

**BOARD OF REGENTS
MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Tom M., Chair, Board of Regents.

Present: Bob W., Calvin C., Cathy F., Kathie S., Tom M., Wendy B. and Karen H.,
International Executive Secretary.

Present by Telephone: Gary M., Mazi S., and Richard C.

Tom M. reminded everyone that recording of this meeting is not permitted.

A. The minutes of the March 20, 2021 Board of Regents meeting were approved as submitted.

Motion seconded and passed
For – 9 Against – 0 Abstained – 0

B. The operating statement for March 2021 was approved as submitted.

Motion seconded and passed
For – 9 Against – 0 Abstained – 0

It was noted that the bank sent confirmation that all paperwork was received for the PPP loan, including payback of \$3,865.95, and the file has been closed.

OLD BUSINESS

A. LIFELINERS.

There was 1 new Lifeliner as follows:

CA – 1

NEW CANS – 0

Group Information Requests forms received: 0 (registration only)

GROUP INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS RECEIVED PRIOR TO SENDING STARTER
KITS: - 0

There were no Starter Kits sent out for the month of March.

PRISON STARTER KITS SENT: There were no Prison Starter Kit sent.

B. VENMO AND ZELLE DONATIONS.

The I.S.O. received a total of \$1,255.95 via Venmo and Zelle in the month of March.

C. INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY RESUMES.

A total of five resumes were received by the deadline of April 14, 2021. Two were from people out of state who were unable to relocate to California. The hiring committee, Bob W., Cathy F., and Wendy B. will review and schedule interviews for the other three resumes received.

D. SPEAKER PHONE FOR B.O.R. MEETING.

Tom M., Chair of the Board of Regents, donated a new speaker phone to the I.S.O.

E. LEASE RENEWAL.

As discussed at the March B.O.R., the I.S.O. office lease is due to renew on January 31, 2022. The lease requires the I.S.O. to give notice to leave between 180 and 270 days before the lease is due. Therefore, in order not to overburden the incoming Board, the current Board has started seeking options. Bob W. stated he has not yet been able to meet with the current landlord about the I.S.O. lease renewal. He will try again before the next meeting. He started making inquiries further east, where pricing may be more affordable. He has been unable to find any areas willing to negotiate pricing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

A. REVIEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA.

The Board of Regents reviewed the following agenda items for the upcoming May Board of Trustee meeting:

Item 25 – Second vote: To designate the attached Dealing with Abuse and/or Harassment flyer as approved literature.

The B.O.R. discussed that our position has not changed since the first vote. The Board reached out for a legal opinion as discussed in the August 2019 B.O.R. minutes. The guidance given was not to print the information the way it is stated. Therefore, the B.O.R. is opposed to this item.

Item 26 – Second vote: Add the words “Combo Book” to the cover below the words “Gamblers Anonymous” and before the Serenity Prayer.

The B.O.R. is able to accommodate if this passes a second vote.

Item 27 – Discussion item: Add a link to the UK G.A. Website to the I.S.O. Website

The B.O.R. commented that UK G.A. is not part of or associated with Gamblers Anonymous International Service Office.

Item 32 – Discussion item: Is it possible to start making old books available for purchase as a digital download? This would prevent them from disappearing entirely. The more books we have, the better.

The B.O.R. did not understand which books were being discussed or what was meant by disappearing.

Item 33 – Discussion item: Should approved literature sold by I.S.O. in alternative forms, such as large print and audio format be priced at no higher than literature in regular format?

The B.O.R. discussed that this is not a B.O.T. item as B.O.R. sets pricing, based on the cost incurred to produce.

Item 57 – Guidance Code: Change wording referring to gambling.

The item change was not specifically discussed. The B.O.R. did discuss if the new I.E.S. hired is NOT a G.A. member, the Guidance Code will need to be re-written to exclude the wording that they would be “automatically removed from office for gambling by his/her own admission.”

Item 79 – Current Literature: To change the font and the layout of the Combo Book.

The I.E.S. has already requested the printer review the suggested changes. The printer commented that the changes would be considered a redesign. He will get back to the Board with an estimated quote for the change.

Item 105 – “There Is Help” brochure changes.

The B.O.R. briefly discussed that this piece of literature has not been updated since 2006.

B. REVIEW QUARTERLY INVENTORY.

The I.E.S. will email out the inventory to the B.O.R. for review before the May 2021 B.O.R. meeting.

C. REVIEW SHIPPING / POSTAGE COSTS FOR LITERATURE ORDERS.

There was discussion on pricing of shipping literature within the U.S. and internationally. Media Mail was researched before the meeting by the I.E.S. and shared with the Board. That form is to be used only for shipment of books, must go by ground delivery, and potentially will be opened and scrutinized by the USPS. Details showing the actual costs incurred by the I.S.O. verses what was charged to members was prepared by the Office for review by the Board. There is a huge disparity showing the I.S.O. is shipping out at a loss. A motion was made “to increase the shipping costs as listed on the attachment presented, with prices effective May 1, 2021.”

Motion seconded and passed

For – 8 Against – 0 Abstained – 1

Bob W. -	Abstained
Calvin C. –	For
Cathy F. –	For
Gary M. –	For
Kathie S. –	For
Mazi S. –	For
Richard C. –	For
Tom M. –	For
Wendy B. -	For

D. DISCUSS CONSULTING FEE FOR OUTGOING I.E.S.

Karen H., current I.E.S. stated she would be willing to consult for a brief time after her retirement, if needed.

The meeting was closed to those outside the Board of Regents for the agenda topic. Karen H. was asked to step out of the meeting room as well. The Board discussed and a motion was made stating "B.O.R. will draft a letter of understanding with Karen H. to consult for six months, at a rate of * per hour, not to exceed 15 hours a week, with an effective start date of 07/01/21 and end date 12/31/21."

*hourly rate will not be disclosed in the minutes.

Motion seconded and passed
For – 9 Against – 0 Abstained – 0

The collection in the amount of \$380.00 was taken and the meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer at 11:20 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held May 15, 2021 at 9:30 A.M.

Today's Board of Regents meeting had 3 people call in to listen.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy F., Secretary