

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS TRUSTEES MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2018
CARIBE ROYALE, ORLANDO, FLORIDA**

A) Welcome – Andy R. Chair, Board of Trustees

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 A.M by Andy R. on October 14, 2018. All new Trustees were asked to go to the microphone and introduce themselves. There were 35 new Trustees who had not previously served on the Board. The head table was introduced. The rules and procedures for the meeting were given including points of order and points of information. An explanation was given regarding the Trustee Website Committee and Andy introduced Mike R., Trustee Website Administrator. In closing Andy gave a “State of G.A.” and explained that things were going well.

Twenty-nine absentee ballots were received as follows:

Area 2E	Cheryl R.	Area 13A	Tom N.	Area 18A	Yvonne R.
Area 2K	Allan G.	Area 14	Maury C.	Area 19	Dario B.
Area 3A	Carson J.	Area 14	Stuart B.	Area 19	Elena D.
Area 3C	Terry D.	Area 14	Thomas K.	Area 20	Jose C.
Area 6D	Richard G.	Area 16	Frank K.	Area 21	Angel B.
Area 8	Pamela E.	Area 18	Jeremy M.	Area 21	Juan B.
Area 8	Fred L.	Area 18	Daphne C.	Area 28	Martha G.
Area 8B	Linda J.	Area 18	Russell K.	Area 29	Konstantin U.
Area 9	Bernard Z.	Area 18	Alison M.	Area 33	Moises A.
Area 12	Frank M.	Area 18A	Mark C.		

B) Remembrance of our departed members – Marc L.

In Marc L.’s absence, John B., from Area 13 read a list of members who have passed away since the last Board of Trustees meeting held in Cancun, Mexico as follows:

Aldo R., Area 19	Francis E., Area 13B	Meaghan, Area 6
Monique D., Area 5B	Steve S., Area 15	Joe L., Area 6
Gabriel, Area 5B	Joe P., Area 13	Paul A., Area 6A
Isabelle, Area 5B	Tony R., Area 13	Bob M., Area 2G
Claude T., Area 5B	Lennie S., Area 9	Walt H., Area 17
Andre-Emile P., Area 5B	Jim P. III, Area 10	Ray S., Area 3D
Joe C. (Joe Trash), Area 13	John I., Area 2B	Vinnie C., Area 6B
Mike C., Area 16A	Eric P., Area 2	Mike B., Area 8
Jim S., Area 10A	Wayne O., Area 6	Bill M., Area 7
Jack M., Area 16	Dick D., Area 6	
George M., Area 16	Herman G., Area 6	

A moment of silence was observed in all of their memories.

C) Reading from “A Day at a Time Book”

Guy H., Trustee from Area 1 read the Reflection for the Day for October 14th to begin the first session of the day.

D) Reading of the “12 Steps of Unity”

Andy G., Trustee from Area 13B read the 12 Steps of Unity on October 14th to start the first session of the day.

E) Roll Call – Karen H. International Executive Secretary

Karen H. took roll and there are presently 105 votes to begin the first session; 76 physically present and 29 who submitted absentee ballots. 14 of the absentee ballots are from outside the U.S. and Canada.

F) Approval of Minutes from Cancun

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held in Cancun, Mexico were approved as submitted.

G) ISO / Lifeliner – Karen H.

Karen H. gave the report on Lifeliners handing out a chart showing 35 states and 2 countries along with the number of members (370) who contributed over the past year. The total for this year is \$83,169.02 which is over a \$6,000.00 decrease from last year’s total of \$89,339.99. Members from the floor were called upon to explain what a Lifeliner is, how it works and how easy it is to give either through the mail or by a members bank online “Bill Pay” system. Discussion was held, questions were answered and everyone was thanked for their continued support.

H) Report from the Board of Regents – Wendy B., BOR Chair

Wendy B. Chair of the Board of Regents gave the report on the International Service Office. Some of the things she talked about were the financial status of the I.S.O., this year’s Gratitude Week and the newly updated Combo Books that are now available for purchase with all changes having been made. She also responded to the request from the Board of Trustees to check into the feasibility of adding G.P.S. to meeting locations on our website. The Board of Regents discussed this and it was determined it would not be feasible or cost effective. In closing she stated the Office is running well and the staff morale is wonderful.

Several questions were also asked and answered during the above report.

I) Conference Reports – Conference Assistance Committee

1) Cancun – Spring’ 18 (Trustee Meeting Only)

Andy R. gave the report on the Cancun Trustees meeting. The final financial report follows:

Income

Contributions	
Cancun B.O.T. Mtg. Registrations	<u>2,370.00</u>
Total Contributions	2,370.00

Gross Profit 2,370.00

Expense

Cancun B.O.T. Meeting-Hotel Deposit	4,400.00
Cancun B.O.T. Meeting-Hotel Deposit (Returned)	* -3,626.00
Wire Transfer Fee	15.00
Refunds (Cancun)	<u>90.00</u>
Total Expense	879.00

Net Income 1,491.00

* \$774.00 FOR B.O.T. MTG. (AUDIO EQUIPMENT)

2) Orlando – Fall ‘18 (Trustee Meeting Only)

Andy R. gave the above report stating that 260 room nights have been sold and we have met our quota. The hotel has been great to work with. The cost for the Audio Visual equipment will be approximately \$800.00.

3) Louisville – Spring ‘19

Herb B. called on Wendy B., who is in charge of overseeing this Conference which will be May 31 - June 2, 2019 at The Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky. She stated that the conference meeting minutes have been received. Some issues with the bank account are being addressed and Gary B., Conference Chair stated that everything should be in order by next week. He talked about the Hotel having transportation to and from the airport and that they are ready to welcome everyone to Louisville.

4) Montreal – Fall ‘19

In Andre G.'s absence as Oversight Committee Chair, Herb B. called on Wendy B. to give the report Andre had prepared on the above Conference to take place October 18 – 20, 2019 at the Holiday Inn & Suites Pointe-Claire in Quebec, Canada. Wendy stated that the Committee was formed last September and most of the positions have been filled. The bank account has been opened and the minutes have been received. Herb, Conference Chair, let everyone know that they will need a passport and are looking forward to a great weekend.

J) Committee Reports

Committees with Pete K. as Co-Chair Liaison

Blue Book Committee:

Blue Book Revision Committee Report Fall 2018 Although the Blue Book Revision Committee had intended to submit the document for the Fall BOT meeting, the Committee decided that the document needed further work. It is our intention to submit the document for the Spring 2019 BOT meeting. The document is currently formatted and the content is acceptable. However, after testing with trusted beta readers who have worked as editors, there were a few areas that caused concern. Some were grammatical and punctuation issues; some comments caused the committee to decide to delve deeper into content that needed more explanation or development. The committee was faced with the options of a) Submitting the document as-is; b) Scheduling rigorous editing sessions in an effort to meet the self-imposed deadline or c) Continuing to meet twice monthly to address the issues that were raised in an orderly fashion. After careful consideration of these options and some lively discussion, it was decided that the committee would take the extra time to make sure the revised Blue Book would be the most complete and comprehensive document that we could manage. Members of the committee are willing to attend the Louisville Conference and to meet prior to the BOT meeting with any Trustees that have questions or comments. It is our intention to have the document available on the Trustee website well in advance of the BOT Spring meeting so that Trustees will have ample time for perusal. We suggest a meeting time on the Wednesday evening before the BOT meeting but are open to other suggestions. Over the last months, the Blue Book Revision Committee has continued to meet twice monthly to edit stories, create content and format the book. We are very happy with the

collaborative nature of the work and have spent untold hours in discussion and decision by consensus. This endeavor has been growthful for all of the committee members. We want to submit a complete, comprehensive Blue Book that will be useful for years to come. We appreciate the patience of the BOT as we have toiled away for the past six years and are excited to be able to submit a quality document. Respectfully, The Blue Book Revision Committee

Pete K. gave the above report which was submitted online.

Digital Media Committee:

No report was submitted.

Andy R. disbanded the Digital Media Committee since nothing has been done.

Electronic Voting Committee:

Electronic/Digital Voting Committee Report for September 2018 Committee Members: Harold A – Chair – Area 2, Hamid K – Area 1A, Beth Z – Area 2, Ian S – Area 6D, Roger L – Area 2, Frank L – Area 12, Gagik G – Area 1 Work completed at this time, potential next meeting and moving forward: As I did with the Public Relations Committee I want to work the 12 Steps of Recovery and apologize for not having things in order so we could make another and more explanatory demonstration of the Live Tally electronic voting system in Orlando.. By the time we were ready to have the equipment shipped to us and arrange for the necessary equipment at the hotel in Orlando I was told by BOT Chair Andy R it was too late and would be too expensive to arrange things with the hotel. This will not happen again as we will be prepared for the spring 2019 meeting in Louisville. Selected Vendor: <http://www.live-tally.com/> Respectfully submitted, Harold A. Area 2 Trustee Chair: Electronic/Digital Voting Committee.

Harold A. gave the above report which was submitted online.

Public Relations Committee – Standing Committee:

Public Relations Committee Report – September 2018 Committee Members: Harold A. – Chair, Padmini S., Pam B., Paul N., Steve W., Tom R. Work completed, potential next meeting and moving forward: As I did in a Public Relations Survey being sent out to the entire Board of Trustees and other Trusted Servants I want to work the 12 Steps of Recovery and apologize for having gotten plowed under for a variety of reasons the past three months, and not taking the action on Public Relations I promised our BOT Chair Andy R I would take by reaching out to the BOT and the Public Relations Committee to help plan a strategy for success for the committee. The Survey has been sent and everyone on the latest Confidential Trustee List has received it. I'm hoping to have some feedback and responses by the time we meet in Orlando As for the National Flyer revisions the committee voted on changing to a more inclusive picture, we are looking for funding and may put an agenda item on for the next meeting in Louisville. I hope to see some of the committee members in Florida and make personal amends for not being further along in this work. Respectfully submitted, Harold A. Area 2 Trustee Chair: Public Relations Committee

Harold A. gave the above report which was submitted online. If anyone has Public Relations experience please contact Harold A.

Prison Committee – Canada – Standing Committee:

PRISON MEETINGS IN CANADA Orlando Committee Report – 2018/10 Attached is the updated list of J.I.P. meetings in Canada. Since our last report in Cancun, there was only limited activity for our committee, mainly followup on existing prison and institutions

meetings. We were not made aware of any new prison meeting and ISO did not transfer to us any request for starting kits or for information. We need every trustee in Canada to contact the Committee and let us know of any G.A. activities in local prisons and institutions. Any Canadian member or trustee who wants to be of service on our committee is welcome. Jean-Marc L. Committee Chair Area 5B
Pete K. gave the above report which was submitted online.

Trustee Election Committee:

Pete K. stated that no report was submitted and Chair is not getting any help. Andy R. disbanded the above committee.

Committees with Mitch L. as Co-Chair Liaison

Intergroup Committee:

No report was submitted.

Mitch L. stated that there is an item on this agenda up for a 2nd vote.

This committee is now disband, as Item #7 passed a 2nd vote.

International Relations Committee – Standing Committee:

The International relations committee has been hard at work since Cancun helping the international community in many different aspects. For one we have been contacted by compulsive gamblers in many countries who do not have a meeting, or nothing in their town or city. These people have been provided hope and direction from our committee members. We have helped them to find a location and start a group. These countries are, but not limited to, Greece, Romania, Finland, Hungary, and Belgium. The following countries have contacted us but as of today we do not have these countries' meeting listed on ISO website. This may be because they have not turned in the proper forms, or simply have not started their meeting. We have provided them with direction, these countries are the Bahamas, Namibia, and Hong Kong (China). Other ways the IRC has been assisting members in countries around the world is by working the steps with them. Sponsorship, and answering all kinds of recovery related questions. Sometimes it is difficult to find a sponsor or someone to work steps with in countries that are new to GA. I would like to thank my committee for those who were involved in this. We have been contacted by Denmark a few times to update our ISO website with their meetings, I would like to thank Tommy S from Sweden who has a contact in Denmark for us to keep on top of this. We even have a member join the IRC committee from Hungary and happy to accept him. He is helping us with what is going on with the new meeting in Hungary and the ones from before in Budapest. The IRC is also happy to assist Argentina in presenting an agenda item requesting two extra trustees. We have worked together with Andy R to make sure all requirements have been met. I will be making the motion at the trustee meeting in Orlando to assist our brothers and sisters in Argentina. Our past chair of the IRC Martha G has been in contact and helping out with our newly elected trustees from Argentina, Uruguay, Spain and Columbia. Mexico only has one elected trustee (Martha) and they have lost five trustee positions but are considering asking for two or three additional trustee positions in the near future. In June, the fifth Hispano-American conference was held in Puerto Vallarta Mexico. Members were in attendance from Mexico, Argentina, Columbia, Canada and the US. For a total of 147 people in attendance. Looking forward to the next six months. Ara H Irc Chair

Ara H. gave the above report which was submitted online. The committee is open to new members. Contact Ara H. if you are interested.

Literature Committee – Standing Committee:

No report was submitted.

Chuck R. answered questions. Since Chuck is not a current Trustee, Nan V. from Area 13A stepped up as Co-Chair of this committee.

Pressure Relief Committee – Standing Committee:

September 24, 2018 Pressure Relief Report Hello everyone, a relatively quiet month but picking up this last week. When will the New Pressure Relief forms be ready? I have been helping PR relief and sponsor's how to greet new members about how PR works and what GA has to offer them around the country. Please feel free to give anyone needing information my email: Jricci1939@aol.com This month I have received 5 request about PR information. In Conn. my home state I am giving PR to 7 single and 5 family GA members so they will be able to give Pressure relieve to new members' See you all in Orlando in three weeks. John R.

John R. gave the above report which was submitted online. If anyone is interested in joining this committee, contact John R.

Prison Committee – US – Standing Committee:

No report was submitted. Andy R. introduced Craig F., Area 13B as the new Chair of the US Prison Committee. Contact Craig F. you are interested in helping out with this committee.

Spanish Literature Committee:

No report was submitted.

Video Meeting Format:

No report was submitted.

Andy R. disbanded this committee due to inactivity.

Committees with Andy R. as Co-Chair Liaison

Abuse and Harassment Booklet Trustee Meeting Committee Report

Purpose:To reintroduce the Abuse and Harassment booklet that was removed as GA approved literature, with changes that are necessary for approval.

Board of Trustees Chair Liaison: Andy R. **Chair of the Committee:** Gagik G. – Area 1 Use this email address to contact the Chair of this committee

committee.abuse@trusteewebsite.com The committee is NOT open to additional members. Committee members are listed below, as of 9/13/17 Beth Z – 2 Dom S. – 13B Jo K. – 8D Kathy S. – 10B Len K. – 1 Mary H. – 2H Nan V. – 13A Norm B. – 10A

During this period the Abuse and Harassment Booklet Committee has worked diligently to better understand the Abuse and Harassment Booklet and work on the necessary revisions. We have held numerous phone conferences and exchanged emails to make the process is moving forward. The booklet is currently under review by two attorneys to provide their legal opinion on this literature. Once we get the necessary feedback we will present the draft of new the booklet to the board during the Spring 2019 conference.

Gagik G. gave the above report which was submitted online.

Conference Oversight and Assistance Committee – Standing Committee:

CONFERENCE OVERSIGHT & ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE Purpose: 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. Board of Trustees Chair

Liaison: Andy R. Chair of the Committee: André G. Co-chair of the Committee: Norm B. – Area 10A Use this email address to contact the Chair of this committee committee.conference@trusteewebsite.com The committee is not open to additional members. Committee members are listed below, as of December 4th, 2017 Name Area
André G. 5B Bill A. 7A Herb B. 5 Kathy S. 7 Norm B. 10A Wendy B. 1B COMMITTEE
REPORT – ORLANDO, FALL 2018 Since our last Committee report for the Cancun trustee meeting last October, our committee has been active through telephone conference call, exchange of emails and phone calls or meeting between members. Since this committee has been formed, in October 2011, we have developed procedures to respect in order to obtain an International Conference and to follow up on said International Conferences. In order to fulfill our mission statement, we also developed several tools to provide assistance after a conference has been awarded. Among those, there is an accounting template, the Past conferences database, a Quick check list for a successful conference, a generic Registration form and, most importantly, a complete makeover of the Hosting an International Conference pamphlet. This makeover was long overdue and now includes the work of the original Conference Review committee, which work was approved as appropriate literature and published on the trustee website. The new version of the brochure should soon be available on the ISO website store. For the time being, no other project has been started and we welcome all suggestions on what the committee should look at next. We are first and foremost a standing committee and we continue our basic work as written in our Mission statement above. The Committee has received documentation from an area which will request permission from this Board and at this trustee meeting to host an International conference in the fall of 2020. We are still following up with the local organising committees of the International Conferences to be held in 2019 in Louisville in the spring and in Montreal in the fall. We are receiving documentation on a timely basis, thus respecting the procedures in place. We have updated the “Past Conferences database” on the trustee website with the information received from the coming Louisville and Montreal conferences. However, for one reason or the other, the update has not yet been processed by the trustee website committee. Finally, at least 3 members of our committee are attending the Orlando trustee meeting. If you have any question or suggestion, please feel free to talk to one of them. André G. Committee chair, Area 5B
Herb B. gave the above report which was submitted online.

Group Handbook Revision Committee:

No report was submitted. Jack R. answered questions.

Hotline Implementation Committee:October 2018 Hotline Committee Report THREE

IMPORTANT ITEMS: • PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN YOUR AREA HAS THE RING CENTRAL PASSWORD AND SECURITY QUESTION. • PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR AREA MEETING LISTING ON THE ISO WEBSITE IS UP TO DATE • PLEASE REMIND YOUR VOLUNTEERS TO NOT SPEND TOO LONG ON THE RING CENTRAL SYSTEM. SOME CALLS ARE LASTING OVER AN HOUR. Committee Members: Paul S. (Area 17), Brad B. (Area 14), Chuck R. (Area 15), Linda S. (Area 7C), Jim G. (Area 7C). Current Areas on the Ring Central System: (currently 39) • Area 1 – Los Angeles • Area 1A – Orange County, California • Area 1B –Inland Empire (split from Area 1) • Area 2 – Northern California • Area 2A – Vancouver, Alaska • Area 2B – Greater Sacramento • Area 2E – Manitoba • Area 2G – Oregon • Area 2H – Washington • Area 2K – Calgary • Area 3 – Southern Nevada • Area 3A – San Diego • Area 3B – Colorado • Area 4 – Ontario • Area 6 – South Florida • Area 6A – Central and Northern Florida • Area 6B – West Coast

Florida • Area 6C – NC and SC • Area 7 – Mississippi, New Orleans, Baton Rouge • Area 7C – Oklahoma City, OK • Area 8 – Chicago, IL • Area 8A – Minnesota • Area 8B – Kansas, Missouri • Area 8C – Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota • Area 8D – Missouri, Illinois • Area 9 – Michigan, Northwest Ohio • Area 10 – Ohio • Area 10A – Western Pennsylvania • Area 10B – Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Lexington, Louisville • Area 11 – New England • Area 12 – New Jersey • Area 13 – Delaware Valley • Area 13A – Maryland, DC • Area 13B – South New Jersey • Area 14 – Long Island, NY • Area 15 – New York • Area 16 – Rochester & Syracuse, New York • Area 16A – New York • Area 17 – Connecticut and Western Massachusetts Page 2 of 3 Please Note: If your area is not on the national hotline and your current system sends all callers to a single number (volunteer or answering machine), the national system could forward calls from your area to your local number. Please contact the committee if you would like more information. Status The committee has been inactive during the past six months. The current chairperson will be stepping down in 2019, but will stay on the committee to help with technical issues. Please ask you members if they are willing to help this vital committee. Please inform the committee via the Trustee website if you have any new area codes added in your region. Ring Central is periodically “improving” the system interface and recent changes require unique email addresses for each area code. We have used one email for the ease of administration. The committee will work with Ring Central to see if we can remove this feature. Our committee has lost several members and we could still use one or two members familiar with setting up the Ring Central account features to help areas that have questions.

Message from current chairperson I wish to make amends to the fellowship due to my lack of activity on this committee over the last 6 months. I can provide several events in my life that would attempt to justify my behavior, but none of them relieve me of my responsibility to help the next person reaching out to GA for help. I realize that I need to pass the chair of this committee to another enthusiastic member of GA and trust that they will do a good job. I will remain a part of the committee for several more years to handle technical issues, but I need to honor the spirit of rotation. I will support the new chair with the activities below to strengthen this important tool for our fellowship. Future committee actions: • Create Users Guide for the System Administrator. • Document the system set up on Ring Central for back up purposes. • Work with Public Relations Committee to get the new number out to the public. • Create a charter for the committee to better document system management Committee still looking for people who are experienced with Ring Central set up to help with background work. NOTE: If your area is having any issues with the system or Ring Central, please let me know before I give my report at the Trustee Meeting. I will need a little time to research your issue, so I can better answer your questions. Respectfully Submitted, Paul S. Hotline Implementation Committee Chair Area 17 Past Trustee

Paul S. gave the above report which was submitted online. Jim G., Area 7C stepped up as Co-Chair of the committee along with new committee members Ron B., Area 6B and Jo K., Area 8D.

Pressure Relief Review Committee:

Pressure Relief Review Committee Report – The Committee reviewed all notes received by the attorney hired by the B.O.R. for the Pressure Relief Manual. We incorporated all suggested changes and have submitted agenda item 38, a new Pressure relief manual. The purpose of this piece of literature is to guide members through the pressure relief process. There are many areas that do little or no Pressure Relief meetings and this manual was written to help them with giving Pressure relief meetings to members who

are in need.

Alan J. gave the above report which was submitted online.

Telephone Conference Call Committee – Standing Committee:

Telephone Conference Call Committee Report Fall 2018 BOT Meeting The single Telephone Conference Call Committee Meeting continues to convene on Wednesday evenings from 9:00-10:30 Eastern Time. The call is facilitated by members of the Committee. The phone number for the call is 712.770.4160. The access code for participants is 611704. The call usually sees about 40-70 unique callers per week. After general announcements and reading from GA literature, a topic is introduced by the moderator. Meeting participants can share about the topic, the reading from “A Day at a Time” or anything that is concerning them, as long as it is related to gambling. All callers who call from an identifiable phone number are encouraged to share. The meeting is a comment meeting; those who give comments must have 90 days or more of clean time. Up to 3 people may comment per person sharing. There are usually about 15 attendees who share per meeting and typically 5 to 10 attendees offer comments. Those who have never attended any GA meeting are asked the 20 Questions and encouraged to share with the group. A newcomer is allowed 5 comments. This happens about midway through the meeting, in order for the newcomer to listen to members and to get a feel for the meeting and the GA program. If there are more than 2 newcomers, a second room is opened to ask the newcomers the 20 Questions and to give them the time and attention that is essential to anyone entering the program. The second room is opened after a few members have given therapy in order for the newcomers to hear what happens at the meeting and what the program is about. Members with clean time are encouraged to move to this second room to share their own experience, strength and hope with the newcomers. Attendees are strongly encouraged to attend physical GA meetings. It is stated that the Telephone Conference Call meeting is not intended to be a substitute for physical meetings. Of the callers, about 50% of those attending are women. About a quarter of callers have less than 90 days of clean time. The locations of most callers cover the US and Canada, with occasional calls from other countries. More than half of the callers are considered “regular” attendees, many of whom have been attending the meeting for 3 years or more. Those who call from an unidentified or “anonymous” phone number are not permitted to share nor to offer comments. Recent changes in the conference call platform have made it easier to keep these anonymous callers out of the queue to speak. At every meeting, we state in the announcements that members who feel they are being harassed should contact the meeting administrators. In July, the committee was contacted by attendees of the meeting who reported harassment from another attendee, in the form of an avalanche of text messages, phone calls and use of social media to denigrate these members and their recovery. Meeting administrators met to decide how to address this. Decisive action was taken by several committee members to deal with the credible issues that were raised. The member who had been harassing others was contacted and stated that they would no longer attend the meeting. The following was read at the next several meetings after the opening announcements: “The Wednesday Night Telephone Conference Call Committee administrators want to let all attendees know that this meeting is a safe place where harassment will not be tolerated. We encourage everyone to notify us if there is a problem of this nature occurring so that it can be addressed by the committee. Gamblers Anonymous works because it is a place where compulsive gamblers can feel free to share their experiences with each other openly and honestly. Our Unity Steps tell us that “Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon group unity”. The admins of this meeting take these steps very seriously and will always put the welfare of this meeting in the forefront

of any conflicts or issues that arise.” The Telephone Conference Call Committee would greatly benefit from Trustees spreading the word about the call. It is rather shocking that many of the callers report being referred to the call by professionals. Several newer attendees report that they have only recently heard about the Telephone Conference Call from GA members in their area. We request that the BOT members share information about the call with their fellowships. If you would like more information, please email us at wednesdaynighthelp@gmail.com Additionally, if BOT members would like to refer GA members with 2 years or more of clean time to serve as moderators, we would be happy to train them and welcome them to the committee. There are currently 6 trained moderators who take turns chairing the meeting and running the web-based platform. The Telephone Conference Call Committee is willing and eager to assist GA members who are interested in starting and maintaining additional Conference Call Meetings. Many of those who call have asked about additional meetings; the need for more meetings on other mornings, afternoons or evenings is great. The nature of the online platform and the demands of running a meeting require that 5 GA members commit to running a meeting. Another Telephone Conference Call meeting would certainly serve many current and potential GA members who, for whatever reason, have difficulty in attending regular physical meetings or who could benefit from additional meetings to strengthen their recovery. Submitted by the Telephone Conference Call Committee
David M. gave the above report which was submitted online.

Trustee Removal Merit Panel – Standing Committee:

No report was submitted and Andy R. stated that this is exactly the way it should be; as we really don't want this committee activated.

Trustee Website Committee – Standing Committee:

TRUSTEE WEBSITE COMMITTEE This committee has not been as active as it should be. This falls solely on the chair of the committee. There have been some communications between committee members and there are plans for the future. **SHORT TERM GOALS:** 1) Establish permissions on the Trustee Website so that different committee members can access and update different parts of the site as needed, spreading out responsibility and duties. 2) Implement a mailing list for various functions, such as automatic reminders of deadlines a week before, Trustee line entries, and agenda submission notifications. **LONG TERM GOALS:** 1) Review the current local area website guidelines and propose possible amendments. 2) Once finalized, send the updated guidelines to all areas, especially those with websites, and perform a review of those sites to assist in compliance. 3) Discuss ways to incorporate a basic website layout for local areas to use, if they wish, that could become a “one-click” install setup after the area establishes web space. We have an excellent committee that is very willing to work. Mike R. Trustee Website Chair

Mike R. gave the above report which was submitted online.

The Committee Reports concluded at 2:46 P.M.

Rules and Procedures

David M. – Area 12

1. Rules and Procedures

Section 10 – Discussions – New item

Show of hands

A show of hands will be allowed during any discussion, for the purpose of helping the person who has the floor to add additional foundation to the discussion. A show of hands will not be counted, is not considered a straw vote, will not be memorialized in any minutes and will not be an official position of the Board of Trustees.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

Ronny W. – Area 17

2. Rules and Procedures

Rules and Procedures – Combo Book Section

Current Version: Combo Book Agenda Items can only be submitted in the Fall of Odd Years.

Proposed Version: Combo Book Agenda Items may be submitted at any time.

Motion that Combo Book changes can be accepted at anytime.

Approved 55 Against 48

Passed

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

Mike R. – Area 6A

3. Rules and Procedures

Section 18 – Literature – Combo Book Section

Current Version: First votes on Combo Book changes will only be accepted on the Agenda during the Fall Trustee meeting of the odd years.

Proposed Version: First votes on Combo Book changes will only be accepted on the Agenda for the Fall Trustees meeting.

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

Tabled In Cancun

Butch G. – Area 3A

4. Recovery Step Change: Replace entire Step

Current Version: Having made an effort to practice these principles in all our affairs, we tried to carry this message to other compulsive gamblers.

Proposed Version: Having a life changing experience as a result of working these steps, we carried the message of hope to the compulsive gambler who still suffers.

Motion pending.

Approved 9 Against 77

Failed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

Steve F. – Area 1

5. Discussion Item – committee related

Discuss ways to improve GA telephone conference call meeting.

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

Items Up For A Second Vote

Literature Changes

Herb B. – Area 5

**6. Hosting An International Conference – Page 6, 3rd paragraph, 2nd sentence
Change percentage split in profits.**

Current version: In the event of a profit during the Spring Conferences the profit will be divided with 65% going to GA ISO and 35% going to Gam Anon. In the event of a profit during the Fall Conferences, the profit will be divided with 80% going to GA ISO and 20% going to Gam Anon.

Proposed Version: Page 15, under paying the Bills, 3rd paragraph, 2nd sentence and Page 22, number 4, change percentage split in profits as follows; In the event of a profit during the Spring Conferences, the profit will be divided with 50% going to G.A.I.S.O., 30% going to Gam-Anon and 20% going to the Hosting Area. In the event of a profit during the Fall Conferences, the profit will be divided with 60% going to G.A.I.S.O., 20% going to Gam-Anon, and 20% going to the Hosting Area.

Passed 1st vote in Cancun

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

Jo K. – Area 8D

7. New Literature

New Literature – First Vote – From Committee

Board of Trustees Intergroup Handbook Committee

**To approve a new piece of literature – Gamblers Anonymous Intergroup Handbook
Attachment #7**

Passed 1st vote in Cancun

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

Alan J. – Area 15

8. Literature Change

From the Pressure Relief Review Committee:

Replace the Gamblers Anonymous Pressure Relief Group Meeting Flyer.

Attachment #8

Passed 1st vote in Cancun

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

Alan J. – Area 15

9. Literature Change

From the Pressure Relief Review Committee:

Replace the Gamblers Anonymous Pressure Relief Group Meeting Pamphlet with the

**Gamblers Anonymous Pressure Relief Workbook.
Attachment #9**

Passed 1st vote in Cancun

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

By-Laws

Jack R. for John C. – Area 1A

10. By-Laws – Article III – Section 6 – Directors

Add “...under special circumstances...”

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

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

Passed 1st vote in Cancun

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

Jack R. for John C. – Area 1A

11. By-Laws – Article III – Section 7 – Directors

Add “...under special circumstances...”

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

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

Passed 1st vote in Cancun

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

Mike R. – Area 6A for Andy R. – Area 13B

12. By-Laws – Article VI – Voting – Section 2 – 1st Sentence

Replace the word conference with Board of Trustees Meeting

Current version: The Board of Regents of this Corporation shall be elected every two (2) years by the Board of Trustees at the Spring Conference. The term of office shall be for a period of two (2) years commencing July 1 of the odd years and ending June 30 of the next odd year.

Proposed version: The Board of Regents of this Corporation shall be elected every two (2) years by the Board of Trustees at the Spring Board of Trustees Meeting. The term of office shall be for a period of two (2) years commencing July 1 of the odd years and ending June 30 of the next odd year.

Passed 1st vote in Cancun

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

Mike R. – Area 6A for Andy R. – Area 13B

13. By-Laws – Article VI – Voting – Section 6 – 1st Section

Replace the word Conference with Board of Trustees Meeting

Current version: Sealed ballots will remain unopened in the “BALLOT” envelope, and will be handed to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees during the first session of the Trustee meeting of the Spring Conference.

Proposed version: Sealed ballots will remain unopened in the “BALLOT” envelope, and will be handed to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees during the first session of the Trustee meeting of the Spring Board of Trustees Meeting.

Passed 1st vote in Cancun

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

Guidance Code

David M. – Area 12

14. Guidance Code, Article VII, Section 3

Split Secretary and Treasurer

Modify election period and start date. Add rotation and note about treasurer. Plus additional wording additions, modifications, and deletions.

Current Version: Each group is self-governing however, by tradition each group should elect a SECRETARY-TREASURER (can be the same person), PRESSURE RELIEF GROUP CHAIRMAN, GROUP REPRESENTATIVE, PUBLIC RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE, who will assume the workload necessary to keep the group together and in operation. Their term of service will be decided by each individual group. However, inasmuch as the International Service Office (I.S.O.) Fiscal operating year is July 1st through June 30th, it is suggested that group trusted servants (group representatives excepted) be elected for a six (6) month period with their term of service starting on January 1st and July 1st. It is further suggested that no secretary, treasurer, group representative, pressure relief group chairman, or public relations representative be elected that has not abstained from gambling for at least six (6) months, unless it is a brand new group. This suggestion is based upon experience.

Proposed Version: Each group is self-governing; however, by tradition, each group should elect a SECRETARY, TREASURER (can be the same person, only if a new room), PRESSURE RELIEF GROUP CHAIRMAN, GROUP REPRESENTATIVE(S), PUBLIC

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

Passed 1st vote in Cancun: 64 Yes | 17 No

Approved 67 Against 20

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

Mike R. – Area 6A for Andy R. – Area 13B

15. Guidance Code – Article VIII – Board of Trustees – Section 23 – 1st sentence

Replace the word Conference with Board of Trustees Meeting

Current version: The Board of Trustees shall elect the members of the Board of Regents at the Spring Conference of the odd years. The term of office shall be for a period of two (2) years commencing July 1 and ending June 30 of the next odd year. The Trustees should seek the guidance of the meetings in their area prior to the election.

Proposed version: The Board of Trustees shall elect the members of the Board of Regents at the Spring Board of Trustees Meeting of the odd years. The term of office shall be for a period of two (2) years commencing July 1 and ending June 30 of the next odd year. The Trustees should seek the guidance of the meetings in their area prior to the election.

Passed 1st vote in Cancun: 83 Yes | 1 No

Approved 92 Against 0

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

David M. – Area 12

16. Guidance Code, Article IX, New Section 2. (renumber remaining current sections)

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.

Passed 1st vote in Cancun: 82 Yes | 2 No

Approved 91 Against 1

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

Mike R. – Area 6A for Andy R. – Area 13B

17. Guidance Code – Article XIII – Board of Regents – Section 1 – 2nd sentence

Replace the word Conference with Board of Trustees Meeting

Current version: This Board shall be elected at the Spring Conference of the odd years.

(Every 2 years).

Proposed version: This Board shall be elected at the Spring Board of Trustees Meeting of the odd years. (Every 2 years).

Approved 94 Against 0

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

Mike R. – Area 6A for Andy R. – Area 13B

**18. Guidance Code – Article XIII – Board of Regents – Section 10 – 4th paragraph – 1st
Replace the word Conference with Board of Trustees Meeting**

Current version: Sealed ballots will remain unopened in the “BALLOT” envelope, and will be handed to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees during the first session of the Trustee meeting of the Spring Conference each odd year. Absentee ballots will be sent to the International Service Office (I.S.O.) and must be received in the envelope marked “BALLOT” no later than seven (7) days prior to the start of the Spring Trustees meeting. All ballots will be counted by three (3) former Trustees or former Regents prior to the end of the meeting. Any member who is a candidate shall be excluded from the ballot counting. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees will determine who will count the ballots.

Proposed version: Sealed ballots will remain unopened in the “BALLOT” envelope, and will be handed to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees during the first session of the Trustee meeting of the Spring Board of Trustees meeting each odd year. Absentee ballots will be sent to the International Service Office (I.S.O.) and must be received in the envelope marked “BALLOT” no later than seven (7) days prior to the start of the Spring Trustees meeting. All ballots will be counted by three (3) former Trustees or former Regents prior to the end of the meeting. Any member who is a candidate shall be excluded from the ballot counting. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees will determine who will count the ballots.

Passed 1st vote in Cancun: 78 Yes | 1 No

Approved 95 Against 1

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

Mike R. – Area 6A

19. Guidance Code – Article XVII – Area Location of Trustees – Section 2A

Change the 1st sentence to include increase in number of Trustees allocated.

Current Version: To request a new geographical area, or a geographical realignment of an existing area, the following information must be received by the Chair of the Board of Trustees. This information must be received prior to the closing of the agenda in which the area wishes to be recognized.

Proposed Version: To request a new geographical area, a geographical realignment of an existing area, or to increase the allocation of Trustees to an area, the following information must be received by the Chair of the Board of Trustees. This information must be received prior to the closing of the agenda in which the area wishes to be recognized.

Passed 1st vote in Cancun: 80 Yes | 3 No

Approved 92 Against 4

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

Mike R. – Area 6A

20. Guidance Code – Article XVII – Area Location of Trustees – Section 2B

Create a section 2B

Current Version: None

Proposed Version: To request a reduction in the number of Trustees allocated to an area, the following information must be received by the Chair of the Board of Trustees. This information must be received prior to the closing of the agenda.

1. The submitter and/or presenter of the agenda item asking for a proposed reduction in the number of Trustees allocated to an area must have written documentation stating they are authorized to make the request for the area. Said documentation should include a letter from the local area Intergroups involved (if any).

2. A submitted agenda item with the reason for the reduction.

Passed 1st vote in Cancun: 71 Yes | 6 No

Approved 90 Against 5

Passed

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

Conference Bids

21. The Spring 2020 Conference is open for bids.

No bids were submitted for this conference in Cancun.

No bid was presented therefore this item will be on the Louisville agenda and will be open to any Area wanting to present a bid.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

22. The Fall 2020 Conference is open for bids.

A motion was made to accept the bid for the New York Intergroup to host the above Conference to be held October 16, 2020 – October 18, 2020 at Honors Haven Resort in Ellenville, New York.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

Step Changes

Richie S. – Area 6

23. Unity Step

Unity Step 5 – Add the words “of hope” after its message

Current version: 5. Gamblers Anonymous has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the compulsive gambler who still suffers.

Proposed version: 5. Gamblers Anonymous has but one primary purpose – to carry its message of hope to the compulsive gambler who still suffers.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 33 Against 47

Failed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

Discussion Item

Francesco E. – Area 25

24. Discussion Item

I ask a vote to the assemble of the Trustees for validity of the attached item and others alike, That is about the agreement of the collaboration between Gamblers Anonymous and Emilia Romagna region, to establish if this agreement and others alike are against the steps of the unity and the guide lines.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

Guidance Code

Glenn N. for David C. – Area 2A

25. Guidance Code Article VII, Groups, Section 1

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

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

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

Steve T. for Robert G. – Area 2A

26. Guidance Code Article VII – Section IV

Add the word “physical” after (39).

Current Version: Abstinence from gambling and regular attendance of at least thirty-nine (39) Gamblers Anonymous meetings (exceptions can be made, via group conscience decisions, for medical reasons, and military stationed overseas) in the prior 12 months, by the member’s own admission, is required for pinnings and for all successive anniversaries. Date of abstinence starts from your first meeting after your last bet.

Proposed Version: Abstinence from gambling and regular attendance of at least thirty-nine (39) physical Gamblers Anonymous meetings (exceptions can be made, via group conscience decisions, for medical reasons, and military stationed overseas) in the prior 12 months, by the member’s own admission, is required for pinnings and for all successive anniversaries. Date of abstinence starts from your first meeting after your last bet.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 21 Against 72

Failed

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

David M. – Area 12

27. Guidance Code

Amendments defeated do not fall under 2-year rule.

Article VIII, Section 22

Insert after the word motion...in its final form

Current version: With the exception of items coming from a Board of Trustees committee, upon the defeat of a motion, 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 a Board of Trustees 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.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 87 Against 6

Passed

1st Vote

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

Alan J. – Area 15

28. GUIDANCE CODE – ARTICLE X – SECTION 2

Current Version: All groups in a geographical area should belong to the Intergroup, but no group can be expelled from an Intergroup without approval of the Board of Trustees.

Proposed version: All groups must belong to the intergroup within the closest geographical area they are located, but no group can be expelled from an intergroup without approval of the Board of Trustees.

Discussion only.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

Anita R. for Karen H. – Area 12

Guidance Code

29. Discussion Item

Discuss the feasibility of changing the Guidance Code to no longer printing the Guidance Code by the International Service Office every two years and make a live document free to all, which will be available on the Trustee Website and maintained by the Trustee Website Committee.

Re-write the Guidance Code, Article XX, Section 5

Current version: The Guidance Code shall be reprinted, at least every other year, if any change has been made. Copies shall be sent to all Gamblers Anonymous groups, each member of the Board of Trustees and each member of the Board of Regents.

Proposed version: Approximately 60 days after each Board of Trustees meeting, the International Executive Secretary or a person designated by the I.E.S., will provide the Trustee Website Committee chair with all revisions to the Guidance Code. Such revised copies, will be posted to the Trustee Website. These copies will be deemed Gamblers Anonymous approved literature and may be downloaded and distributed to all interested parties.

Motion to accept above.

Approved 68 Against 3

Passed

1st Vote

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

Literature

David M. – Area 12

30. Literature Change

The Gamblers Anonymous Step Meeting Handbook

Delete 2 sections:

Page 2-3, One Group's Experience

Page 5-6, Once Group's History

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

Lenny S. – Area 3D

31. Group Handbook – Page 11

Add Gamblers Anonymous – Gam-Anon Combined Meeting and its description (description below in proposed version is copied from the “A New Beginning” ISO book 5th Edition, March 2007)

Current Version: Page 11 under heading Open Meetings, Closed Meetings and Modified Closed Meetings

Proposed Version: Change heading to read, “Open Meetings, Closed Meetings, Modified Closed Meetings and Combined Meetings”

Current Version: No description exists for combined meetings.

Proposed Version: Add the following to the end of the first paragraph.

A Gamblers Anonymous – Gam-Anon combined meeting, unlike an open meeting but similar, where the Gamblers Anonymous group and the Gam-Anon group join for the purpose of increased understanding between Fellowships. There are two chairpersons – one from Gamblers Anonymous, one from Gam-Anon. Excerpts from Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon literature are read; first one, then the other. The meeting itself is held under the exact conditions as if they were being held separately. There are many variables as far as speakers are concerned. The presiding chairperson can alternate speakers, one for Gamblers Anonymous, one for Gam-Anon or two Gamblers Anonymous speakers in a row, and then two Gam-Anon speakers in a row, or if agreed upon in advance, one-half of the meeting for Gamblers Anonymous and the other half of the meeting for Gam-Anon. The main purpose of the meeting is the same as any other Gamblers Anonymous or Gam-Anon meeting, but by holding them together, the individual Gamblers Anonymous or Gam-Anon members have the opportunity to learn and understand more about the respective programs.

Motion to accept above.

Motion to table.

Passed

Motion is pending.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

David M. – Area 12

32. Literature Change

Remove ‘1st 40 years’ as approved and/or appropriate literature.

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

Glenn N. for David C. – Area 2A

33. Literature Change

Gamblers Anonymous Information Packet – “DO I NEED A SPONSOR?” section of the Letter to the New Gamblers Anonymous Member:

Add the words, “It is advisable, whenever possible, that the sponsor and the sponsored be the same gender.”

Current Version: First, you do the selecting of a sponsor based on several important points: You may be concerned about age, type of gambling he or she did, how much clean time he or she has, and perhaps most important, that you can communicate with them.

Proposed Version: First, you do the selecting of a sponsor based on several important points: You may be concerned about age, type of gambling he or she did, how much clean time he or she has, and perhaps most important, that you can communicate with them. It is advisable, whenever possible, that the sponsor and the sponsored be the same gender.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

Stacey A. for William C. – Area 11

34. Gamblers Anonymous Working the Steps Pamphlet – page 11, step 11, paragraph 2 , sentence 2

Change: visual to vital

Current version: then most felt unworthy, ashamed and cut off from the visual contact.

Proposed version: then most felt unworthy, ashamed and cut off from the vital contact.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

New Literature

Ira C. – Area 14

35. New Literature

Deem that Memorial Plaques can be displayed at a Gamblers Anonymous meeting as appropriate literature.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

Ira C. – Area 14

36. New Literature

Allow a member to read a card or letter from a loved one during their therapy as appropriate literature.

Motion to accept above.

Failed

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

Bob F. – Area 6

37. New Literature

To accept as appropriate literature silicone bracelet saying One Day At A Time.

Attachment #37

Motion to accept above.

A point of order was raised that this item was out of order. Chair ruled the item in order and was then challenged. The vote on the challenge fails, therefore the Chair is in order and so is the motion.

On the motion.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

Alan J. – Area 15

38. New Literature

New Literature-Pressure Relief Manual

Attachment #38

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

Committee Related

David M. – Area 12

39. Committee Related

Literature Committee

Change mission statement

Current:

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

Proposed:

1) – Encourage the creation of new Gamblers Anonymous literature, as needed, and to revise, edit and/or update existing Gamblers Anonymous literature.

2) – Update and maintain a listing for each publication of Gamblers Anonymous of changes that have been approved by the Board of Trustees, but not been incorporated into existing printed literature, because current supply numbers at the International Service Office do not warrant reprinting.

3) – Post this listing on the Trustee website for reference.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

Jack R. – Area 1A

40. Discussion Item

Would it serve the fellowship to form a committee specifically tasked with formally defining the relationship between Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon, including whether or not there should be changes in the guidance code and other approved GA literature?

Discussion only.

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

Bob C. and Ben S. – Area 3A

41. Committee Related

Recommend creating a committee to incorporate the DSM-5 Criteria for Gambling Disorder into our GA approved literature. This would include reviewing the latest research on pathological gambling.

Motion to accept above.

Motion ruled out of order.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

David M. – Area 12

42. Discussion Item

Form a committee to more clearly define all the areas of Gamblers Anonymous on a global level.

Andy R. formed a committee to more clearly define all the areas of Gamblers Anonymous on a global level. Committee members are Beth S., Area 10, Allen H., Area 8 and Ara H., Area 1.

David M., Area 12 will Chair this committee.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

David M. – Area 12

43. Discussion Item

Form a committee to define areas of the Fellowship by counties or provinces.

Andy R. formed a committee to define areas of the Fellowship by counties or provinces.

Committee members are Janet S., Area 9, Ernie N., Area 8A, Deni L., Area 8C, Scott S., Area 13, John B., Area 13, Marla J., Area 13 and Rob P., Area 3. David M. will Chair this committee.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

Area Requesting Additional Trustees

Elena D. – Area 19

44. Trustee Allocation

Area 19 – Argentina requests from the Gamblers Anonymous Board of Trustees the approval of 2 (two) additional Trustee positions.

Attachment #44

Motion to accept above.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

Board of Trustee Issues

Ernie N. – Area 8A

45. Discussion Item

Should The BOT Meet less Frequently?

Discussion only.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

Beth Z. – Area 2

46. Discussion Item

When a Trustee becomes aware of a room that has a disruptive member and the trusted servants of the room aren't willing or able to confront this person what are the Trustee responsibilities? By disruptive person, I don't mean someone who does something against the guidance code but someone who hijacks the meeting by talking too long, cross-talking or sharing about non-recovery issues. It is a gray area and as a Trustee are we required to step in for the health of the fellowship, even if it isn't our regular meeting? If so, I am looking for recommendations or examples from other areas.

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

Beth Z. – Area 2

47. Discussion Item

What should a Trustee do when a room in their Area hoards too much money? In some cases the trusted servants don't rotate and the amount of money in the treasury is too much. They don't donate to Intergroup or ISO. Do other areas have this issue and what have they done with or without success?

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

Freddy S. – Area 12

48. Discussion Item

It was brought to my attention by a member at one of our meetings telling me that our South Jersey intergroup meeting, Peter K., First co-chair of the Board of Trustees, had resigned as Trustee because at recent International Board of Trustees conference, it was voted that Executive Board members could not be Trustees, anymore, at the same time of being the Three top positions in the Board of Trustees.

I have gotten a different explanation by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. So I'm bringing this issue because I don't know how can an ex-Trustee be nominated, be re-elected and be in his or her duties not being a present Trustee.

No discussion.

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

Jack R. – Area 1

49. BOT Resolution

Rescind the following resolution (Item Number 8) that was passed at the 1992 Montreal Trustee Meeting:

Resolved:

- Whereas: Gamblers Anonymous Open Meetings commonly include Gam-Anon members;
- Whereas: Gamblers Anonymous Intergroup meetings commonly reserve a portion of time in which Gam-Anon members are invited to discuss matters of interest to both groups
- Whereas: Gamblers Anonymous Step Meetings are often Open Meetings in which Gam-Anon members are welcome to attend and participate
- Whereas: Gamblers Anonymous social functions and Conferences are commonly co-hosted with Gam-Anon members;
- Whereas: Gamblers Anonymous Hot Lines commonly serve both G.A. and Gam-Anon, with each group sharing the financial burden;

- **Whereas: Gamblers Anonymous has a responsibility to make new members aware of the existence of Gam-Anon and does so through our literature;**
- **Therefore: The Board of Trustees of Gamblers Anonymous does not perceive any of the above to violate any Step of the Gamblers Anonymous Unity Program.**

Motion to accept above.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 1st Co-Chair.

Ira C. – Area 14

50. Discussion Item

Allow a member to read their own therapy from a prepared writing.

Motion to accept above.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

Glenn N. for Dave C. – Area 2A

51. Discussion Item

Is it appropriate that GA Hotline trusted servants provide callers with information concerning outside government-run gambling helplines whose counselors encourage harm reduction and enrollment in self-exclusion programs? Does doing so violate Unity Steps 6 and 10?

Discussion only.

The above item was chaired by Mitch L., 2nd Co-Chair.

Beth Z. – Area 2

52. Discussion Item

Is there value in social events (those outside of meeting times that are run by Intergroup or a social chair)? Are they strictly to benefit a sense of fellowship or should they be used to raise money for ISO/Intergroup/Trustee funds? What are some successful events that have worked in other areas?

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

Bob C. – Area 3A

53. Discussion Item

Is entering a lottery to obtain permit for National Park or State Park camping/hiking considered gambling?

Discussion only.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

Steve C. for Dan A. – Area 6

54. Discussion Item

The same way there are meetings labeled women's preferred, or any other "preferred" meetings, how about under 30 preferred?

Discussion only.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

Items Omitted From the Agenda

55. Items omitted from the Agenda

Past Trustee Decisions.

Motion to repost Past Trustee Decisions in a password protected format, to have Trustees study and have discussion in Louisville.

Failed

Motion was made to delete the Past Trustee Decisions from the current website and mention of in all corresponding literature.

Passed

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at 11:29 P.M. on Sunday, October 14, 2018. The collection for the three (3) sessions was \$563.00.

The next physical meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. in Louisville, Kentucky.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen H.

Karen H.,
International Executive Secretary

ROLL CALL

AREA		SESSIONS
1	Ara H.	3
	Gagik G.	3
	Guy H.	3
1A	Dean W.	Absent
	Jack R.	3
1B	Anita R.	3
	Laura M.	3
2	Beth Z.	3
	Harold A.	3
	Mark S.	3
	Roger L.	3
2A	Glenn N.	3
2B	Clair W.	3
	Joyce M.	3
2C	Debbie W.	Absent
2E	Cheryl R.	Abst.*
2G	Connie M.	3
	Kevin M.	3

AREA		SESSIONS
8D	Jo K.	3
9	Bernard Z.	Abst.*
	Janet S.	3
9A	Pat D.	3
10	Beth S.	3
	Greg H.	Absent
10A	Norm B.	3
	Tom L.	3
10B	Gary B.	3
	Steve B.	3
11	Jeff H.	3
	John L.	3
	Stacey A.	3
12	David M.	3
	Frank M.	Abst.*
	John F.	3
	Ted S.	3
	Walter G.	3

2H	Lori C.	3	13	John B.	3
	Lyla A.	3		Marla J.	3
2J	Patricia D.	Absent		Scott S.	3
2K	Allan G.	Abst.*	13A	Nan V.	3
3	Mark S.	3		Tom N.	Abst.*
	Rob P.	3	13B	Andy G.	3
	Terri K.	3		Craig F.	3
3A	Butch G.	3	14	Ira C.	3
	Carson J.	Abst.*		Maury C.	Abst.*
	Bob C.	3		Stuart B.	Abst.*
3B	Paul G.	Absent		Tom K.	Abst.*
	Rick F.	Absent	15	Alan J.	3
3C	Terry D.	Abst.*		Gerry G.	Absent
3D	Dave A.	3		Hamid N.	Absent
	Mark M.	3		James G.	Absent
3F	Paulo H.	Absent		Mark D.	3
4	Joe F.	3		Stanley C.	3
5	Tom R.	3	16	Frank K.	Abst.*
5B	Adrien R.	3		Robin S.	3
	Anne D.	3	16A	Daniel L.	3
6	Jo Anne B.	3	17	John R.	3
	Richie S.	3		Ron W.	3
	Steve C.	3	18	Alison M.	3*
6A	David T.	3		Daphne C.	3*
	Mike R.	3		Jeremy M.	3*
6B	Rick B.	3		Russell K.	3*
	Ron B.	3	18A	Mark C.	3*
	Steve P.	3		Yvonne R.	3*
6D	Richard G.	Abst.*	19	Dario B.	3*
7	Iris D.	3		Elena D.	3*
	Trisha M.	3	20	Carlos C.	3*
7A	Andy C.	3	21	Angel B.	3*
	Deborah S.	3		Juan M.	3*
7C	Jim G.	3	22	Dudley B.	Absent
8	Allen H.	3	25	Francesco E.	Absent
	Bob C.	3	26	Jaekyu C.	Absent
	Fred L.	Abst.*		Tony L.	2
	Pam E.	Abst.*	28	Martha G.	3*
8A	Ernie N.	3	29	Konstantin R.	3*
8B	Brian J.	3	33	Juan R.	Absent
	Linda J.	Abst.*		Moises H.	3*
8C	Deni L.	3			

*Absentee Ballot Received

Chair BOT – Andy R.	3
1 st Co-Chair BOT – Pete K.	3
2 nd Co-Chair BOT – Mitch L.	3
Chair BOR – Wendy B.	3
I.E.S. – Karen H.	3