

**BOARD OF REGENTS  
MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Chair, Cathy F., called the meeting to order at 9:34 A.M.

The Chair reminded everyone that recording of this meeting is not permitted.

**ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN:**

Present: Cathy F., Doug E., Guy H., John C., Valerie D. and Israel, Office Manager.

Present by Phone: Andre G., Arnie B., Gary M., Jo K., and KC B., International Executive Secretary.

**MINUTES FROM AUGUST 21, 2021, B.O.R. MEETING:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**

For – 9 Against – 0 Abstained – 0

**OPERATING STATEMENT FOR AUGUST 2021:**

A motion was made to approve the operating statement for August 2021.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**

For – 7 Against – 0 Abstained – 2

Roll call vote follows:

Andre G. - yes  
Arnie B. - yes  
Cathy F. - yes  
Doug E. - yes  
Gary M. - abstained  
Guy H. - yes  
Jo K. - yes  
John C. - yes  
Valerie D. - abstained

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. REVIEW MOVING MONEY TO CD'S.**

Motion to reduce the amount voted on last month to go into two CD's from \$210,000.00 to \$190,000.00. Motion was seconded.

During discussion an amendment was made to change amount to \$195,000.00 instead of \$190,000.00. Vote on the amendment as follows:

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**

For – 6 Against – 3 Abstained – 0

Roll call vote follows:

Andre G. - yes  
Arnie B. - yes

Cathy F. - no  
Doug E. - yes  
Gary M. - yes  
Guy H. - no  
Jo K. - yes  
John C. - no  
Valerie D. – yes

A new motion was made, which will now read “Change the CD amounts to \$195,000.00 to go into Chase Bank and US Bank CDs”.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**

For – 9 Against – 0 Abstained – 0

**B. REPORT FROM ISRAEL, OFFICE MANAGER.**

- Lifeliners – 2 new (from Florida and Kansas)
- New Cans – none
- Group Information Request Forms received: none
- Group Information Request forms received prior to sending two Starter Kits for the month of August to Hamilton, NJ and Hudson Falls, NY
- Prison Starter Kits – none
- \*Venmo and Zelle Donations - \$893.57
- Website – running very well
- Audit – still in process

\* The detailed information for the donations through Venmo and Zelle were not emailed to the members of the B.O.R. The Chair decided detailed information would be deemed inappropriate. We will continue to send out total amounts received, but not the details.

**C. I.E.S REPORT – KC B.**

- KC attended the B.O.T. meeting in Orlando as the International Executive Secretary of I.S.O.
- There were 37 current Trustees in attendance, with 41 registered (this includes the executive board).
- A total of \$1,230 was collected for registrations (\$570 in checks from 19 people and \$660 in cash from 22 people).
- A total of \$832.72 was collected for the 5 sessions.
- There were 7 Lifeliners – 1 new and 6 returning.
- She has started transcribing the minutes.
- She said there is a lot to learn with this responsibility and doing her best. • She sat in on a Zoom meeting with the tech committee from Area 2, Harold A., first co-chair, Pete K., B.O.T. chair, and Andy R., past B.O.T. chair, to discuss having the next B.O.T. meeting virtually and hosted by Area 2.

- She also sat in on the B.O.R. Zoom Committee to discuss moving the B.O.R. phone meetings to Zoom.
- She was able to send the Bulletin out to the formatter on Friday after reviewing it with Karen H.

**D. BY-LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT – VALERIE D.**

Report was submitted prior to today’s Board meeting. Our committee agreed to hold our next meeting after the September B.O.R. meeting. We want to prepare additional amendments that were previously identified and any additional concerns.

**E. STANDING RULES COMMITTEE REPORT – DOUG E.**

Report was submitted prior to today’s Board meeting. The next committee meeting will be September 20, 2021, at 5:00 P.M. to complete the “Policies and Procedures” document and submit it to the B.O.R. at the October meeting.

**F. LEASE RENEWAL COMMITTEE REPORT - JOHN C.**

Report was submitted prior to today’s Board meeting. John C. reported that our original proposal was not accepted, and we received a counter proposal. After discussion, it was suggested to not sign the counter proposal. It was agreed to continue looking for another location. Our current lease expires January 31, 2022.

**G. B.O.R. PHONE TO ZOOM MEETING COMMITTEE REPORT – DOUG E.**

Report was submitted prior to today’s Board meeting. A motion was made to have a Zoom test at the end of the October B.O.R. meeting.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**

For - 9 Abstained - 0 Against - 0

**H. REVIEW YEAR END INVENTORY.**

A motion was made to Table this item to the October meeting.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**

For - 9 Abstained - 0 Against – 0

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. REPORT ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING – CATHY F.** • Cathy thanked

Arnie B. and Kathy H. for their support by attending the B.O.T. meeting.

- The meeting was finished a day earlier than planned.
- The newly elected Board of Trustee Officers are Pete K., Chair, Harold A., 1st Co Chair and Martha G., 2<sup>nd</sup> Co-Chair.
- Prior to the Board meeting Cathy forwarded the items from the B.O.T. meeting that effect the I.S.O./Board of Regents so they could be gone over as follows:

**#13 – Rules and Procedures 29. Quick Response Meetings Add sentence: The Chairman or the 1st Co-Chair first must receive approval from the Board of Regents that the item merits an emergency requiring immediate action.**

**Current Version: 29. Quick Response Meetings**

**\*Who can call them**

**Quick response meetings can only be called by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, or, by the 1st. Co-Chair, if the Chairman is incapacitated.**

**Proposed Version: \*Who can call them**

**Quick response meetings can only be called by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, or, by the 1st. Co-Chair, if the Chairman is incapacitated.**

**The Chairman or the 1st Co-Chair first must receive approval from the Board of Regents that the item merits an emergency requiring immediate action.**

Item withdrawn.

**#25 – To designate the attached Dealing with Abuse and/or Harassment flyer as approved literature. See attachment #25**

Item tabled by the Board of Trustees.

**#26 – Add the words “Combo Book” to the cover below the words “Gamblers Anonymous” and before the Serenity Prayer.**

Item passed by the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Regents voted on this item as follows:

For – 8 Against – 1 Abstained – 0

Roll call vote follows:

Andre G. - yes

Arnie B. - yes

Cathy F. - yes

Doug E. - yes

Gary M. - yes

Guy H. - no

Jo K. - yes

John C. – yes

Valerie D. – yes

**#27 – Add a link to UK GA website to the ISO Website.**

Item was ruled out of order by the Board of Trustees.

**#32 – 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.**

Discussion only, by the Board of Trustees.

**#33 - Should approved literature sold by ISO in alternative forms, such as large print and audio format be priced at no higher than literature in regular format? Discussion only, by the Board of Trustees.**

**#57 – Guidance Code - Articles VIII – Section 4, XIII – Section 4 & XVI – Section 2**

**Change wording referring to gambling: Gambling, for the compulsive gambler is defined**

**as follows: Any betting or wagering, or involvement or participation in gambling activities or receiving a gift of chance, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or skill constitutes gambling.**

No discussion by the Board of Trustees.

**#58 - Article VII – Groups, Add Section 5A, All printed material (Literature) will be made available in digital form from the I.S.O. The digital form will be encrypted and password protected. The cost will be at the printed material price.**

Item was ruled out of order by the Board of Trustees.

**#62 - Changing the approval of expenses from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the approval of expenses to be approved by the Board of Regents.**

Item failed by the Board of Trustees.

**#79 - To change the font and layout of the Combo Book; Attachment #79**

No discussion by the Board of Trustees.

**#81 - Bottom of page 3**

**Add the following: What is a Group (bold) 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. 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.**

Item failed by the Board of Trustees.

**#91 – Page 17, Item 5 – Capitalize and make bold the sentence: GET INVOLVED AND BE OF SERVICE**

No discussion by the Board of Trustees.

**#94 - Add to page 17 of Combo Book a 9th item. Insert Proposed item as #8 and move current #8 to be Item #9. Proposed Version: A Progressive Character Change is the crossroads for recovery. Resting on your laurels will derail your life. Rid yourself of defects of character and meet your true self.**

No discussion by the Board of Trustees.

**#95 - Page 17. Addition as bullet point number 9. Proposed Version: 9. As a result of working the Gamblers Anonymous Program and following the suggestions on page 17, you will have a character change and recover.**

No discussion by the Board of Trustees.

**#114 - For all International RSO's to be listed on the ISO website. Including but not limited**

**to Email, physical addresses, and phone.**

Item passed by the Board of Trustees.

**B. BY-LAWS ITEMS FROM THE B.O.T. MEETING VOTES**

The B.O.R. placed the following 19 items (#119 - #137) on the B.O.T. agenda regarding changing the By-Laws due to the restructuring of the I.S.O. employees. The B.O.T. voted on each item separately, passing a 1<sup>st</sup> vote on all 19 items. These items will be up for a 2<sup>nd</sup> vote at the next B.O.T. meeting.

Therefore, the Board of Regents will vote on each item below.

**By-Laws Changes**

**119) Article III - Directors, Section 11- In the second sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager as follows:**

When the Board of Regents Chair (or authorized representative from the Board of Regents) is required to attend a Trustee meeting, the International Service Office shall pay the travel, meals, lodging and conference expenses. Attendee shall supply the Office Manager with a detailed accounting of reimbursable travel expenses within forty-five days of said expenses, such expense reports will be part of the next Board of Regents meeting and accordingly, part of the minutes of those meetings, The amount of expense will require approval from the Board of Regents.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**

For - 9 Against - 0 Abstained – 0

**120) Article VI - Voting, Section 1- In first sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary of the Corporation with Office Manager as follows:** The Office Manager, on or before March 1st of each odd year, shall submit in writing a ballot of all eligible members wishing to run for the Board of Regents. Previous service as Regent of the Corporation or as Trustee of Gamblers Anonymous, total abstinence as of March 1st, of that year, and home group of nominees shall be listed alongside the name of each nominee.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**

For - 9 Against - 0 Abstained – 0

**121) Article VI - Voting, Section 7 - In the last sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager as follows:**

After the counting of the ballots, each newly elected Board of Regents member will be asked by the International Executive Secretary to confirm their election. Any ties will be broken by a written vote at the Trustees meeting by the Trustees in attendance. The order that the nominees came in shall be kept by the Office Manager.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**

For - 9 Against - 0 Abstained – 0

**122) Article VII- Directors, Powers, and Meetings, Section 1. - In the first sentence replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager. In the second**

**sentence replace the words He/she with the words Both the Office Manager and the International Executive Secretary. In the third sentence replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager as follows.**

The Office Manager shall be responsible for the operation of the International Service Office (I.S.O.). Both the Office Manager and the International Executive Secretary shall be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents who shall have complete charge, management, and control of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) and property of this Corporation subject to the terms and conditions of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. The Office Manager may employ an office secretary and any other needed office employee providing written approval is first obtained from the Board of Regents.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**

For - 9 Against - 0 Abstained – 0

**123) Article VII- Directors, Powers, and Meetings, Section 7 - In the first sentence replace the words the International Executive Secretary with the words Both the International Executive Secretary and the Office Manager as follows:**

Both the International Executive Secretary and Office Manager should attend all regularly scheduled Board of Regents meetings and when called upon may engage in discussion matters but shall have no voting power.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**

For - 9 Against - 0 Abstained – 0

**124) Article VIII - Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Title - In the title of Article VIII, insert a comma, then the words Office Manager after Duties of Officers and before the word and as follows:**

Article VIII - Duties of Officers, Office Manager and International Executive Secretary.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**

For - 9 Against - 0 Abstained – 0

**125) Article VIII - Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 4 - In the first sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager as follows:**

The Secretary shall take the minutes of all the meetings of the Board of Regents and submit them to the Office Manager for safekeeping. All minutes must be signed by the Secretary. The Secretary shall also perform such other duties as the Board of Regents shall prescribe. **MOTION**

**SECONDED AND PASSED**

For - 9 Against - 0 Abstained – 0

**126) Article VIII - Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (A) - In the first sentence replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager as follows:**

The Office Manager shall publish a monthly Operating Statement of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) and any other subsidiary or division of the International Service Office and shall also publish the audited Annual Financial Statement. **MOTION**

**SECONDED AND PASSED**

For - 9 Against - 0 Abstained – 0

**127) Article VIII- Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 5 (B) - In the first sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager as follows:**

The Office Manager shall keep a book of minutes at the principal office of this Corporation of all business meetings of the Board of Regents.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**

For - 9 Against - 0 Abstained – 0

**128) Article VIII - Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 5 (C) – Remove this item from Section 6, move to the new Section 7, re-lettering accordingly as follows:**

The International Executive Secretary shall be guided in all matters by the Gamblers Anonymous Twelve Step Recovery Program and the Gamblers Anonymous Unity Program. **MOTION**

**SECONDED AND PASSED**

For - 9 Against - 0 Abstained – 0

**129) Article VIII - Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (D) – Replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager as follows:** The Office Manager will be responsible for the reprinting of all approved Gamblers Anonymous literature and purchase of Gamblers Anonymous pins and keep sufficient quantity on hand at all times for the needs of our entire Fellowship.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**

For - 9 Against - 0 Abstained – 0

**130) Article VIII - Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 5 (E)- Remove this item from Section 6, move to the new Section 7, re-lettering accordingly as follows:**

In matters affecting the Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous as a whole, the International Executive Secretary has no authority to act on policy matters.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**

For - 9 Against - 0 Abstained – 0

**131) Article VIII - Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (F) - In the first sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager, for both occurrences as follows:**

The Office Manager, or other designated individual, in coordination with the Office Manager, as determined by the Board of Regents, shall be charged with the general management of the affairs of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) subject to the control of the Board of Regents. He/she shall be the custodian of the records and funds of the corporation and shall pay funds out only on the check of the corporation signed in the manner authorized by the Board of Regents and shall

have such responsibilities and duties as shall be prescribed by the Board of Regents or these By Laws. The responsibilities and duties prescribed by the Board of Regents but not by the By-Laws



shall be subject to the ratification of each succeeding Board of Regents at its first meeting.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**

For - 9 Against - 0 Abstained – 0

**132) Article VIII - Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (G) – Remove this item from Section 6, move to the new Section 7, re-lettering accordingly as follows:**

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.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**

For - 9 Against - 0 Abstained – 0

**133) Article VIII - Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (H) – Remove this item from Section 6, move to the new Section 7, re-lettering accordingly as follows:**

While the Chairman of the Board of Regents is acting International Executive Secretary, the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Regents shall assume the duties of the Chairman. While acting as International Executive Secretary, the Chairman of the Board of Regents shall lose his/her vote on the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents will operate with eight (8) members for this period.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**

For - 9 Against - 0 Abstained – 0

**134) Article VIII - Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (I) - Remove this item from Section 5, move to the new Section 7, re-lettering accordingly as follows:**

When the Board of Regents hires an International Executive Secretary, if Proposed Version: When the Board of Regents hires an International Executive Secretary, if it is not the Chairman of the Board of Regents, who is acting as International Executive Secretary, the Chairman of the Board of Regents shall return power is restored to his/her original position and his/her voting power is restored.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**

For - 9 Against - 0 Abstained – 0

**135) Article VIII - Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (J) - In the first sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager as follows:**

The Office Manager shall be responsible to keep the door of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) open during the hours specified by the Board of Regents. **MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**

For - 9 Against - 0 Abstained – 0

**136) Article XVI - Budget, Section 1- In the first sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary of the Corporation with Office Manager as follows:** Prior to the commencement of each fiscal year of the Corporation, the Office Manager shall prepare a budget setting forth the anticipated income and expense of the Corporation for the ensuing fiscal year and shall submit this budget for the approval of the Board of Regents at their meeting in June of each year. No single expenditure in excess of fifty dollars (50.00), which is not included in said budget in the form approved by the Board of Regents, shall be authorized by any director, officer appointed officer or employee of the Corporation unless such expenditure is specifically approved by the Board of Regents of the Corporation at any regular or special meetings of said Board.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**

For - 9 Against - 0 Abstained – 0

**137) Article XVIII - Amendments, Section 3 - In the first sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager as follows:**

A permanent file of these By-Laws shall be maintained by the Office Manager, in the office of this Corporation, and a current copy (including any and all the amendments or replacements) shall be made available to all members of the Board of Regents, Board of Trustees, and each Gamblers Anonymous group for their guidance.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**

For - 9 Against - 0 Abstained – 0

**C. B.O.R. CHAIR’S EXPENSES FOR THE ORLANDO B.O.T. MEETING.** Cathy F. shared her room with a B.O.T member, therefore Hotel room expenses are for two nights. Expenses are as follows.

		8/28/21	8/29/21	8/30/21	8/31/21	9/1/21
<b>Airfare</b>		\$102.98				\$102.98
<b>Hotel</b>						
	Resort Charge			\$10.00	\$10.00	
	Room Tax			\$1.25	\$1.25	
	Guest Room			\$100.00	\$100.00	
	Destination Fee			\$2.00	\$2.00	
	Room Tax			\$12.75	\$12.75	
	Marketing Fee		1.00		\$1.00	

	Tax		\$0.12		\$0.12	
<b>Transportation</b>						
	Uber	\$33.90				
<b>Food</b>	Breakfast			\$20.00		\$20.24
	Lunch		\$19.54	\$18.25		\$2.65
	Dinner	\$28.47	\$35.82	\$27.00	\$56.00	
<b>Registration Fee</b>			\$30.00			
<b>Subtotal</b>		\$165.35	\$86.48	\$191.25	\$183.12	\$125.87
<b>Total</b>						\$752.07

A motion was made to accept Cathy F.'s report for reimbursement.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**

For - 9 Against - 0 Abstained - 0

People who listened into the meeting: 3.

Collection: \$45.00

Next Meeting will be October 16, 2021

The meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer at 11:26 A.M.

**Respectfully submitted by Jo K., Recording Secretary**