Gambling, for the compulsive gambler, is defined as follows: Any betting or wagering, for self or others, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or “skill” constitutes gambling. He or she may be removed for other acts on his or her part, which are detrimental to Gamblers Anonymous as a whole, as per established Trustee Removal Procedures, or for not attending Gamblers Anonymous meetings. Removal requires 2/3 of the eligible voting members of the Board of Trustees at two (2) consecutive Board of Trustee meetings either physical or virtual.

Butch G. – Area 3A – Digital Meeting Committee

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23. – LITERATURE – Guidance Code Change

Article VIII – Board of Trustees – Section 6A:

Add the words “either physical or virtual “at the end of the section to allow for online trustee meetings.

Current Version: Current Trustees who cannot physically attend a Trustee meeting can only be represented by submitting an absentee ballot. The Board of Trustees will designate the voting provisions of absentee ballots. Proxies will not be allowed for any aspect of any Trustee meetings, physical or otherwise.

Proposed Version: Trustees who cannot physically attend a Trustee meeting can only be represented by submitting an absentee ballot. The Board of Trustees will designate the voting provisions of absentee ballots. Proxies will not be allowed for any aspect of any Trustee meetings, either physical or virtual or otherwise.

Butch G. – Area 3A – Digital Meeting Committee

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24. – LITERATURE – Guidance Code Change

Article VIII – Board of Trustees – Section 9:

Add the words “either physical or virtual” at the end of the section to allow for online trustee meetings.

Current Version: To change the Twelve Steps of RECOVERY and Twelve Step UNITY PROGRAM, it shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority by not less than the physical presence of 2/3 of the eligible voting members of the Board of Trustees at two (2) consecutive physical meetings.

Proposed Version: To change the Twelve Steps of RECOVERY and Twelve Step UNITY PROGRAM, it shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority by not less than the physical or verified virtual presence of 2/3 of the eligible voting members of the Board of Trustees at two (2) consecutive meetings either physical or virtual meetings.

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25. – LITERATURE – Guidance Code Change

Article VIII – Board of Trustees – Section 11:

Remove the word “physical after the word consecutive and add the words after the word meetings “either physical or virtual,” to allow for online trustee meetings.

Current Version: The Board of Trustees unequivocally will have the sole right to add to, delete or change any word of the Twelve Steps of RECOVERY, the Twelve Step UNITY PROGRAM and Page 8 the Twenty Questions. All Gamblers Anonymous literature or books must be first approved by the Board of Trustees before being published. No changes can be made in any Gamblers Anonymous literature by the International Service Office (I.S.O.) without the approval of the Board of Trustees. Changes can only be made by the Board of Trustees at two (2) consecutive physical meetings of the Board of Trustees. Deletions of any literature must be done by the same procedure used to approve them, omitting any procedures through a merit vote.

Proposed Version: The Board of Trustees unequivocally will have the sole right to add to, delete or change any word of the Twelve Steps of RECOVERY, the Twelve Step UNITY PROGRAM and Page 8 the Twenty Questions. All Gamblers Anonymous literature or books must be first approved by the Board of Trustees before being published. No changes can be made in any Gamblers Anonymous literature by the International Service Office (I.S.O.) without the approval of the Board of Trustees. Changes can only be made at two (2) consecutive meetings either physical or virtual, of the Board of Trustees. Deletions of any literature must be done by the same procedure used to approve them, omitting any procedures through a merit vote.

Butch G. – Area 3A – Digital Meeting Committee

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26. – LITERATURE – Guidance Code Change

Article IX – Officers of the Board of Trustees – Section 2:

Add the words “either physical or virtual” after the word meeting, in the section talking about an election for a new #2 Co-Chair will be held at the next Board of Trustees meeting,

Current Version: If the Chair is temporarily unable to carry out the duties and responsibilities required of that office, then the #1 Co-Chair will contemporaneously handle such issues, until the Chair is able to resume those same issues. Consent to do so, must be unanimously agreed upon by the remaining members of the Executive Board and the International Executive Secretary. If any Executive Board member is permanently unable to carry out the duties and responsibilities of their respective positions, all remaining Executive Board members will move up to the next higher position. An election for a new #2 Co-Chair will be held at the next physical Board of Trustees meeting to fill the resultant open position on the Executive Board.

Proposed Version: If the Chair is temporarily unable to carry out the duties and responsibilities required of that office, then the #1 Co-Chair will contemporaneously handle such issues, until the Chair is able to resume those same issues. Consent to do so, must be unanimously agreed upon by the remaining members of the Executive Board and the International Executive Secretary. If any Executive Board member is permanently unable to carry out the duties and responsibilities of their respective positions, all remaining Executive Board members will move up to the next higher position. An election for a new #2 Co-Chair will be held at the next Board of Trustees meeting, either physical or virtual, to fill the resultant open position on the Executive Board.

Butch G. – Area 3A – Digital Meeting Committee

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27. – LITERATURE – Guidance Code Change

Article XVII – Area Location of Trustees

To remove the word physical before “Trustee meeting” to allow for online Trustee meetings.

Current Version: Existing areas that wish to redefine their borders, new areas previously not covered by any other Gamblers Anonymous area that wish to be

recognized, and new areas that wish to be recognized by splitting off from existing areas in any configuration, may submit agenda items to accomplish this at any physical Trustee meeting, as needed by the areas concerned, providing they follow such procedures, as outlined in the Guidance Code. This also applies for any area that wishes to change the number of Trustees allocated to them.

Proposed Version: Existing areas that wish to redefine their borders, new areas previously not covered by any other Gamblers Anonymous area that wish to be recognized, and new areas that wish to be recognized by splitting off from existing areas in any configuration, may submit agenda items to accomplish this at any Trustee meeting, as needed by the areas concerned, providing they follow such procedures, as outlined in the Guidance Code. This also applies for any area that wishes to change the number of Trustees allocated to them.

Butch G. – Area 3A – Digital Meeting Committee

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28. – LITERATURE – Guidance Code Change

Article XVIII – Election of Trustees – Section 7:

To remove the word physical before the word meeting and add the words Board of Trustees to allow for online trustee meetings.

Current Version: Election for the Chair of the Board of Trustees and any other officer of the Board of Trustees will take place at the first physical meeting in the odd year. Current trusted servants carry on until trusted servants are elected.

Proposed Version: Election for the Chair of the Board of Trustees and any other officer of the Board of Trustees will take place at the first Board of Trustees meeting in the odd year. Current trusted servants carry on until trusted servants are elected.

Butch G. – Area 3A – Digital Meeting Committee

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29. – LITERATURE – Guidance Code Change

Article XIII– Board of Regents, Section 9

Change the third sentence to read "...A biography not to exceed 400 words and phone number (both optional) would be included as an attachment to the ballot. As part of this biography, the nominee should include their prior experience running or materially participating in a for-profit or non-profit business.

Current Version: Article XIII-Board of Regents, Section 9: On or before February 1st of each odd year any member of Gamblers Anonymous with at least 2 years of abstinence from gambling can submit their name to the I.S.O. to be included on the Board of Regents ballot. Previous service as Regent of the Corporation or as a Trustee of Gamblers Anonymous, total abstinence from gambling and home group of nominees shall be listed alongside the name of each nominee. A biography not to exceed 400 words and phone number (both optional) would be included as an attachment to the ballot. Each recognized Gamblers Anonymous meeting should be contacted by their area Trustee(s) so that the groups at their option, have involvement in the voting process. Each Trustee based on guidance from their groups and their personal knowledge, will be able to select no more than nine (9) Regents from the ballot.

Proposed Version: Article XIII-Board of Regents, Section 9: On or before February 1st of each odd year any member of Gamblers Anonymous with at least 2 years of abstinence from gambling can submit their name to the I.S.O. to be included on the Board of Regents ballot. Previous service as Regent of the Corporation or as a Trustee of Gamblers Anonymous, total abstinence from gambling and home group of nominees shall be listed alongside the name of each nominee. A biography not to exceed 400 words and phone number (both optional) would be included as an attachment to the ballot. As part of this biography, the nominee should include their prior experience running or materially participating in a for-profit or non-profit business. Each recognized Gamblers Anonymous meeting should be contacted by their area Trustee(s) so that the groups at their option, have involvement in the voting process. Each Trustee based on guidance from their groups and their personal knowledge, will be able to select no more than nine (9) Regents from the ballot.

Jack R. – Area 1A – Orange County, California

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30. – LITERATURE – Guidance Code Change

Article XIII, Section 1 — Board of Regents – Add to the last sentence as follows: “In addition, the Chair of the Board of Trustees, or designee from the Board of Trustees Executive Team, shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board of Regents.”

Current Version: Article XIII – Board of Regents – Section 1: The International Service Office (I.S.O.) shall be guided by a Board of Regents of nine (9) members of Gamblers Anonymous who have abstained from gambling for at least two (2) years. This Board shall be elected at the Spring Board of Trustees Meeting of the odd years. (Every 2 years).

Proposed Version: Article XIII – Board of Regents – Section 1: The International Service Office (I.S.O.) shall be guided by a Board of Regents of nine (9) members of Gamblers Anonymous who have abstained from gambling for at least two (2) years. This Board shall be elected at the Spring Board of Trustees Meeting of the odd years. (Every 2 years). In addition, the Chair of the Board of Trustees, or designee from the Board of Trustees Executive Team, shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board of Regents.

Jack R. – Area 1A – Orange County, California

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31. – LITERATURE – Current Literature

Guidance Code – Article III – Objects -Section 1:

The specific and primary purposes for which this Fellowship is formed are as follows:

1). To contact compulsive gamblers no matter where they may be and help them overcome a gambling problem. To Remove item 1. To contact compulsive gamblers no matter where they may be and help them overcome a gambling problem.

Current Version: – Article III – Objects -Section 1:

The specific and primary purposes for which this Fellowship is formed are as follows:

1). To contact compulsive gamblers no matter where they may be and help them overcome a gambling problem.
2). To carry the message of Gamblers Anonymous to the compulsive gambler who still suffers, through the medium of personal contact, telephone, mail, newspapers, films, radio, television, houses of worship, charitable organizations, service clubs, Internet and

by whatever dignified method that is approved by the Board of Trustees within the framework of the Unity Program.

3). To distribute Gamblers Anonymous literature to compulsive gamblers and to any person, organization or institution which desires some.

4). To encourage interest and knowledge of the activities and program of Gamblers Anonymous with the peace officers, educational institutions, penal institutions, judges, probation officers, parole officers, doctors, newspapers, motion picture companies, radio broadcasting companies, television broadcasting companies, houses of worship, charitable organizations and service clubs of the world.

Proposed Version: – Article III – Objects – Section 1:

The specific and primary purposes for which this Fellowship is formed are as follows:

1). To carry the message of Gamblers Anonymous to the compulsive gambler who still suffers, through the medium of personal contact, telephone, mail, newspapers, films, radio, television, houses of worship, charitable organizations, service clubs, Internet and by whatever dignified method that is approved by the Board of Trustees within the framework of the Unity Program.

2). To distribute Gamblers Anonymous literature to compulsive gamblers and to any person, organization or institution which desires some.

3). To encourage interest and knowledge of the activities and program of Gamblers Anonymous with the peace officers, educational institutions, penal institutions, judges, probation officers, parole officers, doctors, newspapers, motion picture companies, radio broadcasting companies, television broadcasting companies, houses of worship, charitable organizations and service clubs of the world.

Marc L – Area 3D – Arizona and New Mexico

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32. – LITERATURE – Guidance Code Change

This item is for a Guidance code change. Guidance Code, Article VIII Board of Trustees, Section 9

Add a second paragraph to Section 9

To change, amend, replace, or remove any text, font, or words in the combo book pages 1 through 17 including the front cover, inside the front cover, and the back cover it shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority by not less than the presence of 2/3 of the eligible voting members of the Board of Trustees at two (2) consecutive Board of trustee meetings. However, the back cover can be updated with Gamblers Anonymous contact details should any info change from the last printing: GA Logos, address, telephone number, website, or a QR code directing to the Gamblers Anonymous website.

Current Version: – Guidance Code Section 9: To change the Twelve Steps of RECOVERY and Twelve Step UNITY PROGRAM, it shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority by not less than the physical presence of 2/3 of the eligible voting members of the Board of Trustees at two (2) consecutive physical meetings.

Proposed Version: – Guidance Code Section 9: To change the Twelve Steps of RECOVERY and Twelve Step UNITY PROGRAM, it shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority by not less than the physical presence of 2/3 of the eligible voting members of the Board of Trustees at two (2) consecutive physical meetings.

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Walter G. – Area 12 – New Jersey and Northeastern Pennsylvania

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33. – LITERATURE – Guidance Code Change

Article XIII – Board of Regents – Section 6 – To change Article XIII – Board of Regents – Section 6. Remove acceptance of a “written proxy” to maintain consistency with the Gamblers Anonymous By-Laws. (Art. III, Sect. 6)

Current Version: – Article XIII –Board of Regents Section 6:
Five (5) members of the Board of Regents shall constitute a quorum. Only a written proxy shall be counted in determining the number present for the purpose of a quorum.

Proposed Version: – Article XIII – Board of Regents Section 6:
Five (5) members of the Board of Regents shall constitute a quorum. The Board of Regents does not acknowledge proxies in any form.

Bob C. – Area 3A – San Diego, California

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34. – LITERATURE – Guidance Code Change

Article XVI – International Executive Secretary and the Office Manager – Section. 2 – To change Article XVI – International Executive Secretary and the Office Manager – Section 2. – restructuring Section 2 to separate “other acts detrimental to Gamblers Anonymous as a whole” from the definition of gambling.

Current Version: – Article XVI – International Executive Secretary and the Office Manager
Section 2:

The International Executive Secretary is automatically removed from office for gambling by his/her own admission. Gambling, for the compulsive gambler is defined as follows: Any betting or wagering, for self or others, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or “skill” constitutes gambling, or other acts on his/her part that are detrimental to Gamblers Anonymous as a whole. Should the International Executive Secretary be terminated or unable to carry out the functions, duties and responsibilities of the position, the Chair of the Board of Regents will temporarily assume the position of the International Executive Secretary until the Board of Regents hires a permanent International Executive Secretary.

Proposed Version: – Article XVI – International Executive Secretary and the Office Manager
Section 2:

The International Executive Secretary is automatically removed from office for gambling by his/her own admission, or committing any act that is detrimental to Gamblers Anonymous as a whole. Gambling, for the compulsive gambler is defined as follows: Any betting or wagering, for self or others, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or “skill” constitutes gambling. Should the International Executive Secretary be terminated or unable to carry out the functions, duties and responsibilities of the position, the Chair of the Board of Regents will temporarily assume the position of the International Executive Secretary until the Board of Regents hires a permanent International Executive Secretary.

Bob C. – Area 3A – San Diego, California

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35. – LITERATURE – Guidance Code Change

Article XVII – Area Location of Trustees – Section 3 – remove Section 3 in its entirety. Election of Board of Trustee members is covered in other Articles. (XIX)

Current Version: – XVII – Area Location of Trustees – Section 3:
How can Board of Trustees members be elected in large geographical areas? Notify each group to send nominations to the International Service Office (I.S.O.) and International Service Office (I.S.O.) makes ballots and returns them to the groups. Each group has one vote in electing their Trustee.

Proposed Version: – XVII – Area Location of Trustees – Section 3: Remove Entire Section

Bob C. – Area 3A – San Diego, California

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36 – LITERATURE – Guidance Code Change

Article XIX – Voting -Section 2 – remove meetings that do not meet in a physical location (i.e. virtual meeting) from this section that limits their ability to vote on matters that affect other groups or Gamblers Anonymous as a whole.

Current Version: – Article XIX – Voting – Section 2:
Institutional groups or meetings that do not meet in a physical location will not be allowed to vote on any issues, which affect groups other than their own.

Proposed Version: – Article XIX – Voting – Section 2:
Institutional groups will not be allowed to vote on any issues, which affect groups other than their own.

Bob C. – Area 3A – San Diego, California

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37. – LITERATURE – Guidance Code Change

Article XX – Amendments – Section 3 – o change Article XX – Amendments Section 3. – clarifying the responsibilities of the International Executive Secretary and adding the Office Manager with regard to the maintenance of the Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code.

Current Version: – Article XX – Amendments – Section 3:

An up-to-date permanent file of the Guidance Code shall be maintained by the International Executive Secretary of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) and a current copy (including all and any amendments or replacements) shall be made available during office hours for inspection by any member.

Proposed Version: – Article XX – Amendments – Section 3:

An up-to-date permanent file of the Guidance Code shall be maintained by the International Executive Secretary and a current copy (including all and any amendments or replacements) shall be maintained by the Office Manager and made available during office hours for inspection by any member.

Bob C. – Area 3A – San Diego, California

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38. – LITERATURE – Guidance Code Change

Article VIII – Board of Trustees – Section 1A – To change Article VIII – Board of Trustees – Section 1A. Restating the influence of the Guidance Code over Board of Trustee decisions and as well as including the Recovery and Unity Steps to Board of Trustee decision making.

Current Version: – Article VIII – Board of Trustees – Section 1A.

All decisions of the Board of Trustees, passed in the form of a motion are binding. In the event of conflicting decisions, the most recent decision will prevail. However, provisions of the Guidance Code supersede all Board of Trustee decisions.

Proposed Version: – Article VIII – Board of Trustees – Section 1A.

All decisions of the Board of Trustees, passed in the form of a motion are binding. In the event of conflicting decisions, the most recent decision will prevail. The Recovery and Unity Programs and provisions of the Guidance Code should guide all Board of Trustee decisions.

Bob C. – Area 3A – San Diego, California

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39. – LITERATURE – Guidance Code Change

Article VII – Groups – Section 3 – To change Article VII – Groups – Section 3. To include Unity Step 4 exceptions to self-governing.

Current Version: – Article VII – Groups – Section 3:

Each group is self-governing however, by tradition each group should elect a SECRETARY-TREASURER (can be the same person, only if a new room), PRESSURE RELIEF GROUP CHAIRMAN, GROUP REPRESENTATIVE, PUBLIC RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE, who will assume the workload necessary to keep the group together and in operation. A member can only be TREASURER for one (1) room at a time. It is suggested that group trusted servants be elected for a three (3), four (4) or six (6) month period, to be decided by each individual group. It is further suggested that no secretary, treasurer, group representative, pressure relief group chairman, or public relations representative be elected that has not abstained from gambling for at least six (6) months, unless it is a brand-new group. All positions should be rotated at the end of each term. This suggestion is based upon experience.

Proposed Version: – Article VII – Groups – Section 3:

Each group should be self-governing except in matters affecting other groups or Gamblers Anonymous as a whole, however, by tradition each group should elect a SECRETARY-TREASURER (can be the same person, only if a new room), PRESSURE RELIEF GROUP CHAIRMAN, GROUP REPRESENTATIVE, PUBLIC RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE, who will assume the workload necessary to keep the group together and in operation. A member can only be TREASURER for one (1) room at a time. It is suggested that group trusted servants be elected for a three (3), four (4) or six (6) month period, to be decided by each individual group. It is further suggested that no secretary, treasurer, group representative, pressure relief group chairman, or public relations representative be elected that has not abstained from gambling for at least six (6) months, unless it is a brand-new group. All positions should be rotated at the end of each term. This suggestion is based upon experience.

Bob C. – Area 3A – San Diego, California

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40. – LITERATURE – Guidance Code Change

Article VII – Groups – Section 1 – To change Article VII – Groups – Section 1. Removing the negative implications of a group failing to comply with the recommendations contained in the Guidance Code by removing the last sentence in the section.

Current Version: – Article VII – Groups – Section 1:

Whenever two or more persons with a desire to stop gambling meet together on a regular, weekly scheduled basis to discuss their gambling problems, they will be known as a group, only if they commit themselves to follow Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code and limit their use, display and distribution to only approved and appropriate Gamblers Anonymous literature. They are also to notify the International Service Office (I.S.O.) of their existence. Failure to comply with Guidance Code will result in the meeting no longer being recognized as part of Gamblers Anonymous and such meeting will be removed from the International Service Office directory of meetings.

Proposed Version: – Article VII – Groups – Section 1.

Whenever two or more persons with a desire to stop gambling meet together on a regular, weekly scheduled basis to discuss their gambling problems, they will be known as a group, only if they commit themselves to follow Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code and limit their use, display and distribution to only approved and appropriate Gamblers Anonymous literature. They are also to notify the International Service Office (I.S.O.) of their existence.

Bob C. – Area 3A – San Diego, California

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41. – LITERATURE – Guidance Code Change

Article VII – Groups – Section 1. – To change Article VII – Groups – Section 1. redefining the definition of a group to encourage use of the Gamblers Anonymous Group Handbook, and redefine the role of the Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code as it relates to a group.

Current Version: – Article VII -Groups – Section 1:

Whenever two or more persons with a desire to stop gambling meet together on a regular, weekly scheduled basis to discuss their gambling problems, they will be known as a group, only if they commit themselves to follow Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code and limit their use, display and distribution to only approved and appropriate Gamblers Anonymous literature. They are also to notify the International Service Office (I.S.O.) of their existence. Failure to comply with Guidance Code will result in the meeting no longer being recognized as part of Gamblers Anonymous and such meeting will be removed from the International Service Office directory of meetings.

Proposed Version: – Article VII – Groups Section 1.

Whenever two or more persons with a desire to stop gambling meet together to discuss their gambling problem, they will be known as a group, provided they have no other group affiliation, and receive no outside support. It is encouraged that each group follow the Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code and Group Handbook and limit the use, display and distribution to only approved and appropriate Gamblers Anonymous literature. They are also to notify the International Service Office (I.S.O.) of their existence. Failure to comply with Guidance Code will result in the meeting no longer being recognized as part of Gamblers Anonymous and such meeting will be removed from the International Service Office directory of meetings.

Bob C. – Area 3A – San Diego, California

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42. – LITERATURE – Guidance Code Change

Article V, Section 1- Summary of Operations – Motion 1. Guidance Code Change
To change Article V – Summary of Operations Section 1:9 International Executive Secretary adding Office Manager to the category and removing all page numbers

Current Version: – Article V – Summary of Operations – Section 1:

The Fellowship shall be guided in our overall program as follows:

- Category Article Page
- 1 Members IV, V, VI 2-4
- 2 Groups VII 4-6
- 3 Board of Trustees VIII, IX, XVII, XVIII 6-13; 25-26
- 4 Intergroup Guidelines X 13-15
- 5 Regional Service Office XI 16-18
- 6 Area Delegates XII 18
- 7 Board of Regents XIII, XIV 18-22
- 8 International Service Office XV 22
- 9 International Executive Secretary XVI 22-25
- 10 Voting XIX 27
- 11 Amendments XX 28

Proposed Version: – Article V – Summary of Operations – Section 1:
 The Fellowship shall be guided in our overall program as follows:

- Category Article
- 1 Members IV, V, VI
 - 2 Groups VII
 - 3 Board of Trustees VIII, IX, XVII, XVIII
 - 4 Intergroup Guidelines X
 - 5 Regional Service Office XI
 - 6 Area Delegates XII
 - 7 Board of Regents XIII, XIV
 - 8 International Service Office XV
 - 9 International Executive Secretary & Office Manager XVI
 - 10 Voting XIX
 - 11 Amendments XX

Bob C. – Area 3A – San Diego, California

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43. – LITERATURE – Current Literature

Other Existing Literature – Group Handbook – Page 11 – add paragraph.
 Add the following sentence as a new paragraph at the bottom of page 11 of the Group Handbook. All minors are welcome at all G.A. meetings as long as they are accompanied by an adult. This is required for both open meetings and closed meetings. There are no exceptions.

Current Version: None.

Proposed Version: All minors are welcome at all G.A. meetings as long as they are accompanied by an adult. This is required for both open meetings and closed meetings. There are no exceptions.

Ara H. – Area 1 – Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii

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44. – LITERATURE – Current Literature

By-Laws – Article III — Directors Section 7 – Change “...Under Special Circumstances, absence from a Board meeting may be excused by a majority vote of the Board of Regents in attendance...” to “...Absence from a Board meeting may be excused by the Chairman of the Board of Regents...”

Current Version: Section 7: A Regent is automatically removed from office on missing two (2) consecutive regular board meetings or when any Regent has missed four (4) regular meetings during their two (2) year term inclusive of the mandatory June meeting immediately following the election of the Board of Regents, or for not maintaining regular attendance at G.A. meetings as prescribed by the Guidance Code. Under special circumstances, absence from a Board meeting may be excused by a majority vote of the Board members in attendance.

Proposed Version: Section 7: A Regent is automatically removed from office on missing two (2) consecutive regular board meetings or when any Regent has missed four (4) regular meetings during their two (2) year term inclusive of the mandatory June meeting immediately following the election of the Board of Regents, or for not maintaining regular attendance at G.A. meetings as prescribed by the Guidance Code. Absence from a Board meeting may be excused by the Chairman of the Board of Regents.

Jack R. for John C. – Area 1A – Orange County, California

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45. – LITERATURE – Current Literature

By-Laws – Article III — Directors Section 6

Change 200 miles wherever it appears to 100 miles.

Change “...if approved by a majority of the Board members in physical attendance...” to “will be granted by the Chairman of the Board of Regents”.

Current Version: – Section 6: Five (5) members of the Board of Regents shall constitute a quorum. The Board of Regents does not acknowledge proxies in any form. If a Board member resides within 200 miles from the International Service Office, physical attendance constitutes presence. For Board members residing within 200 miles, telephonic or video conferencing will constitute presence, Under special circumstances if approved by a majority of the Board members in physical attendance. For those residing outside of 200 miles a physical, telephonic or video conferencing attendance constitutes presence. A maximum of four (4) Regents residing outside of 200 miles of the International Service Office who do not physically attend meetings can be seated at one time.

Proposed Version: – Section 6:

1. Five (5) members of the Board of Regents shall constitute a quorum.
2. The Board of Regents does not acknowledge proxies in any form.
3. If a Board member resides within 100 miles from the International Service Office, physical attendance constitutes presence.
4. For those residing outside of 100 miles, physical, telephonic, or video conferencing attendance constitutes presence.
5. As trusted servants, requests for telephonic, video, or excused absence will be granted by the Chairman of the Board of Regents.
6. A maximum of four (4) Regents residing outside of 100 miles of the International Service Office who do not physically attend meetings can be seated at one time.

Jack R. for John C. – Area 1A – Orange County, California

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46. – LITERATURE – Current Literature

Combo Book – Page 14 Top
world series pool to Super Bowl box pool

Current Version: – Does this mean I can't even participate in a little penny ante game or a world series pool?

Proposed Version: – Does this mean I can't even participate in a little penny ante game or a Super Bowl box pool?

Joe B – Area 15 – New York City and surrounding areas

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47. – LITERATURE – Current Literature

New Literature – Appropriate Literature Combo Book Page 14
Add Sports Betting

Current Version: – ... fantasy sports, or entering the office sports pool.

Proposed Version: – ... fantasy sports, or entering the office sports pool or sports betting.

Ron W. – Area 17 – Connecticut and Western Massachusetts

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48. – LITERATURE – Current Literature

New Literature – Appropriate Literature Combo Book Page 14 first paragraph – remove entering the office sport pool and replace with (sports betting.)

Current Version: – ...fantasy sports, or entering the office sports pool.

Proposed Version: – ...fantasy sports or sports betting.

Ron W. – Area 17 – Connecticut and Western Massachusetts

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49. – LITERATURE – Current Literature

New Literature – Appropriate Literature Combo Book Page 17 item number 5 first sentence

Bold (RECOVERY AND UNITY STEPS) “AND” in smaller font

Current Version: – 5. Read the RECOVERY and UNITY steps often and continuously review the Twenty Questions.

Proposed Version: – 5. Read the RECOVERY AND UNITY STEPS often and continuously review the Twenty Questions.

Doris S. – Area 2H – Western Washington, North of Longview To The Canadian Border and West Of The Cascade Mountains

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50. – LITERATURE – Current Literature

Combo Book – Page 13 1st full sentence starting with “When it comes to gambling, we have known many compulsive gamblers who could abstain for long stretches...”

Current Version: – When it comes to gambling, we have known many compulsive gamblers who could abstain for long stretches, but caught off guard and under the right set of circumstances, they started gambling without thought of the consequences.

Proposed Version: – When it comes to gambling, we have known many compulsive gamblers who could abstain for long stretches, but caught off guard and under the right or wrong set of circumstances, they started gambling without thought of the consequences.

Doris S. – Area 2H – Western Washington, North of Longview To The Canadian Border and West Of The Cascade Mountains

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51. – LITERATURE – Current Literature

Combo Book – Page 16 of the Combo Book Question 18 – Add the word “resentments” to the list of items that “create within you an urge to gamble?”

Current Version: – Do arguments, disappointments or frustrations create within you an urge to gamble?

Proposed Version: – Do arguments, disappointments, frustrations, or resentments create within you an urge to gamble?

Alvin F. – Area 1 – Central California, Los Angeles Area and Hawaii

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52. – LITERATURE – Current Literature

Combo Book – Page 14 First Paragraph – remove entering the office sport pool and replace with sports betting.

Current Version: – This includes internet gambling, bingo, the stock market, commodities, options, buying or playing lottery tickets, raffle tickets, flipping a coin, fantasy sports or entering the office sport pool.

Proposed Version: – This includes internet gambling, bingo, the stock market, commodities, options, buying or playing lottery tickets, raffle tickets, flipping a coin, fantasy sports or sports betting.

Ron W. – Area 17 – Connecticut and Western Massachusetts

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NEW LITERATURE

53. – NEW LITERATURE –New Pamphlet

THERE IS HOPE
See Attachment

Paul N – Area 2A – Alaska and British Columbia

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54. – LITERATURE – New Literature

Creation of New Literature – Combo Book Companion Guide of Definitions
See Attachment

Andy R. for Nancy W. – Area 13B – South New Jersey Counties – Burlington, Camden, Atlantic, Salem, Gloucester, Cumberland, and Cape May

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55. – NEW LITERATURE – Merit Vote

Gamblers Anonymous Daily Quotes and Topics
See Attached for new literature

Andrew R. – Area 12 – New Jersey and Northeastern Pennsylvania

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STEP CHANGES

56. – LITERATURE – Guidance Code Change

Article IV, Declaration, Principles for recovery 3- change” this Power of our own understanding” to “God as we understood Him”

Current Version: Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of this Power of our own understanding.

Proposed Version: Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

Igor K. – Area 3 – Southern Nevada; Mesquite, Nevada; St. George, Utah; Cedar City, Utah; Bullhead City, Arizona; and Pahrump, Beatty and Overton, Nevada

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57. – LITERATURE – Guidance Code Change

Article IV, Declaration, Principles for Recovery 6- change wording “these defects of character removed” to “God remove all these defects of character”

Current Version: Were entirely ready to have these defects of character removed

Proposed Version: Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

Igor K. – Area 3 – Southern Nevada; Mesquite, Nevada; St. George, Utah; Cedar City, Utah; Bullhead City, Arizona; and Pahrump, Beatty and Overton, Nevada

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58. – STEP CHANGE – Change A Step

Combo Book, Unity Step #11, page 7

Remove the words “press, radio, films, television and Internet” and replace with “all public media”

Current Version: – Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, television and Internet.

Proposed Version: – Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion, we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of all public media.

Roxanne D – Area 3D – Arizona and New Mexico

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BOT DECISIONS

59 – BOARD OF TRUSTEES DECISION

Translation of Literature

Poland would like permission to translate all GA-approved literature into Polish, except for “A Day at a Time” meditation book due to copyright restrictions.

Ara H. – Area 1 – Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii

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60. – DISCUSSION ITEM – Hotline Cost

That the entire cost of administering the Hot Line be borne by the ISO rather than by individual Intergroups.

Jack R. For Jimmy D. – Area 1A – Orange County, California

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TRUSTEE ALLOCATION / REALIGNMENT

61 – DISCUSSION ITEM – Realignment of Area

Area 6B Intergroup has decided by consensus that we can no longer effectively provide services to the Caribbean and any other meetings outside the state of Florida. We are presently working with the International Relations Committee to communicate this change to the affected meetings. Therefore, we request the realignment of Area 6B to immediately remove all meetings outside the state of Florida.

Steve P – Area 6B – West Coast of Florida, Panama, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, and Trinidad

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62. – DISCUSSION ITEM – Trustee Allocation

Area 1B currently has two trustees. We are requesting number of trustees be reduced to one effective July 1, 2024.

Wendy B. – Area 1B – Inland Empire, Palm Springs and San Bernardino California

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COMMITTEE RELATED

63. – COMMITTEE RELATED –Request a new committee

We plan to update the “Hosting an International Conference” pamphlet. Then submit it for approval. It would be temporary and then disbanded when done.

Cindi C. – Area 8 – Illinois and Northern Indiana

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64. COMMITTEE RELATED

Digital Oversight Committee

The committee has done some research and realized that we (Gamblers Anonymous as an organization) fall short with our presence on all platforms of social media. The committee has produced a YouTube video that is attached. The committee is working on additional videos to post on other platforms.

Butch G. – Committee Chair

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65. – GENERAL DISCUSSION – Committee Formation

Consider the formation of a committee to reach out to College and University Mental Health Departments, to supply literature. Also, advise Hot line numbers and meeting lists. Possibly help to start meetings on campus.

Ted S. – Area 12 – New Jersey and Northeastern Pennsylvania

End Of Agenda