

**BOARD OF REGENTS
MEETING OF AUGUST 15, 2020**

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. welcomed Kathie S., who is replacing Herb B., as next member from the B.O.R. replacement list.

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

A. The minutes of the July 18, 2020 Board of Regents meeting were approved as submitted.

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

B. The operating statement for July 2020 was approved as submitted.

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

Karen H., I.E.S. stated there were no outstanding accounts receivable, as all have been paid.

C. REVIEW AND APPROVE ANNUAL BUDGET.

Budget Committee (Calvin C., Cathy F., Karen H., and Mazi S.) submitted the 2020-2021 annual budget for approval. The base assumption in the budget assumed meetings were back to normal January 01, 2021, which may not occur. Tom M., Chair of B.O.R. communicated that if things do not turn around, the I.S.O. may have to close their doors within the next 18 months. Motion was made to approve the budget as submitted.

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

Tom M. stated that he and Andy R. (Chair of B.O.T.) are working on a combined letter to be distributed to the fellowship.

OLD BUSINESS

A. LIFELINERS.

There were 6 new Lifeliners as follows by state: CA (2), FL (1), IL (1), MI (1), NY (1)

NEW CANS: 0

GROUP INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS RECEIVED: 1 (registration only) La Crosse, WI

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

No Starter Kits were sent out as no Group Information Request Forms were received in the month of July.

PRISON STARTER KITS SENT: 0

B. DISCUSS PLATFORMS REGARDING CONTRIBUTION MODULES. (Tabled from July's Board Meeting).

Tom M. and Bob W. went to Chase Bank regarding using the I.S.O. Chase bank account to receive donations. An email for G.A. member donations was created:

Gaisodonation@gmail.com. This email address can be used for Venmo and Zelle one-time donations. This is NOT to replace Lifeline donations. At this time, there is no plan to track these donations to report in the Bulletin or to send confirmation receipts. To make one-time donations through this email address, G.A. members can download the App(s) or pay through their bank.

Cathy F. reached out to 5 different non-profit entities regarding pay pal and fees. Three of the five did not respond back. The other two used Pay Pal, Venmo and Zelle. Pay Pal does charge fees, but they communicated the fees are minimal and it is better to receive some money less the fees than no money. Pay Pal also tracks sender information. The organizations communicated do send donation letters to people who donate via Pay Pal.

NEW BUSINESS

A. ANNUAL AUDIT.

Following the requirements of CDC guidelines, (face coverings and social distancing) the Auditors will be coming out to the office to do the annual audit, the end of August or beginning of September.

B. GRATITUDE WEEK.

The I.E.S. sent a different letter this year related to Gratitude Week. This letter communicated more strongly the request for donations. It was sent via email to the current Trustees and via mail to the Intergroups. The letter will also be included in the August issue of the Life-Line Bulletin which can be found by going to our website at www.gamblersanonymous.org

C. OTHER TOPICS.

It was requested that B.O.R. have an agenda topic to review cash flow and identify opportunities to reduce expenses and increase income. Another conversation occurred related to determining if there are other ways the B.O.R. can help the fellowship.

The collection in the amount of \$305.00 was taken and the meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer at 10:50 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held September 19, 2020 at 9:30 A.M.

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

Respectfully submitted by Cathy F., Secretary