

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING AGENDA

St. Louis, Missouri --- May 18-19, 2025

Pete K. - Chair

Steve F. - 1st Co-Chair

Harold A. - 2nd Co-Chair

April 1, 2025

Dear Trustees,

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the agenda for our upcoming Trustee meeting to be held in St. Louis, MO. 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 along with the help of Butch G., continue to do an amazing job on the website throughout the year and the work they do for the agenda is far beyond anything I could have imagined. I am personally grateful for the work they do for the Board of Trustees. When you have the chance, please take a moment to thank them 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 St. Louis, 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), Wednesday, May 7, 2025. 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 Wednesday, May 7, 2025. 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
	All Attachments from the Download Center	(5) items
	By-Laws	Download Center
	Combo Book	11/22
	Guidance Code	Download Center
	Rules and Procedures	Download Center

MEETING SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 18, 2025 (CDT)

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 19, 2025 (all times CDT)

9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon - Fourth Session (if needed)

12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM – Lunch Break

1:00 PM to 5:00 PM – Fifth Session (if needed)

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

St. Louis, Missouri, May 18-19, 2025

- 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 / Lifeline – KC B.
- H) Report from the Board of Regents – Ara H., BOR Chair
- I) Trustee Meeting Report-KC B., IES

1) Cherry Hill- Fall 2024

J) Committee Reports

Committees with Harold A. as Co-Chair Liaison

Conference Oversight and Assistance Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Jim C. - Area 6A

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 C. - 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

Committees with Pete K. as Co-Chair Liaison

Fourth Step Inventory Review

Committee Chair – Renee G. – 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.

Daily Quotes and Topics Committee

Committee Chair – Andy R. – Area 12

Committee Chair Liaison – Pete K.

Mission Statement: N/A

Future Conference Committee

Committee Chair – Bill B. – Area 6

Committee Co-Chair – Steve C.- Area 6

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.

Hosting an International Conference Review Committee

Committee Chair – Cindi C. – Area 8

Committee Chair Liaison – Pete K.

Mission Statement: Update “Hosting an International Conference” pamphlet and submit it to the BOT for approval.

Telephone Conference Call Committee

Committee Chair – Jeanne B. – Area 8A

Committee Co-Chair- Greg M. – Area 13

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 – Andy G., – Area 13B

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: To write the history of Gamblers Anonymous.

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 – 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 (following pages)

RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. RULES AND PROCEDURES

Combo Book Changes – Addition

Combo Book Changes during the years XXX0 and XXX5 will be submitted during the Spring Conference only.

Butch G – Area 3A – Website Chair

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2. RULES AND PROCEDURES

Change existing rules and procedures – Lifeliners #9

Current Version: – Trustee Guidelines

Present #9. Be a Lifeliner and encourage group and membership to support the International Service Office through Lifeliners and Group contributions.

Proposed Version: – Trustee Guidelines

#9. Being a Lifeliner, a monthly automatic donation program, is available to all in the Gamblers Anonymous Fellowship to assist in supporting our International Service Office.

Supporting Data-Unity Step 3- The only requirement for Gamblers Anonymous membership is a desire to stop gambling.

Blue Book page 76

We want to make it clear that our individual presence is valued more than our money.

Diane A. – Area 8A – EASTERN IOWA, SOUTHERN MINNESOTA AND BAY CITY, RIVER FALLS, AND NEW RICHMOND, WISCONSIN

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3. RULES AND PROCEDURES

Add new rules and procedures

Current Version: – None

Proposed Version: – Any changes to the By-laws shall require only one passing vote of the Board of Trustees.

Dean W. for John C. – Area 1A – Orange County, California

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4. RULES AND PROCEDURES

Add new rules and procedures – Digitizing of Literature:

Current Version: – None

Proposed Version: – The Literature Committee and the Digital Strategy Committee shall coordinate to digitize all approved or appropriate Gamblers Anonymous literature and always ensure its availability, besides the current activities that are being made by the International Service Office (I.S.O.). The only authorized means of worldwide distribution of digital Gamblers Anonymous literature shall be through the International Service Office (I.S.O.), except where otherwise approved by the Board of Trustees.

Luis O – Area 28 – Mexico

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5. GUIDANCE CODE

Add the word “digital” within the Guidance Code – Article VII- Section 5.

Current Version: – All Gamblers Anonymous literature, books, and service pins should be purchased from Gamblers Anonymous through the International Service Office (I.S.O.) except when otherwise approved by the Board of Trustees. Copying of any GA approved literature is prohibited, unless specifically designated for that purpose. Such designation will be listed on the item(s), where applicable.

Proposed Version: – All physical and/or digital Gamblers Anonymous literature, books, and service pins must be purchased from Gamblers Anonymous through the

International Service Office (I.S.O.), except where otherwise approved by the Board of Trustees. Copying any literature approved by the Board of Trustees is prohibited unless explicitly authorized. Such authorization must be included within the respective literature.

Butch G for Luis O – Area 28 – Mexico

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ITEMS UP FOR SECOND VOTE

6. CURRENT LITERATURE Guidance Code Change

Guidance Code – 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 – Digital Meeting Committee

Item passed.

For 90 Against 8 1st Vote.

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7. CURRENT LITERATURE

Guidance Code – 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.

Butch G – Digital Meeting Committee

For 89 Against 8 1st Vote

For	Against	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed	<input type="checkbox"/> Failed Two-thirds	<input type="checkbox"/> New Committee
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8. CURRENT LITERATURE

Guidance Code Change

Guidance Code – 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 – Digital Meeting Committee

For 90 Against 5 1st Vote

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9. CURRENT 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 – Digital Meeting Committee

For 88 Against 8 1st Vote

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10. CURRENT 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 either physical or virtual, 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 – Digital Meeting Committee

Motion amended to match previous items.

Original motion passed For 62 Against 3.

Amended motion passed For 64 Against 4 1st Vote

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11. CURRENT 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 – Digital Meeting Committee

For 61 Against 2 1st Vote.

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12. CURRENT LITERATURE – Other Existing Literature

Working the Steps Pamphlet – Step 4. Page 7. Paragraph 1. Sentence 3

“sponsor or equivalent”

Current Version: Then acquire a senior partner much greater than oneself to guide and accompany you through the remaining steps.

Proposed Version: Then acquire a sponsor or equivalent to guide and accompany you through the remaining steps.

Doug E – Area 3A – San Diego California

Amended (first): Then find a sponsor or mentor or trusted servant to guide and accompany you through the remaining steps.

This amendment failed.

Amended (second): Then collaborate with a sponsor or an experienced GA member to guide and accompany you through the remaining steps.

This amendment failed.

Amended (third): Then acquire a sponsor or trusted servant to guide and accompany you through the remaining steps.

This amendment passed.

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TABLED FROM CHERRY HILL

13. RULES AND PROCEDURES – Item #1 in Cherry Hill

Trustee Meeting

Create a new category for Trustee Meetings – Digital Trustee Meeting

Current Version: – None

Proposed Version: – Create a new category outlining the Rules and Procedures for a Digital Trustee Meeting.

Butch G – Digital Meeting Committee

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14. CURRENT LITERATURE – Guidance Code Item #35 in Cherry Hill Guidance Code – Article XI, new section 9

Add Section 9:

Any area outside the United States may form a Board of Directors in order to comply with the current laws of each country. The function, structure and objectives of this Board of Directors will be based on the guidelines of the Board of Regents detailed in the Guidance Code.

The term of service of the Directors will be two years.

The members who make up said Council must comply with the legal requirements in force in each country and have at least two years of abstinence and regular attendance (by their own admission).

Any Director is automatically removed from service for gambling on his own admission.

Members must establish an address no more than 100 km (62 miles) from the R.S.O. The Chair of the Board of Directors undertakes to call a monthly meeting, verify with members designated for this purpose a review of a monthly balance of the R.S.O. The Board of Directors will have the obligation to send the meeting minutes to the I.S.O., the RSO and all the groups in the area of membership.

Current Version: – None

Proposed Version: – Guide Code – Article XI – Add Section 9:

Any area outside the United States may form a Board of Directors in order to comply with the current laws of each country. The function, structure and objectives of this Board of Directors will be based on the guidelines of the Board of Regents detailed in the Guidance Code.

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Ara H on behalf of Leo R – Area 1 – Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii

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NEW BUSINESS

CONFERENCE BIDS

15. – Fall 2025 Conference

This will be a Board of Trustees meeting only. More information will be forthcoming.
This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

16. – Spring 2026 Conference

The Spring 2026 Conference is open for bids.

This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

17. – Fall 2026 Conference

The Fall 2026 Conference is open for bids

Discussion / Literature Changes / New Literature

DISCUSSION ITEMS

18. TRUSTEE ALLOCATION

The Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous of Area 20, Uruguay requests to have a trustee reinstated for our Area.

Ana C. – Past Trustee – Uruguay

19. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Discuss Unity step 7

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

20. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Request to obtain permission for the following literature to be translated into Farsi:

Blue book new version , Combo book, Gold embossed serenity prayer, Towards recovery in prison, Suggestions for a successful 90-day room, G.A group study book on the unity steps, G.A coin, MP3 audio files, stop and think cards, G.A key chain-praying hands, Fourth step inventory moral book, Pressure relief group meeting flyer, G.A intergroup handbook, GA treasury guideline example, Sponsorship booklet, Gamblers anonymous suggestions for new member retention, Short term group sponsorship, HANDBOOK FOR JUDICIARY, LAWYERS, COUNSELORS, ETC, HAVE I QUIT THE FELLOWSHIP?, PUBLIC RELATIONS FLYER (PLEASE READ DESCRIPTION), HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, LET IT STAY HERE – CARD, PRESSURE RELIEF WORKBOOK, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT GAMBLING – BOOKLET, PUBLIC RELATIONS FACT SHEET, YOUNG GAMBLERS IN RECOVERY, DAILY INVENTORY OF MY BEHAVIOR, GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS THE SPONSOR-SPONSEE RELATIONSHIP: HOW IT WORKS, STEP MEETING HANDBOOK BOOKLET, THE PRESSURE GROUP MEETING HANDBOOK, LET'S HOST A MINI CONFERENCE!, YOUR FIRST MEETING, THE STOCK MARKET, RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS AND GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS, A NEWCOMER ASKS?, SLOGANS OF THE PROGRAM, GAMBLER'S ANONYMOUS MEDALLIONS, G.A. GOLD PLATED BAR PINS (5,10,15,20,25,30,35,40,45,50, 55 AND 60), STEP ONE RECOVERY WORKBOOK, G.A. GOLD PLATED ONE YEAR PIN, G.A. SUGGESTIONS FOR COPING WITH URGES TO GAMBLE, THE FIRST FORTY YEARS, YELLOW WRISTBAND, PLEASE SEE DESCRIPTION., INFORMATION PACKET

Ali.A – Area 37 – Iran

21. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Since the Trustee WhatsApp Group is a communications tool, proving to be very effective, what should happen when a topic is brought up that is outside of the limited scope of the group? Not every Trustee is a member of the WhatsApp group. Somethings need to be discussed by the whole group because they may affect Gamblers Anonymous as a whole. For example: A Trustee from an International location asked for advice about the actions of a Trustee in the United States that was causing problems within their area. What should be done? How do we communicate what is happening to other Trustees or the Executive Committee? This Trustee within the United States has an official position within the Board of Trustees, besides being a Trustee. He was mentioned by name. This issue has International, local and Gamblers Anonymous as a whole opportunities.

Butch G. – Area 3A – Digital Strategy Committee Chair

22. GENERAL DISCUSSION

If a member only attends a Step Meeting every week, can those meetings be used as the 39-week requirement for recognition? The step meeting does not read the Combo Book, does not go over the 20 questions nor reads the Unity Steps. We have several people who only attend that meeting, and some have never attended any other meeting.

David L. – Area 2B – Greater Sacramento California

23. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Area 29, 29A and 29B (Trustees of Russia) would like to issue tokens and medals themselves due to the length of time and expense to import them from the ISO. The last time they ordered tokens it took over 1/2 year for the tokens to arrive. They have used people who were traveling to the United States to purchase items from the ISO and bring them back to Russia.

Butch G for Oleg L – Area 29A – St Petersburg and Surrounding Areas, Russia

24. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Sponsor/Sponsee Relationship – Qualifications to be a sponsor.
Should the qualifications to be a sponsor be more clearly defined in our literature? Currently there is no “clean time” reference, only the wording “sustained abstinence”. We have had an instance where a person who has been in the program for a long time, but now continues to gamble feels qualified to be a sponsor even though he frequently has a new clean date.

Paulette T. – Area 6B – Florida West Coast

25. GENERAL DISCUSSION

The approval of designated Gamblers Anonymous Literature to be posted on Gamblers Anonymous websites in a pdf format or other electronic file format.

Walter G. – Area 12 – New Jersey Eastern Pennsylvania

26. GENERAL DISCUSSION

I believe the Gamblers Anonymous fellowship needs to create a budget for the Public Relations committee This budget would be used to designate certain GA approved literature to be available in PDF and digital form, free of charge to the fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous.

Questions welcome.

Diane A. – Area 8A – EASTERN IOWA, SOUTHERN MINNESOTA AND BAY CITY, RIVER FALLS AND NEW RICHMOND, WISCONSIN

27. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Revisit Rules and Procedures Agenda item #3. The combo book is the primary piece of literature in the GA program that all members can relate to. It is the most widely used and owned physical tool of the program. The 5-year rule to accept changes on the agenda on only years that end in a 5 or 0 barely passed at 45 for and 44 against. It is recommended that the 5-year rule be reduced to a 2-year rule with updates accepted on the even years.

Roxanne D – Area 3D – Arizona and New Mexico

28. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Recommend that a bi-annual excel spreadsheet be created and maintained that reflects the total fees reimbursed by each Intergruop to their trustee's for travel expenses as it relates to BOT in person meetings that is available for viewing to all members of the GA program.

Roxanne D – Area 3D – Arizona and New Mexico

29. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Short report and discussion to follow on the "Day of Sharing 2024 Twelve Step Anonymous Fellowships

Harold A. – 2nd Co-Chair

30. GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Digital Strategy Committee recommends that digital Trustee meetings be broken into two meetings to be held on two consecutive days, Administrative/Old business and on the second-day new business. This is to prevent 12-hour computer / zoom meetings.

Butch G – Digital Strategy Committee Chair

31. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Definition of Relationship between Gam-Anon and Gamblers Anonymous

Gamblers Anonymous Relationship with Gam-Anon Is one of respect for each other's programs. We are separate organizations and do not share in each other's corporate, legal, financial, and program identities. These organizations work together on International Conferences, Mini-Conferences, Combined Meetings and other events, for the mutual benefit of the compulsive gambler and those affected by the compulsive gambler.

Dean W. for John C. – Area 1A – Orange County, California

32. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Approve as designated Gamblers Anonymous literature to be posted on Gamblers Anonymous websites: 20 Questions Booklet – Are you a Compulsive Gambler? Questions and Answers about the Problem of Compulsive Gambling and the Gamblers Anonymous Recovery Program. Suggestions for Coping with Urges to Gamble pamphlet.

Walter G. – Area 12 – New Jersey Eastern Pennsylvania

33. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Approve as designated Gamblers Anonymous literature to be posted on Gamblers Anonymous websites: Gamblers Anonymous Step 1 Recovery Workbook. Gamblers Anonymous Working the Steps pamphlet. Gamblers Anonymous 12 Step Unity booklet. Gamblers Anonymous Group Study Book on the Unity Steps.

Walter G. – Area 12 – New Jersey Eastern Pennsylvania

34. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Approve as designated Gamblers Anonymous literature to be posted on Gamblers Anonymous websites: Gamblers Anonymous Combo Book. Young Gamblers in Recovery pamphlet.

Walter G. – Area 12 – New Jersey Eastern Pennsylvania

LITERATURE CHANGES

35 . CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book – 20 Questions – Page 16 Number 12

Current Version: – #12 Were you reluctant to use “gambling money” for normal expenditures?

Proposed Version: – #12 Were you reluctant to use “gambling money” to pay bills or other normal expenses?

Mike A – Area 6C – North Carolina

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36 . CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book – Page 3, last paragraph. Add a sentence at the end of 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: – Therefore, in order to lead normal happy lives, we try to practice, to the best of our ability, certain principles in our daily affairs. We develop these principles by practicing the Twelve Steps.

Roxanne D for Kevin K – Area 3D – Arizona and New Mexico

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37 . CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book – Pg. 11 What is the dream world of a compulsive gambler? 5th line, remove words quite philanthropic, add words extremely generous. All other words remain the same

Current Version: – What is the dream world of a compulsive gamblers?

This is another common characteristic of compulsive gamblers. A lot of time is spent dreaming of the great and wonderful things they are going to do as soon as they make the big win. They often see themselves as quite philanthropic and charming people who will provide family and friends with expensive cars, and other luxuries.

Compulsive gamblers picture themselves leading extravagant lifestyles made possible by the huge sums of money they will accrue from their gambling. Large homes, designer clothes, and expensive vacations are a few of the wonderful things that are just around the corner after a big win is finally made.

Pathetically, however, there never seems to be a big enough winning to make even the smallest dream come true. When compulsive gamblers succeed, they gamble to dream still greater dreams. When failing, they gamble in reckless desperation and the depths of their misery are fathomless as their dream world comes crashing down.

Sadly, they will struggle back, dream more dreams and of course suffer more misery. No one can convince them that their greatest schemes will not someday come true. They believe they will, for without this dream world, life for them would not be tolerable.

Proposed Version: *What is the dream world of a compulsive gamblers?*

This is another common characteristic of compulsive gamblers. A lot of time is spent dreaming of the great and wonderful things they are going to do as soon as they make the big win. They often see themselves as extremely generous and charming people who will provide family and friends with expensive cars, and other luxuries.

Compulsive gamblers picture themselves leading extravagant lifestyles made possible by the huge sums of money they will accrue from their gambling. Large homes, designer clothes, and expensive vacations are a few of the wonderful things that are

just around the corner after a big win is finally made. Pathetically, however, there never seems to be a big enough winning to make even the smallest dream come true. When compulsive gamblers succeed, they gamble to dream still greater dreams. When failing, they gamble in reckless desperation and the depths of their misery are fathomless as their dream world comes crashing down. Sadly, they will struggle back, dream more dreams and of course suffer more misery. No one can convince them that their greatest schemes will not someday come true. They believe they will, for without this dream world, life for them would not be tolerable.

Mike A for Deborah N – Area 6C – North and South Carolina

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38 . CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book – Page 13, under “Can a Compulsive Gambler Ever Gamble Normally Again”, second paragraph, second sentence. “After abstaining a few months some of our members have tried some small bet experimentation, always with disastrous results”.

Change to add “or years” after “a few months”.

Current Version: – After abstaining a few months some of our members have tried some small bet experimentation, always with disastrous results.

Proposed Version: – After abstaining a few months or years some of our members have tried some small bet experimentation, always with disastrous results.

Kira G for Eli L – Area 2H – Western Washington, North of Longview to the Canadian Border and West of the Cascade Mountains

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39 . CURRENT LITERATURE

Other Existing Literature – GA A New Beginning (Red Book) – Page 12, under paragraph marked ISO

change last few words from “over 30 years” to “many years.”

Current Version: – This is a world-wide service and has been so for over 30 years

Proposed Version: – This is a world-wide service and has been so for many years.

Ara H – Area 1 Past Trustee – Central California, Los Angeles Area, Hawaii

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40 . CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book – Page 15, Twenty Questions, #10 – Add “or use credit cards” after borrowing

Current Version: – Did you ever borrow to finance your gambling?

Proposed Version: – Did you ever borrow or use credit cards to finance your gambling?

Stuart B – Area 14 – Long Island, New York

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41 . CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book – Page 13 Last sentence – Change the word “risking” to “experiencing”

Current Version: – To gamble, risking progressive deterioration or not to gamble, and develop a better way of life.

Proposed Version: – To gamble experiencing progressive deterioration and develop a better way of life

Jim C for Ralph D. – Area 6A – PENSACOLA, PANAMA CITY, CENTRAL AND NORTHERN FLORIDA

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42 . CURRENT LITERATURE

Guidance Code – Article VI Section 1 – Add: Those elected or appointed to act as a trusted servant, regardless of position or title, may not enact any action that conflicts with the principles and guidelines contained within the Guidance Code.

Current Version: – No one is more important more important in this Fellowship than the individual member. He or she has no ruler or superior, but he or she may select a person or group of persons to represent him or her and his or her rights in this Fellowship.

Proposed Version: – No one is more important in this Fellowship than the individual member. He or she has no ruler or superior, but he or she may select a person or group of persons to represent him or her and his or her rights in this Fellowship. Those elected or appointed to act as a trusted servant, regardless of position or title, may not enact any action that conflicts with the principles and guidelines contained within the Guidance Code.

Edward G. – Area 10 – Central and Northern Ohio (Excluding Toledo) and Erie, New Castle and Warren Pennsylvania.

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43. CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book – Page 17. Item #1. – ADD: When you work the program of recovery.

Current Version: – 1. Attend as many meetings as possible per week. MEETINGS MAKE IT.

Proposed Version: – 1. Attend as many meetings as possible per week. MEETINGS MAKE IT. When you work the program of recovery.

Steve L – Area 2K – Southern Alberta, Canada

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44. CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book – Page 17. Item #5 – Change the first word from Read to Work

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. **GET INVOLVED AND BE OF SERVICE.** If you have any questions, ask them of your Trusted Servants and Sponsors.

Proposed Version: – Work 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. **GET INVOLVED AND BE OF SERVICE.** If you have any questions, ask them of your Trusted Servants and Sponsors.

Roxanne D for Kevin K – Area 3D – Arizona and New Mexico

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45. CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book – Page 15. Question #9 – Change “until all ” your money was gone?” to “until all of the money you had brought with you was gone.”

Current Version: – Did you often gamble until all of your money was gone?

Proposed Version: – Did you often gamble until all of the money you had with you is gone?

Robert A for Pat P – Area 17 – Connecticut and Western Massachusetts

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46. COMMITTEE RELATED

Future Conference Committee – Change a committee mission statement

Current Version: – FUTURE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

The Future Conference Committee (“FCC”) will develop a proposal for instituting an International Conference every 5 years with the first conference to be held in 2027 to coincide with the 70th Anniversary of the founding of Gamblers Anonymous

The FCC will consider other areas of research that are related and develop proposals, as warranted.

Proposed Version: – Same as Above

Alan J for Bill B – Area 6 – South Florida

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47. CURRENT LITERATURE

Other Existing Literature – Blue – Gamblers Anonymous The Sponsor-Sponsee Relationship: HOW it works Page 9 under “What attributes should a sponsor possess? Add a sentence (in its own paragraph) at the end of the last paragraph

Current Version: – Keep an open mind and use the checklists above as a guide to acquire or develop the qualities you may still lack before you decide to sponsor someone. For example, if you do not already have a sponsor yourself, perhaps you should consider getting one before you become one. If you have not yet worked the 12 steps, perhaps you should start.

Proposed Version: – Keep an open mind and use the checklists above as a guide to acquire or develop the qualities you may still lack before you decide to sponsor someone. For example, if you do not already have a sponsor yourself, perhaps you should consider getting one before you become one. If you have not yet worked the 12 steps, perhaps you should start.

The primary purpose of a sponsor is to take their sponsee through the 12 steps of recovery, guide them through Page 17 and lead by example.

Roxanne D for Kevin K – Area 3D – Arizona and New Mexico

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48. CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book – Page 16 – Question 18 Change the wording from Present to Past tense.

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

Proposed Version: – Have arguments, disappointments or frustrations ever created within you an urge to gamble?

Billy C for Yves G – Area 11 – MASSACHUSETTS, RHODE ISLAND, MAINE, VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE

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49. CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book – Page 9 – Middle under How does someone stop gambling through the gamblers anonymous program ADD the word courage

Current Version: – HONESTY, OPEN-MINDEDNESS, AND WILLINGNESS are the key words in our recovery.

Proposed Version: – COURAGE, HONESTY, OPEN-MINDEDNESS, AND WILLINGNESS are the key words in our recovery.

Joe B – Area 15 – New York City and Surrounding Areas

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50. CURRENT LITERATURE

Guidance Code – Article VIII Section 22 – Change the wait period from 2 years to 3 months.

Current Version: – With the exception of items coming from the BOT committee, upon the defeat of a motion in its final form, any similar motion may not be brought up for a vote for a period of two (2) years.

Proposed Version: – With the exception of items coming from the BOT committee, upon the defeat of a motion in its final form, any similar motion may not be brought up for three (3) months.

Diane A. – Area 8A – EASTERN IOWA, SOUTHERN MINNESOTA AND BAY CITY, RIVER FALLS, AND NEW RICHMOND, WISCONSIN

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51. COMMITTEE RELATED

FUTURE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE (“FCC”)

That the FCC recommends that an in person International Conference be scheduled every 5 years to coincide with the Anniversary of Gamblers Anonymous with the first “Anniversary” conference to be held in 2027 and with future International Conferences to be held every 5 years (2032, 2037...). Local Intergroups will be the designated hosts with the bidding process to follow current BOT Guidelines. This does not preclude any area for bidding to host a conference at any other time.

Rob P for Bill B – Area 6 – South Florida

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52. CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book – Page 17 – Number 1 End of sentence is in bold type. Add the work MAKERS to Meetings make it on page 17 number 1 to read:

MEETING MAKERS MAKE IT

Current Version: – MEETINGS MAKE IT

**Proposed Version: – Add the work MAKERS to Meetings make it
MEETING MAKERS MAKE IT**

Steve H for Bob F – Area 6 – Southern Florida

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53. CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book – Page 17 – Item #3 – Add the following sentence prior to the ending statement: Don't access online or mobile betting platforms.

Current Version: – Don't test or tempt yourself. Don't associate with acquaintances who gamble. Don't go in or near gambling establishments. DON'T GAMBLE FOR ANYTHING.

Proposed Version: – Don't test or tempt yourself. Don't associate with acquaintances who gamble. Don't go in or near gambling establishments. Don't access online or mobile betting platforms. DON'T GAMBLE FOR ANYTHING

Eric F. – Area 1 – Central CA, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii

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54. CURRENT LITERATURE

Other Existing Literature – Stop and Think card – Ad on the bottom of the card on both the front and back our website not changing any information on the card but just simply adding www.gamblersanonymous.org which has all the information they need including hotline numbers and all meetings

Current version: – Current Stop and Think card as it is front and back

Proposed Version: – www.gamblersanonymous.org to the bottom of each side

Anthony K. – Area 10 – Central and Northern Ohio (Excluding Toledo) and Erie, New Castle, and Warren Pennsylvania

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55. CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book – Page 14 In the third sentence after the question, add “but is not limited to”

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

It means exactly that. A stand has to be made somewhere and Gamblers Anonymous members have found the first bet is the one to avoid, even though it may be as little as matching for a cup of coffee. This includes internet gambling, the stock market, commodities, options, buying or playing lottery tickets, raffle tickets, flipping a coin or entering the office sports pool.

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

It means exactly that. A stand has to be made somewhere and Gamblers Anonymous members have found the first bet is the one to avoid, even though it may be as little as matching for a cup of coffee. This includes but is not limited to internet gambling, the stock market, commodities, options, buying or playing lottery tickets, raffle tickets, flipping a coin or entering the office sports pool.

Carl D for Monique G – Area 16 – Eastern Upstate New York

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56. STEP CHANGE

Combo Book – Page 7 Section 10 – wording

Current Version: – Gamblers Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the Gamblers Anonymous name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Proposed Version: – Gamblers Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues to avoid public controversy except in matters of Gambling.

Rob S for Bob E – Area 14 – Long Island, New York

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57. STEP CHANGE

Combo Book – Page 7 Section 11 – wording

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 and promotion as we maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, television and Internet.

Rob S for Bob E – Area 14 – Long Island, New York

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58. CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book Page 17 First line wording Linked to change in Sponsorship Manual

Current Version: – GET A SPONSOR

Proposed Version: – GET A SPONSOR OR SPONSOR GROUP

Rob S – Area 14 – Long Island, New York

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59. CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book Page 14 “Gambling” wording

Current Version: – Sentence 2 Any betting or wagering

Proposed Version: – Any betting, wagering or involvement in gambling activity,

Rob S – Area 14 – Long Island, New York

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60. CURRENT LITERATURE

Other Existing Literature – Gamblers Anonymous Sponsorship Manual – Page 1 – Reference that a sponsor is one person.

Current Version: – Paragraph one “more experienced member”

Proposed Version: – “more experienced member or members”

Rob S – Area 14 – Long Island, New York

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61. CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book – Page 10 fourth paragraph. Change in verbiage

Current Version: – The compulsive gambler is willing to do anything (often of an anti-social nature) to maintain the image he or she wants others to see.

Proposed Version: – The compulsive gambler is willing to do anything (often of an anti-social nature) to maintain the image that they want others to see.

Mike S – Area 15 – New York City and Surrounding Areas

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62. CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book – Page 13, fourth paragraph – Change in verbiage.

Current Version: – Once a person has crossed the invisible line into irresponsible uncontrolled gambling he or she never seems to regain control.

Proposed Version: – Once a person has crossed the invisible line into irresponsible uncontrolled gambling, they never seem to regain control.

Mike S – Area 15 – New York City and Surrounding Areas

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63. CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book – Page 13, third paragraph – Change in verbiage.

Current Version: – Sooner or later he or she falls back into the same old destructive pattern.

Proposed Version: – Sooner or later they fall back into the same old destructive pattern.

Mike S – Area 15 – New York City and Surrounding Areas

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64. CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book – Page 2 Third paragraph – Change in verbiage.

Current Version: – No one likes to think they are different from their fellows.

Proposed Version: – No one likes to think they are different from others in their community.

Mike S – Area 15 – New York City and Surrounding Areas

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65. CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book – Page 2, First paragraph – Change in verbiage.

Current Version: – Gamblers Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women...

Proposed Version: – Gamblers Anonymous is a fellowship of people...

Mike S – Area 15 – New York City and Surrounding Areas

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66. CURRENT LITERATURE

Step Change – Combo Book – Page 5 Step 11 – Change in verbiage.

Current Version: – Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood him, praying only for knowledge of his will for us and the power to carry that out.

Proposed Version: – Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood them, praying only for knowledge of their will for us and the power to carry that out.

Mike S – Area 15 – New York City and Surrounding Areas

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67. CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book – Page 8, Third paragraph – Change in verbiage.

Current Version: – The compulsive gambler needs to be willing to accept the fact that he or she is in the grip of a progressive illness...

Proposed Version: – The compulsive gambler needs to be willing to accept that fact that they are in the grip of a progressive illness...

Mike S – Area 15 – New York City and Surrounding Areas

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68. CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book – Page 9, First paragraph – Change in verbiage.

Current Version: – Also in Gamblers Anonymous, a compulsive gambler is described as a person whose gambling has caused growing and continuing problems in any department of his or her life.

Proposed Version: – Also in Gamblers Anonymous, a compulsive gambler is described as a person whose gambling has caused growing and continuing problems in any department of their life.

Mike S – Area 15 – New York City and Surrounding Areas

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69. CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book – Page 10, Second paragraph – Change in verbiage.

Current Version: – A compulsive gambler finds he or she is emotionally comfortable only when “in action”.

Proposed Version: – A compulsive gambler finds they are emotionally comfortable only when “in action”.

Mike S – Area 15 – New York City and Surrounding Areas

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70. CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book – Page 10 Fourth paragraph – Change in verbiage.

Current Version: – The compulsive gambler is willing to do anything (often of an anti-social nature) to maintain the image he or she wants others to see.

Proposed Version: – The compulsive gambler is willing to do anything (often of an anti-social nature) to maintain the image that they want others to see.

Mike S – Area 15 – New York City and Surrounding Areas

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71. CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book – Page 14, first paragraph, under the question of Does this mean I can’t even participate in a little penny ante game or a world series pool? Add the words slot machine in the last sentence

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

It means exactly that. A stand has to be made somewhere and Gamblers Anonymous members have found the first bet is the one to avoid, even though it may be as little as matching for a cup of coffee. 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: – Does this mean I can't even participate in a little penny ante game or a world series pool?

It means exactly that. A stand has to be made somewhere and Gamblers Anonymous members have found the first bet is the one to avoid, even though it may be as little as matching for a cup of coffee. This includes Internet gambling, bingo, the stock market, commodities, options, slot machines, buying or playing lottery tickets, raffle tickets, flipping a coin, fantasy sports or entering the office sport pool.

Roxanne D for Amy S – Area 3D – Arizona and New Mexico

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72. NEW LITERATURE

GA Promises 1st Merit Vote

Current Version: – None

Proposed Version: – See Related Attachment

Barbara L for Gabelfaast – Area 8E – Wisconsin

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73. CURRENT LITERATURE

Other Existing Literature – Trustee Guidelines #9 Make the statement a request not a demand.

Current Version: – Be a Lifeline and encourage group and membership to support the International Service Office through Lifelines and Group contributions.

Proposed Version: – Being a Lifeline, a monthly automatic donation program, is available to all in the Gamblers Anonymous Fellowship to assist in supporting our International Service Office.

Diane A. – Area 8A – EASTERN IOWA, SOUTHERN MINNESOTA AND BAY CITY, RIVER FALLS, AND NEW RICHMOND, WISCONSIN

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74. CURRENT LITERATURE

Other Existing Literature GA A New Beginning page 15, heading for first paragraph

Change National to International

Current Version: – *National Conference*

Proposed Version: – *International Conference*

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

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			<input type="checkbox"/> Tabled	<input type="checkbox"/> No Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Vote of Confidence
<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Call Vote			<input type="checkbox"/> Failed Majority	<input type="checkbox"/> No Second	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn

75. STEP CHANGE

CURRENT LITERATURE – Combo Book – Page 7 Item 9 – Wording

Current Version: – *Gamblers Anonymous, as such, ought never be organized: but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.*

Proposed Version: – *Gamblers Anonymous “must be organized and” we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.*

Rob S for Bob E – Area 14 – Long Island, New York

For	Against	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed	<input type="checkbox"/> Failed Two-thirds	<input type="checkbox"/> New Committee
			<input type="checkbox"/> Needs 2nd Vote	<input type="checkbox"/> Out of Order	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion To Commit
			<input type="checkbox"/> Passed Merit Vote	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature Committee
			<input type="checkbox"/> Tabled	<input type="checkbox"/> No Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Vote of Confidence
<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Call Vote			<input type="checkbox"/> Failed Majority	<input type="checkbox"/> No Second	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn

76. CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book – Page 17 Item 8 – Bold & Cap **WILL**.

Current Version: – **8. BE PATIENT!** The days and weeks will pass soon enough, and as you regularly attend meetings, abstain from gambling and follow the guidelines on this page, you will experience continued recovery.

Proposed Version: – **8. BE PATIENT!** The days and weeks will pass soon enough, and as you regularly attend meetings, abstain from gambling and follow the guidelines on this page, you **WILL** experience continued recovery.

Dean W. – Area 1A – Orange County, California

For	Against	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed	<input type="checkbox"/> Failed Two-thirds	<input type="checkbox"/> New Committee
			<input type="checkbox"/> Needs 2nd Vote	<input type="checkbox"/> Out of Order	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion To Commit
			<input type="checkbox"/> Passed Merit Vote	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature Committee
			<input type="checkbox"/> Tabled	<input type="checkbox"/> No Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Vote of Confidence
<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Call Vote			<input type="checkbox"/> Failed Majority	<input type="checkbox"/> No Second	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn

77. CURRENT LITERATURE

Combo Book – Page 15 Question 1 – Add “or life” after the word school.

Current Version: – 1. Did you ever lose time from work or school due to gambling?

Proposed Version: – 1. Did you ever lose time from work, school or life due to gambling?

Jim C for Ralph D. – Area 6A – PENSACOLA, PANAMA CITY, CENTRAL AND NORTHERN FLORIDA

For	Against	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed	<input type="checkbox"/> Failed Two-thirds	<input type="checkbox"/> New Committee
			<input type="checkbox"/> Needs 2nd Vote	<input type="checkbox"/> Out of Order	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion To Commit
			<input type="checkbox"/> Passed Merit Vote	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature Committee
			<input type="checkbox"/> Tabled	<input type="checkbox"/> No Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Vote of Confidence
<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Call Vote			<input type="checkbox"/> Failed Majority	<input type="checkbox"/> No Second	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn

End of Agenda