

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS TRUSTEES MEETING
MAY 30 – JUNE 1, 2019
GALT HOTEL, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY**

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

Andy R., Chairman of the Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. on May 30, 2019. All of the new Trustees were asked to stand and introduce themselves. The head table was also introduced and all Trustees were welcomed. Andy thanked Mike R., Trustee Website Administrator for all the hard work he does. Steve F. was appointed official time keeper for this meeting. During the opening remarks Andy stated that we are guided by the Rules and Procedures with the help of Roberts Rules of Order. The differences between points of order and points of information were explained. He encouraged all Trustees to go to the microphone and voice their opinions.

Twenty-eight absentee ballots were received as follows:

Area 2	Roger L.	Area 18	Alison M.	Area 20	Carlos C.
Area 2A	Glenn N.	Area 18	Daphne C.	Area 21	Angel B.
Area 2B	Charlene L.	Area 18	Jeremy M.	Area 21	Juan B.
Area 2G	Connie M.	Area 18	Russell K.	Area 22	Dudley B.
Area 2J	Patricia D.	Area 18A	Mark C.	Area 28	Martha G.
Area 6A	David T.	Area 18A	Yvonne R.	Area 29	Konstantin U.
Area 8	Bob C.	Area 19	Ana B.	Area 33	Moises A.
Area 8	Fred L.	Area 19	Dario B.	Area 36	Odie B.
Area 8B	Linda J.	Area 19	Elena D.		
Area 13B	Craig F.	Area 19	Silvia G.		

B) Remembrance of our departed members- Marc L.

Marc L. read a list of our G.A. brothers and sisters who have passed away since our last Board of Trustees meeting as follows:

Tony D., Area 13	Tom L., Area 10A	Bara B., Area 1
Brian F., Area 3A	Don T., Area 2K	Larry R., Area 3A
Sindy M., Area 3A	Ryan M., Area 2K	Paul G., Area 15
Sandra S., Area 3D	Linda A., Area 2K	Peter Y., Area 3D
Father Paul W., Area 1	Woody W., Area 1A	Jack S., Area 6
Mack B., Area 1	Roger R., Area 8A	Raymond "Chip" V., Area 17
Marcela A., Area 19	Oscar S., Area 20	Ann O., Area 17
Carl B., Area 9	Jose, Area 20	Mike B., Area 3B
Greg H., Area 9	Gabriel, Area 20	David R., Area 13
Len C., Area 9	Ana, Area 20	Alan A., Area 2

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

C) Reading from "A Day at a Time Book"

Richie S., Trustee from Area 6 read the Reflection for the Day for May 30th, May 31st and June 1st to start the beginning sessions of all three days.

D) Reading of the "12 Steps of Unity"

Anita R., Trustee from Area 1B read the 12 Steps of Unity on May 30th and May 31st to start the beginning sessions of each day.

Gagik G., Trustee from Area 1 read the 12 Steps of Unity on June 1st to start the first session of the day.

E) Roll Call-Karen H. International Executive Secretary

Karen H. took roll and there are presently 95 votes to begin the first session; 67 physically present and 28 who submitted absentee ballots. 18 of the absentee ballots are from outside the U.S. and Canada.

F) Approval of Minutes from Orlando

Motion to accept the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held in Orlando, Florida.
Passed

G) ISO / Lifeliner - Karen H.

Karen H. gave the above report and handed out a graph that showed the comparison over the past two years of monthly donations that have been received. She pointed out that this is the second year in a row that there has been a decrease over the previous year. She explained the importance of Lifeliners and thanked all members who have continued getting the word out. Different members spoke on the importance of being a Lifeliner. Questions were asked and answered.

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

Wendy B. gave a report on the status of the International Service Office. She discussed the current deficit with this year’s financial status. She stated that there has been no drama and everything has been running smoothly.

Andy R. spoke about the great relationship between the Board of Regents and the Board of Trustees. He is grateful for the wonderful work they are doing.

I) Conference Reports – Conference Assistance Committee

1) Orlando - Fall ‘18 (Trustee Meeting Only)

Karen H. gave the above report. The financial report follows:
FINANCIAL REPORT ON FLORIDA FALL 2018 B.O.T. MEETING.

Income	<u>Total</u>
Contributions	
Orlando B.O.T. Mtg. Registrations	
(88 Members – 87 @ \$30.00 and 1 at \$40.00)	<u>2,650.00</u>
Total Contributions	2,650.00
Gross Profit	2,650.00
Expense	
Required Insurance Policy for B.O.T. Meeting at Caribe Royal Hotel	
In Orlando	259.55
Orlando B.O.T. Meeting-Banquet Expense (Coffee/Tea)	1,141.00
Orlando B.O.T. Meeting Expense (Audio/Visual)	451.57
Refunds (Orlando)	<u>60.00</u>
Total Expense	1,912.12
Net Income	737.88

2) Louisville – Spring ‘19

Wendy B. gave the above report and then called on Gary B., Conference Chair. Gary welcomed everyone to Louisville. They are expecting 285 – 290 people. All obligations with the hotel have been met. The Committee is looking forward to a great weekend.

3) Montreal - Fall '19

Herb B. gave the above report. He asked everyone to please register as soon as possible. This Conference is only 4 ½ months away and commitments are needed. There is a free airport shuttle. Wendy B. stated that all meeting minutes and financials have been submitted on a timely basis and everything looks good.

Update on Fall 2020 Conference.

Andy R. gave an update on the above Conference. New York Intergroup was originally awarded this conference. However New York backed out because the Hotel was very difficult to work with. Therefore this Conference is again open for bids and there is an Area who will be presenting a bid when we get to that item.

J) Committee Reports

Committees with Pete K. as Co-Chair Liaison

Abuse and Harassment Committee:

Committee Chair - Gagik G. - Area 1

Committee Liaison Chair - Pete K.

Mission Statement: To look at the feasibility of re-writing the Abuse and Harassment Pamphlet.

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: Pete K.

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 05/15/19

Beth Z – 2 Dom S. – 13B Jo K. – 8D Kathy S. – 10B 1 Mary H. – 2H Nan V. – 13A Norm B. – 10A

During this period the committee created a 2 page document in addressing Abuse and Harassment within our fellowship. The document provides a brief overview of abuse and harassment and guidance for handling problems of abuse and/or harassment. The document will be presented during the trustee meeting for a Vote of Confidence before we present it for the first vote.

Gagik G. gave the report which was submitted online.

Blue Book Committee:

Committee Chair – Arlene R. – Area 8A | Co-Chair – Jeanne B. – Area 8A

Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.

Mission Statement: To undertake a comprehensive review of SHARING RECOVERY THROUGH GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS 'BLUE BOOK'. Acting in concert with the wishes and input of the fellowship, we will recommend the adoption of all revisions, updates, and deletions consistent with the findings of our review.

Blue Book Revision Committee Report Spring 2019 BOT Meeting

The current incarnation of the Blue Book Revision Committee began meeting over 6 years ago. There were some scraps and bits and pieces of work that had been done by previous versions of the Committee. After looking at the sparse content and after

several meetings, the committee decided that a total rework of the Blue Book was the only way to proceed. Members of the BOT and others in the fellowship were asked what they wanted in a Blue Book. The answer was that the fellowship sought a guide to recovery through Gamblers Anonymous—our own publication that would guide members new and old through the Gamblers Anonymous program.

In light of this, the committee set to work to rewrite the Blue Book as a coherent and thoughtful reflection of the Gamblers Anonymous Program, including the Recovery and Unity Steps. Additional information about our program was also deemed important to include, as well as stories of recovery that reflect our diverse fellowship.

All of the material except for the stories was written and rewritten by the current committee OR taken from current GA approved literature. Nothing has been “lifted” from other programs.

During the six years of labor on this book, the committee members met two or, often, three times a month to discuss, edit, and re-edit the contents of each chapter.

We believe that this piece of literature fulfills the charge of the BOT in creating this committee so many years ago. The process was collaborative and, at times, difficult, as the committee strove to remain true to the precepts of the GA program, most importantly the Unity Steps.

Thanks to everyone who submitted stories for publication in the Blue Book. We feel that the stories in the book truly encompass the many types of gambler, the many experiences of compulsive gamblers, and the many geographical locations of compulsive gamblers around the world.

New sections that include Sponsorship, Relapse, and Suicide were included in this version of the Blue Book. The committee strongly feels that these are vital issues that face many in our fellowship and that addressing them honestly will help those in the fellowship.

The Blue Book Revision Committee has submitted the final product to the Louisville BOT Meeting Agenda for approval.

Respectfully, the Blue Book Revision Committee

Jeanne B. gave the above report which was submitted online.

Electronic Voting Committee

Committee Chair - Harold A. - Area 2

Committee Liaison Chair - Pete K.

Mission Statement: To explore various electronic/digital platforms allowing voting by use of a device. The system would encompass all forms of voting including attendance, roll calls, and amendment issues. Any system considered for presentation should provide benefits such as increasing accuracy and accountability while also being affordable.

No report was submitted.

International Relations Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Ara H. – Area 1

Co-Chair – Frank L. – Area 12

Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.

Mission Statement: Assist the fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous with International matters and help create a worldwide united Gamblers Anonymous.

International Relations Committee

The Irc was busy again during these past months helping out those who were reaching out to the ISO with gambling problems or assisting with those who wanted to establish a GA meeting/group in their country. We helped open new groups in Latvia, Philippines, the Netherland and New Zealand. More difficult and challenging process is actually

opening groups in countries that do not have any GA meetings before. Two such countries were added to the GA family of countries that have GA today, one is Armenia and the other is Malta. We have also been in contact with people who do not have GA have tried to stop on their own or attended other 12 step programs for support, such as Iran, and some small Island nations in the Caribbean. Belarus group is going strong with three regular members and a member from Hungary has contacted me to try to even donate to the ISO from time to time.

Other ways the IRC has been supportive of our international brothers and sisters is helping start step study groups. Working steps, sponsorship and also issues that have risen in groups such as personality and principal differences. We have assisted in RSOs when needed and helped people find meetings who live in remote areas of large countries such as India. The disease is out there and we are always there to help. We have even helped out with Japanese literature with a member who went to Japan and the group she attended was using AA literature and asked me about Japanese literature, and I had boxes of foreign literature forwarded to me from the past IRC Chair. I gave her a selection of Japanese literature and the response of gratitude was amazing. Also, we have been in contact with the existing meetings in the Caribbean as much as possible. We are in contact with the small groups in Jamaica, Communications with Trinidad are slow and Puerto Rico is still recovering from the Hurricane, meetings are struggling there but we are in contact with them for support any way we can.

Looking forward to what the next few months will bring until Montreal.

Ara H Irc Chair

Ara H. gave the above report which was submitted online. Committee is asking for volunteers.

Literature Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Chuck R. - Area 6B

Co-Chair - Nan V. - Area 13A

Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.

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

LITERATURE COMMITTEE REPORT for LOUISVILLE 2019 CONFERENCE

The following actions were taken by the Literature Committee since the Orlando 2018 Conference:

“Hosting an International Conference” was amended to change the split in profits between GA and Gam-Anon.

“Intergroup Handbook” received its second approval vote in Orlando. The Literature Committee did a final edit before sending it to ISO for printing.

“Pressure Relief Group Meeting” flyer received its second approval vote in Orlando. The Literature Committee did a final edit before sending it to ISO for printing.

“Gamblers Anonymous Pressure Relief Group Meeting” workbook received its second approval vote in Orlando. The Literature Committee did a final edit before sending it to ISO for printing.

“Gamblers Anonymous Pressure Relief Manual” received a first approval vote in Orlando. The Literature Committee has completed an initial edit.

Item #39 in Orlando was passed by the BOT. It amends the Committee's mission statement to have the Committee update and maintain a listing of BOT changes approved for printed literature not yet incorporated into existing literature prior to the next printing. The Literature Committee is currently cross-checking agendas from past years to find any changes that have not yet been added to our current inventory of

literature. When this project is done, it will be posted on the Trustee website. The Committee expects this to be done shortly after the Louisville 2019 Conference. Report was submitted online.

Prison Committee – Canada – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Jean-Marc L. – Area 5B

Co-Chair - Adrien R. - Area 5B

Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.

Mission Statement: To provide telephone, email, and an in person resource (as feasible) to the Trustees or their designees for the purpose of assisting when a prisoner or institutional staff member is requesting to start an "inside" meeting, or an Intergroup and its committee are outreaching to prisons, jails, etc. Also, to compile in the ISO office an unpublished JIP meeting directory as a much-needed resource for federal, state, and local judges, defense attorneys, prosecutors, probation and parole officers, and clinicians.

PRISON MEETINGS IN CANADA

Louisville Committee Report – 2019/05

Attached is the updated list of J.I.P. meetings in Canada.

Since our last report in Orlando, during our committee follow-up on existing prison and institutions meetings, besides a few changes in contacts, we were made aware of the following changes:

- In the province of Alberta, the Federal minimum security Edmonton Remand Centre is closed;
- In the province of Manitoba The Federal minimum security Rockwood Institution is presently inactive;
- In the province of Quebec, the Federal minimum security Centre Fédéral de Formation in Laval is presently inactive

We updated the list of committee members. Since the chair of the committee is not a current trustee, Adrien R., trustee from Area 5B, was appointed co-chair of the committee to follow our Rules & Procedures.

You will find attached the updated list of J.I.P. meetings in Canada.

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

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

Prison Committee, US – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Craig F. - Area 13B

Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.

Mission Statement: To provide telephone, email, "snail mail", and an in person resource (as feasible) to the trustees or their designees for the purpose of assisting when a prisoner or institutional staff member is requesting to start an "inside" meeting, or an Intergroup and its committee are outreaching to prisons, jails, etc. Also, to compile in the ISO office an unpublished JIP meeting directory as a much-needed resource for federal, state, and local judges, defense attorneys, prosecutors, probation and parole officers, and clinicians.

Andy R. stated that the Committee Chair Craig F. has stepped down and that Beth Z., from Area 2 has stepped up and is willing to Chair this Committee. Beth stated that it is her pleasure to accept

the position and she looks forward to working to bring the message of hope to those who are incarcerated. They are looking for any members who wish to be active.

Public Relations Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Harold A. - Area 2

Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.

Mission Statement: We will strive to continue to develop and encourage the use of as many public relations tools as necessary to fulfill our Fellowship's primary purpose, always looking for guidance from the Recovery and Unity Steps, the Guidance Code and our higher power(s).

Public Relations Committee Report – Pre Spring Louisville BOT Meeting Report

Committee Members: Harold A. – Chair, Padmini S., Pam B., Paul N., Steve W., Tom R.

Work completed, potential next meeting and moving forward:

We will have a prototype ready for changes in the pictures of the “Has Gambling taken over your life or the life of someone you know” flyer to be passed around and looked at by members of the BOT in Louisville. We will then submit it as an agenda item for approval in the fall in Montreal.

I’m also completing the survey various Areas responded to prior to the Orlando BOT Meeting about their web sites and will be sending that report to the Web Site Committee as well.

I realize I have not done the things I set out to do and am reaching out to see if anyone is either interested in being a Co-Chair or taking over the committee as Chair

I have also reached out to a member in Orlando that was interested in joining the Committee and hopefully the member will get back to me in the next few days

Respectfully submitted, Harold A., Area 2 Trustee, Chair: Public Relations Committee

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

Spanish Literature Committee

Committee Chair - Julian F. - Area 3F

Committee Liaison Chair - Pete K.

Mission Statement: To unify the literature translation efforts with all the Spanish speaking areas in our G.A. fellowship that are authorized to translate and print G.A. approved literature such that all areas that use the same language will coordinate a revision of existing translated literature that meets all area requirements.

Spanish Literature Committee BOT Report, May 14, 2019

Since the last BOT meeting, all the Spanish speaking areas of our GA fellowship now have online access to the “Guidance Code” in Spanish at the GA trustee website. Our Spanish Literature Committee is encouraging all the trustees of Spanish speaking areas to reference the Guidance Code online and to teach other GA members in their areas to do the same. The Spanish version of the Guidance Code can be accessed at the trusteewebsite.com by clicking on the “resources” tab, then selecting “reference material” and clicking on the “Guidance Code” link. After clicking on the “Guidance Code” link, you will get a link that you can click to access the Spanish version of the Guidance Code.

Our Spanish Literature Committee is providing support to trustees from Spanish Speaking areas in our fellowship in helping them translate any of their BOT meeting agenda items from Spanish into English. Helped out the current trustee from Area 20 (Uruguay) regarding some questions he had about how our committee can help him and his Spanish GA area obtain new GA approved material translated/updated into Spanish.

We have a new Co-Chair for the Spanish Literature Committee. Her name is Elena D,

current trustee from Argentina, Area 19. Andres G. , previous Co-Chair from Spain (Area 21) is continuing to work on this committee as another member but still helping us with the team communications and coordination. We have recently made some changes to the membership. We added one new member from Columbia (Javier A., Area 33) to our committee. We are encouraging the two members from Mexico (Area 28) to step up their participation in our committee. The membership list is currently being updated and will shortly be uploaded to the trustee website under BOT committee information.

Committee Related Agenda items (Spanish Literature Committee) for the Louisville 2019 BOT Agenda:

Agenda item #75

On behalf of the Spanish Literature Committee, it is proposed that the Spanish Literature Committee be the only entity approved by the BOT to coordinate and translate approved GA literature into Spanish.

Countries like Spain, Mexico and Argentina, which all claim that they are currently authorized by the BOT to translate approved GA literature from English into Spanish, would have the option to have their current trustee, past trustee, ORS chairperson or other qualified GA member designated by them in their Spanish speaking area to join the Spanish Literature Committee, represent them and provide input for the Spanish translations. This would allow for better control, co-ordination and ensure that all Spanish speaking areas are using the correct and most updated GA approved material.

Agenda item #86

Discussion Only: How can we solve this problem of not having more Spanish GA approved literature printed and sold by the ISO because it cannot sell in high enough volume to allow the ISO to make a profit? The last three GA pamphlets of approved GA literature which the Spanish Literature Committee completed updating and translating into Spanish, were a) Suggestions for improving new member retention, b) Suggestions for dealing with urges to gamble, and c) Your First Meeting. These were last submitted to Karen H by Julian F on January 15, 2019 but have not yet been printed because Karen H. said the Spanish Literature in the ISO inventory is not selling in sufficient volumes and printing these pamphlets would not allow ISO to make a profit. The cost of printing these pamphlets by the ISO (because of lower volumes printed) would result in a price increase per unit that would be significantly higher compared to the same English pamphlets.

Left out of the BOT Agenda inadvertently but will be included at the Louisville BOT Meeting:

On behalf of the Spanish Literature Committee, I want to ask this BOT to direct the ISO to certify, archive, print, and make available for sale by the ISO all final pieces of BOT approved GA literature which has been translated, updated and submitted to the ISO by the Spanish Literature Committee. In the case where the BOT has previously decided to stop printing a specific piece of approved GA literature such as the Guidance Code, the ISO will still certify and archive the Spanish literature documents submitted to the ISO by the Spanish Literature Committee so these can be distributed to RSO's or Intergroups of Spanish speaking Areas in our fellowship whenever they request it. Mission Statement for our Spanish Literature Committee: "To unify the literature translation efforts with all the Spanish speaking areas in our G.A. fellowship that are authorized to translate and print G.A. approved literature such that all areas that use the same language will coordinate a revision of existing translated literature that meets all area requirements."

Respectfully submitted, Julian F., Committee Chair

Report was submitted online.

Committees with Andy R. as Co-Chair Liaison

Conference Oversight and Assistance Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Andre G. - Area 5B

Co-Chair – Norm B. – Area 10A

Committee Liaison Chair – Andy R.

Mission Statement: To oversee all processes dealing with International Conferences and to encourage and provide assistance to Areas seeking to host an International Conference as well as to provide advice and assistance after a Conference has been awarded.

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 31, 2018

**Andre G., Area 5B; Bill A., Area 7A; Herb B., Area 5; Kathy S., Area 7; Norm B., Area 10A,
Wendy B., Area 1B**

COMMITTEE REPORT – LOUISVILLE, SPRING 2019

Since our last Committee report for the Orlando trustee meeting last October, our committee has been active through telephone conference calls, exchange of emails, phone calls and/or meetings between members.

Since this committee was formed, in October 2011, we have developed procedures for Areas to follow in order to be granted an International Conference and procedures for us 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 pamphlet became available for sale on the I.S.O website right after the previous version items were liquidated. It is to be noted that every one of those procedures and tools have been approved by the Board of Trustees.

Our Committee will have a conference call later this month and we will look into new ways to improve our section on liability insurance in the International Conference pamphlet. For the time being, no other project has been started other than the insurance project. We welcome all suggestions on what the committee should work on in the future. We are first and foremost a standing committee and we continue our basic work as described in our Purpose above.

The Committee has discussed the possibility of hosting a future International Conference with 3 different Areas and 2 of them will request permission from the BOT at this trustee meeting for spring and fall of 2020. We have received all required documentation for the 2 Areas to make their bid presentation.

We are still following up with the organising committees of the International

Conferences to be held in Louisville in the spring of 2019 and in Montreal in the fall of 2019. 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. If the 2 International Conferences mentioned above are granted during the Louisville trustee meeting, we will update the Past Conferences database to include those new conferences.

Finally, at least 3 members of our committee are attending the Louisville trustee meeting. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to talk to any one of them.

André G. Committee chair, Area 5B

Wendy B. gave the above report which was submitted online.

Domestic Area Borders Committee

Committee Chair - David M. - Area 12 Committee Liaison Chair - Andy R.

Mission Statement: To define areas of the Fellowship by counties or provinces.

Domestic Area Borders Committee Report Louisville Spring 2019

Purpose: To define areas of the Fellowship in the US by counties or provinces Board of Trustees Chair Liaison: Andy R.

Committee Chair: David M. – Area 12

Committee Members: David M. – Area 12 Janet S. – Area 9 John B. – Area 13 Marla J. – Area 13 Rob P. – Area 3 Scott S. – Area 13

This committee shouldered what appeared to be a relatively easy, but time-consuming task. What we found out was that the procedures, cooperation from the individual areas, the processes, and results, were more involved than originally anticipated.

As committee chair, I want to commend the committee members for their diligent attendance and commitment to the monthly meetings. It is at this point that the committee procedures need to be articulated.

The US has 23 states that have multiple areas. It is this 46% of the states that are the subject of the committee's work. The initial actions were to divide the states among all the committee members. We had members whose personal lives and commitments took away their ability to be active members of the committee. Some resigned on their own, while others were convinced that their lack of participation hindered the performance of the committee.

Once the states were assigned, it became the job of the individual committee members to contact the Trustees from each area contained within their respective states. The discussions were based on trying to get the area Trustees and/or Trusted Servants from the Intergroups to aid in defining what their area covered. This began a dialogue with other areas adjacent to try not to create an overlap with other areas' coverages.

The work of the committee is not meant to force any area to conform to any committee member's expectation of what would be appropriate county coverage. All that the discussions were and continue to be, is to come up with an UNOFFICIAL boundary mapping. In states where the areas end up leaving unassigned counties, the areas are asked to agree to expand their areas to at least cover them, even if there are no current meetings in those unassigned counties. Agenda item #97 deal with suggestions on how to deal with those areas.

In the latter stages of this committee's work, we will take the unofficial commitments for area coverage and move to get official authorization from the adjacent areas to then make it official at a Trustee meeting in the future. It is our hope that giving new and

existing members from all the US states affected by multiple areas, a firm understanding of where to contact Trustees from every county in the US, that better coverage will result in more meetings being started and a greater diversification of meetings in all the 3,007 counties in the US. The committee hopes to also provide county coverage in a visual format, such a sample is provided by one of the committee members.

There is much to be done and the work of the committee will continue. The committee is not open to new committee members, as all the preliminary groundwork has been divided and handled by the current committee members.

Respectfully submitted, David M. – Area 12, New Jersey

Rob P. gave the above report which was submitted online.

Group Handbook Revision Committee:

Committee Chair – Jack R. - Area 1A

Committee Liaison Chair – Andy R.

Mission Statement: To undertake a comprehensive revision of the Group Handbook.

Group Handbook Committee Report for Louisville Conference

The composition of the committee at the time of the Louisville Trustee Meeting is as follows:

Betty S., Area 7; Bill B., Area 15; Cheryl R., Area 2E; David M., Area 12; Jack R., Area 1A; Jim G., Area 7; Mike M., Area 3D.

Since the Orlando Trustee Meeting, we have had telephone meetings each and every month on the second Monday of the month. With few exceptions, each member of the committee has been present for all meetings. The overarching philosophy of the committee has not changed since the Orlando meeting; that is, that the new Group Handbook should become a combination of suggested rules and procedures that would serve as an exemplar of best practices and rules and procedures that we feel must be binding on all groups in the fellowship.

The broad topics that will be addressed in the new Group Handbook are as follows:

- Group Handbook Definition
- Group Definition/Establishment
- Group Organization
- Types of Meetings
- Trusted Servants/Responsibilities
- Meeting Procedures
- Room Finances
- Supplies
- New Member Support
- Room Actions
- Combined Meetings
- Group Problems
- Hosting and Open Meeting
- Ending/Relocating a Group
- Gam-Anon
- Trustees

At each monthly meeting since Orlando, the committee has continued to meticulously bullet out each item that will be discussed under each broad topic above. It is our hope that this particular step will be completed by the Montreal meeting in October. Once this step is completed, we will begin converting our outline to text. We hope a draft of the new Group Handbook will be available at the Spring, 2020 Trustee meeting. Ultimately,

once the new Group Handbook is approved and published, the next step will be find a way to optimally incorporate it into the governing structure of the fellowship. Respectfully submitted, Jack R., Trustee Area 1A, Orange County, California
Jack R. gave the above report which was submitted online.

Hotline Implementation Committee:

Committee Chair – Paul S. – Area 17

Co-Chair – Chuck R. – Area 6B

Committee Liaison Chair – Andy R.

Mission Statement: Implement and oversee a Gamblers Anonymous national hotline.

Hotline Committee Report (May 2019) THREE IMPORTANT ITEMS:

- 1. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN YOUR AREA HAS THE RING CENTRAL PASSWORD AND SECURITY QUESTION.**
- 2. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR AREA MEETING LISTING ON THE ISO WEBSITE IS UP TO DATE**
- 3. 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), Jo K (Area 8D), Chuck R. (Area 6), Jim G. (Area 7C), Andy G (Area C), Anne D (Area 5B), Ron B (Area 6B), Gary M (Area 2H).

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

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

- **Committee members called all Non Ring Central hotline numbers to validate the hotline numbers listed on the ISO Website. Any inactive numbers were reported to the ISO.**
- **The Hotline Committee decided our goals for 2019.**
 - **Develop user guide for Hotline volunteers.**
 - **Maintain a living document of the committees responsibilities, minutes, facts and procedures.**
 - **Give technical support when needed for national hotline.**
 - **Rewrite the purpose of the committee.**

- Review and make updates to the Hotline Committee on the Trustee Website.

- Quebec is researching to possible setup for Ring Central in their area!

Reminder! The committee has been active during the past six months. Paul S Chairperson will be stepping down in 2019, but will stay on the committee to help with technical issues. Please ask your members if they are willing to help this vital committee.

Please inform the Hotline Committee via the Trustee website if you have any new area codes added in your region.

Future Committee goals of 2019

- Duties/Responsibilities of the Hotline Committee Chair, Co-chair, and Secretary.
- Committee reports to the Trustee Website on time.
- Develop user guide for hotline volunteers.
- Monitoring the Hotline Data Analysis
- Maintain communication with the executive secretary of ISO regarding time used by volunteers each month.
- The Hotline Committee is reviewing the purpose of the Committee and will be on the agenda in Montreal 2019 for approval.

- Proposed Version:

- To provide assistance to Gamblers Anonymous in implementing a National Hotline and oversee the operations.
- Maintain the routing information for all Gamblers Anonymous areas using the National Hotline.
- Assist local areas in developing guidelines for hotline volunteers.
- Develop a manual for the National Hotline.
- Review areas that use another hotline system.
- Follow up on voicemails on the National Hotline for areas that do not have a Hotline.
- Give support and help when needed to local areas using the National Hotline provider.
- Review the data usage on the National Hotline and report at each Board of Trustee meeting.
- Maintain communication with the executive secretary of the I.S.O. Regarding usage and payments to the National Hotline provider.
- Update the committee information on the Trustee Website
- Ron B created an initial survey to identify all the Hotline Coordinators within the USA & Canada on Ring Central and Non Ring Central. Ron B will distribute a form to the trustees during the BOT meeting to ask for the Hotline coordinators in their area, both Ring Central and Non Ring Central. Trustees are asked to list the coordinators names, phone numbers and email addresses. If the trustee doesn't have the information with them, they will email the information to Ron B (his email will be on the form)

NOTE: If your area is having any issues with the Ring Central system, please let me know before 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

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

International Area Borders Committee

Committee Chair - David M. - Area 12 Committee Liaison Chair - Andy R. Mission Statement: To more clearly define all the areas of Gamblers Anonymous on a global level.

International Area Borders Committee Report Louisville Spring 2019

Purpose: To define areas of the Fellowship in the areas outside the US counties or provinces Board of Trustees Chair Liaison: Andy R.

Committee Chair: David M. – Area 12

Committee Members: Ara H. – Area 1 David M. – Area 12 Martha G. – Area 28

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The committee lost various members and had only 2 members remaining, which were insufficient to constitute a valid committee. We had one member volunteer to come aboard late in the cycle. The committee did not accomplish anything and is looking for volunteers to add additional members to aid in the language barriers that exist with those international countries that are covered by multiple areas.

Committee meetings will begin in June and will be held once each month. We will follow most of procedures outlined in the Domestic Area Borders Committee.

Respectfully submitted, David M. – Area 12, New Jersey

Ara H. gave the above report which was submitted online.

Members who volunteered for this committee are Cheryl R., Area 2E and Pat D., Area 9A.

Pressure Relief Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – John R. - Area 17

Committee Liaison Chair – Andy R.

Mission Statement: To provide leadership and support throughout Gamblers Anonymous by coordinating, educating, training and clarifying the Pressure Relief Group Process that will aid in fostering an atmosphere of continuity, cohesiveness and unity as well as understanding within our Fellowship which will bring about an alleviation of pressures for our Members and thus strengthen and empower Members, Groups and Gamblers Anonymous as a whole.

May 2019 Pressure Relief Conference Report

Hello everyone, I have been talking to many members around the country and everyone is excited about Our upcoming Pressure Relief Workshop. Please have question and idea's and idea's ready. We are going to have only one hour in the workshop. However, after I would love to meet outside and exchange phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Below is a list of some of the members I have talked to around the country.

Alan R. New York, Ron W. Conn, Mike H. Conn, Pam B, Oregon, Dan L, Chicago, Jim H, NH, Joe C, Quincy Mass, Monti, Michigan, Jim G, Oklahoma, Judy Ottawa, Canada, Anthony, Buffalo, NY, Bob Maryland Intergroup, Brian Billy Darian, Conn.

Some ideas to think about:

How to welcome new members to their first meeting. Regarding Pressure Relief

Does the sponsor have a working understanding of PR?

Is there a Gam-anon member available to Help?

How soon do we offer PR to new member?

Why consolidation of debt does not compare to Gamblers Anonymous way of repaying debt. Just a few things to think about and so many more.

Sincerely, John R Chair of Pressure Relief Jricci1939@aol.com

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

The committee is open to new members. Dean W., Area 1A volunteered.

Pressure Relief Review Committee

Committee Chair - Alan J. - Area 15

Committee Liaison Chair - Andy R.

Mission Statement:

No report was submitted.

There is one final item on this Agenda. After we take care of that item this Committee will be disband.

Telephone Conference Call Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Jeanne B. – Area 8A

Co-Chair – David M. - Area 12

Committee Liaison Chair – Andy R.

Mission Statement: 1) To administrate the creation, implementation and oversight of all conference call meetings from the Gamblers Anonymous website. These meetings will be sanctioned by Gamblers Anonymous, but will not carry the distinction of being classified as a group, as per the Guidance Code. 2) To formulate, implement and maintain rules and procedures covering all aspects of the telephone conference call meetings, with Board of Trustee approval. 3) To be responsible for coordinating the Gamblers Anonymous members who will administrate the individual telephone conference call meetings.

Telephone Conference Call Committee Report Spring 2019 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.

A Canadian Telephone Conference Call meeting is currently in the works. The organizers of the meeting have researched a different platform to handle their meeting; this is because Canadian callers are unable to call without incurring charges in order to participate. The platform that they are using observes the requirements that insure anonymity of the callers. Currently, the Canadian members are training moderators and working with their platform. Estimated start date for this second meeting is July 2019. The Wednesday night 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 3 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. 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 4 years or more. Those who call from an unidentified or “anonymous” phone number are not permitted to share nor to offer comments.

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.

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.

The Committee would also like to ensure the inclusion of information concerning approved Telephone Conference Call meetings on the Gamblers Anonymous website.

Submitted by the Telephone Conference Call Committee

Jeanne B. gave the above report which was submitted online.

A new Conference Call meeting will be starting in Canada. They are hoping to start in August of this year.

Trustee Removal Merit Panel – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Norm B. – Area 10A

Committee Liaison Chair – Andy R.

Mission Statement: This is a standing panel with a 2-year term coinciding with the new term of Trustees. It will become active when an official action is presented to the Chair of the Board of Trustees to request the official removal of a current Trustee due to acts thought to be detrimental to GA as a whole, as provided for by the Guidance Code under Article VIII, Section 4. There is a specific document entitled 'Trustee Removal Procedures' available to all members for reference. The panel will consist of 5 GA members, selected from 5 geographical regions, along with 1 backup Trustee for each area.

**Trustee Removal Merit
Panel Committee Report**

Purpose: To address complaints presented to the Chairman of the Board of trustees requesting the official removal of a current Trustee due to acts deemed detrimental to GA as provided for in the Guidance Code under Article VIII, Section 4. Since no complaints were presented, there was no need for the committee to meet nor take any action. No news is good news.

Norm B., Committee Chair

Norm B. gave the above report which was submitted online.

Trustee Website Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Mike R. - Area 6A

Committee Liaison Chair – Andy R.

Mission Statement:

1) - To oversee the Trustee website.

2) - To periodically review all websites that infer or imply membership or representation of the Fellowship or Corporation of Gamblers Anonymous, and evaluate the websites for compliance with approved Local Area Website Guidelines. Trustees and area trusted servants will be made aware of any deficiencies that need to be corrected. Websites from outside entities are not included.

TRUSTEE WEBSITE COMMITTEE

This committee has been active in updating the Trustee Website on a regular basis. There has been a lot more use of the Trustee line in recent months. We are working through our short-term and long-term goals and have implemented a way for committee members to be involved in updating the website. It is no longer just one person making all updates.

SHORT TERM GOALS:

1) 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. Walter G. from Area 12 volunteered for this committee.

The Committee Reports concluded at 2:25 P.M. on Thursday.

Rules and Procedures

1. Rules and Procedures, Section 8, Conference (International), new item

The Conference Oversight and Assistance Committee will be responsible for conference and Trustee only meeting reports at all Trustee meetings. The committee chair will have 5 minutes to present each event without interruption, other than points of order, followed by 5 minutes of discussion. The committee chair may yield to other responsible parties for each event. Discussion time can be extended by additional 5-minute segments.

David M. - Area 12, New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

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

2. Rules and Procedures, Section 24, Motions, new item

Motions may be made on any item on the agenda, irrespective of how the item is listed, except when specifically outlined otherwise in the Rules and Procedures. The motion must be relevant to the item under consideration.

David M. - Area 12, New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

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

3. Rules and Procedures, Item 12, Amend by adding before the first sentence.

The Executive Board shall act only within the authority granted to them by the Board of Trustees. The Executive Board has no ruling authority over any trustee, Board of Regents, Area Intergroup, Individual Groups, or any member of Gamblers Anonymous. The Executive Board has no ruling authority outside of the Board of Trustee meeting unless specifically granted by the group conscience of the Board of Trustees.

The Executive Board shall not be privy to any members personal information unless permission is personally given by the member of Gamblers Anonymous for their anonymity to be broken. The Executive Board is not allowed to request personal information from the International Executive Secretary or any staff member of the International Service Office.

The members of the Executive Board are to facilitate and chair the Board of Trustees meeting.

Current: Executive Board Responsibilities and Duties

It is suggested that members of the Executive Board not speak on items when they are facilitating/chairing the meeting.

Proposed: Executive Board Responsibilities and Duties

The Executive Board shall act only within the authority granted to them by the Board of Trustees. The Executive Board has no ruling authority over any trustee, Board of Regents, Area Intergroup, Individual Groups, or any member of Gamblers Anonymous. The Executive Board has no ruling authority outside of the Board of Trustee meeting unless specifically granted by the group conscience of the Board of Trustees.

The Executive Board shall not be privy to any members personal information unless permission is personally given by the member of Gamblers Anonymous for their anonymity to be broken. The Executive Board is not allowed to request the personal information from the International Executive Secretary or any staff member of the International Service Office.

The members of the Executive Board are to facilitate and chair the Board of Trustees meeting. It is suggested that members of the Executive Board not speak on items when they are facilitating/chairing the meeting.

Walter G. - Area 12, New Jersey

Motion to accept above.

A member stated that the pending motion is out of order.

The Chair ruled the item out of order.

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

Tabled From Orlando

4. Other Literature

Group Handbook, Page 11, Add Gamblers Anonymous, Gam-Anon Combined Meeting

and its description (description below in the proposed version is copied from the, New Beginning, ISO book 5th Edition, March 2007)

Current: 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: No description exists for combined meetings.

Proposed: 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.

Lenny S. - Area 3D, Arizona & New Mexico

A member stated that this item is out of order.

The Chair ruled the item in order and was then challenged. Vote on the challenge fails therefore the Chair is in order and so is the motion.

Passed

1st Vote

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

Items Up For A Second Vote

Guidance Code

5. Guidance Code - Amendments defeated do not fall under the 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.

Approved 87 Against 6 - 93.5% Margin

David M. - Area 12, New Jersey

Approved 86 Against 5

Passed

2nd Vote

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

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

Current: 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: 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.

Approved 68 Against 3 - 95.8% Margin

Anita R. for Karen H. - Area 1B, Los Angeles

Approved 96 Against 2

Passed

2nd Vote

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

Literature Changes

7. Other Literature - Gamblers Anonymous Working the Steps Pamphlet , page 11, step 11, paragraph 2, sentence 2

Change: visual to vital

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

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

Stacey A. for William C. - Area 11, Massachusetts

Passed

2nd Vote

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

8. New Literature - Pressure Relief Manual

Passed 1st vote in Orlando '18

REFERENCE ATTACHMENT #8 IN THE DOWNLOAD SECTION

Alan J. - Area 15, New York

Passed

2nd Vote

The Committee is now officially disbanded.

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

Conference Bids

9. The Spring 2020 Conference is open for bids.

No bids were submitted during the Spring 2018 Cancun Trustee meeting

No bids were submitted during the Fall 2018 Orlando Trustee meeting

If no bids are submitted during the Spring 2019 Louisville Trustee meeting, the 2020 Spring Conference will become a 2020 Spring Trustee meeting only.

A motion was made to accept the bid for the Seattle Intergroup to host the above Conference to be held April 24 - 26, 2020 at The Double Tree by Hilton Seattle Airport in Seattle, Washington.

Passed

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

10. The Fall 2020 Conference is open for bids.

New York Intergroup was originally awarded this conference. However, subsequent to the Orlando Trustee meeting, the bid was withdrawn by New York Intergroup.

This will be the 2nd time a request for a conference bid is being made.

A motion to accept San Diego Intergroups bid to host the above Conference to be held October 15 – 17, 2020 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Diego, California.

Passed

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

11. The Spring 2021 Conference is open for bids.

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

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

Elections

12. Board of Regents election

Sixty-three Ballots were turned in during the first session and Andy R. asked 3 past members of the Board of Trustees to count them.

The results in alphabetical order are as follows:

Bob W., Calvin C., Cathy F., Gary M. (Auburn, WA), Herb B. (Montreal, QC), Mazi S., Richard C. (Calgary, AB), Tom M., (Millbrae, CA) and Wendy B.

First on the replacement list is Kathie S.

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

13. Chair of the Board of Trustees election

Six nominations for Chair were submitted and three members accepted; Andy R., Pete K. and Gary S. The election was held and after two votes by secret ballot (to obtain a count of 50% plus 1) Andy R., from New Jersey was elected to serve as Chair for a two-year term (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020).

The above item was chaired by Wendy B., Chair Board of Regents.

14. 1st Co-Chair of the Board of Trustees election

After the election of the Chair, nominations for 1st Co-Chair were submitted. Six members accepted; Ara H., Pete K., Richie S., Steve F., Marc L. and Gary S. After three votes by secret ballot (to obtain a count of 50% plus 1) Steve F. from Southern California was elected 1st Co-Chair of the Board for a two-year term.

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

15. 2nd Co-Chair of the Board of Trustees election

After the election of the 1st Co-Chair, nominations were submitted for the 2nd Co-Chair position. Seven members accepted; Pete K., Butch G., Gary S., Richie S., Jo K., Ara H. and Marc L. After the three votes by secret ballot (to obtain a count of 50% plus 1) Pete K., from New Jersey was elected 2nd Co-Chair of the Board for a two-year term.

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

New Business

Guidance Code

16. Should we do away with the Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code?

Andy R. - Area 13B, South Jersey

Motion to do away with the Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code.

Approved 9 Against 87

Failed

A roll call vote was requested. Abstentions will be counted in order to properly record the vote. If a Trustee was absent or out of the room during the vote their name will not be listed.

Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote
1	Ara H.	No	5B	Anne D.	No	13	John B.	No
	Gagik G.	No	6	JoAnne B.	No		Marla J.	No
	Guy H.	No		Richie S.	No		Scott S.	No
1A	Dean W.	No		Steve C.	No	13A	Nan V.	No
	Jack R.	No	6A	David T.*	No		Tom N.	No
1B	Anita R.	No		Mike R.	No	13B	Andy G.	No
	Laura M.	No	6B	Rick B.	Abst.		Craig F.*	No
2	Beth Z.	Yes		Ron B.	No	14	Ira C.	No
	Harold A,	No		Steve P.	No		Maury C.	No
	Mark S.	No	7	Iris D.	Yes		Stu B.	No
	Roger L.*	No		Trisha M.	Yes		Tom K.	No
2A	Glenn N.*	No	7A	Deborah S.	No	15	Bill B.	No
2B	Charlene L.*	No	7C	Jim G.	No		Alan J.	No
	Clair W.	No	8	Allen H.	No	16	Wayne C.	No
2E	Cheryl R.	No		Bob C.*	Abst.	16A	Dan L.	No
2G	Connie M.*	No		Fred L.*	No	17	John R.	No
	Kevin M.	No		Pam E.	No		Ron W.	No
2H	Lori C.	No	8A	Ernie N.	Abst.	18	Alison M.*	No
	Lyla A.	No	8B	Brian J.	No		Daphne C.*	No
2J	Patricia D.*	No		Linda J.*	No		Jeremy M.*	No
2K	Allan G.	No	8C	Deni L.	No		Russell K.*	No
3	Mark S.	No	8D	Jo K.	No	18A	Mark C.*	No
	Pilar L.	No	9	Janet S.	No		Yvonne R.*	No
	Rob P.	No	9A	Pat D.	No	19	Ana B.*	No
3A	Butch G.	No	10	Beth S.	No		Dario B.*	No
	Hugo V.	No		Greg H.	No		Elena D.*	No
	Bob C.	No	10A	Norm B.	Abst.		Silvia G.*	No
3B	Paul G.	No	10B	Gary B.	No	20	Carlos C.*	Yes
	Rick F.	No		Steve B.	No	21	Angel B.*	Yes
3C	Terry D.	No	11	Jeff H.	No		Juan B.*	No
3D	Dave A.	No		John L.	Yes	22	Dudley B.*	No
	Pat M.	No		Stacey A.	No	28	Martha G.*	No
5	Tom R.	No	12	Ted S.	No	29	Konstantin R.*	Abst.
5B	Adrien R.	No		Walter G.	Yes	33	Moises H.*	Yes
						36	Odie B.*	No

* Absentee Ballot

Approved 8 Against 90 Abstained 5
Failed

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

**17. Unity Step 2. "Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."
Is there a difference between governing and enforcing pertaining to the Guidance Code?
Pete K. - Area 13B, South Jersey**

Discussion only.

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

**18. Does a Group have the right to violate the Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code?
If not, what can be done and by what process and by whose authority?**

Andy R. - Area 13B, South Jersey

Discussion only.

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

19. Does an Intergroup have the right to violate the Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code? If not, what can be done and by what process and by whose authority?

Andy R. - Area 13B, South Jersey

Discussion only.

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

20. Should an Intergroup be removed as a recognized Intergroup of Gamblers Anonymous for blatant violations of the Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code?

Andy R. - Area 13B, South Jersey

Discussion only.

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

21. Should an officer of the Board of Trustees be removed from office for blatant violation of the GA Guidance Code?

Frank M. - Area 12, New Jersey

Discussion only.

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

22. Discuss G.A. Approved and Appropriate literature.

Steve F. - Area 1, Los Angeles

Discussion only.

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

23. Guidance Code: Article III, Objects, Section 1, rewrite entire section

Current: The specific and primary purposes for which this Fellowship is formed are as follows:

- 1. To contact compulsive gamblers no matter where they may be and help them overcome a gambling problem.**
- 2. To carry the message of Gamblers Anonymous to the compulsive gambler who still suffers, through the medium of personal contact, telephone, mail, newspapers, films, radio, television, houses of worship, charitable organizations, service clubs, Internet and by whatever dignified method that is approved by the Board of Trustees within the framework of the Unity Program.**
- 3. To distribute Gamblers Anonymous literature to compulsive gamblers and to any person, organization or institution which desires some.**
- 4. To encourage interest and knowledge of the activities and program of Gamblers Anonymous with the peace officers, educational institutions, penal institutions, judges, probation officers, parole officers, doctors, newspapers, motion picture companies, radio broadcasting companies, television broadcasting companies, houses of worship, charitable organizations and service clubs of the world.**

Proposed: The specific primary purpose for which this Fellowship is formed:

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS HAS BUT ONE PRIMARY PURPOSE - TO CARRY ITS MESSAGE TO THE COMPULSIVE GAMBLER WHO STILL SUFFERS.

Personal direction and purpose of life are often different for each of us but hopefully, we shall remember that the one common bond of responsibility that we share on a group level is to carry the message of hope to the compulsive gambler who still suffers. It should be noted that the suffering compulsive gambler can be sitting next to you at your

meeting as well as those who have never heard of Gamblers Anonymous.

Reaching compulsive gamblers is a major goal around which the members of Gamblers Anonymous gather in unity. The perpetuation of the Fellowship depends on the practice of this principle.

The reason for this singleness of purpose is to maximize the efficiency of the Fellowship's efforts to carry its message to suffering compulsive gamblers, in or outside of the Fellowship. The gift of recovery works best when it is shared.

Gamblers Anonymous should:

1. Carry the message of Gamblers Anonymous to the compulsive gambler who still suffers, through the medium of personal contact, telephone, mail, newspapers, films, radio, television, houses of worship, charitable organizations, service clubs, the Internet and by whatever dignified method that is approved by the Board of Trustees within the framework of the Unity Program.
2. Distribute Gamblers Anonymous literature to compulsive gamblers and to any person, organization or institution which desires some.
3. Encourage interest and knowledge of the activities and program of Gamblers Anonymous with the peace officers, educational institutions, penal institutions, judges, probation officers, parole officers, doctors, newspapers, motion picture companies, radio broadcasting companies, television broadcasting companies, houses of worship, charitable organizations and service clubs of the world.

Walter G. - Area 12, New Jersey

Motion to accept above.

Approved 35 Against 57

Failed

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

24. It states in our Guidance Code:

Article VIII, Board of Trustees, Section 1:

The Fellowship shall be guided by a Board of Trustees who are members of Gamblers Anonymous and have completely abstained from gambling for a period of two (2) years and have had regular attendance at Gamblers Anonymous meetings, both by their own admission. Board of Trustees defines regular attendance for International officers as having attended a minimum of thirty-nine (39) meetings per year, by the member, own admission. This does not include Intergroup meetings or picnics but does include Birthday meetings. This Board shall not exceed as many Trustees as necessary by the Board of Trustees.

Article X, Intergroup Guidelines, Section 5 Functions of Intergroup:

15. An Intergroup does not have the right to set stricter requirements and responsibilities, pertaining to the election of Trustees, other than those which are contained in either the Guidance Code or the Responsibilities of International Trustees of Gamblers Anonymous, as listed in the Gamblers Anonymous Information Packet. Does adding the word "weekly" to "thirty-nine (39) (weekly) meetings per year" or adding the phrase "Attendance at a minimum of 27 meetings per year, in "number" recognized meetings." in an Intergroups By-Laws/Guidance Code make electing a Trustee from that area more restrictive?

Andy R. - Area 13B, South Jersey

Discussion only.

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

25. Nullify Area 12 Trustee elections that were held last year. A clause was added to the Intergroup's Guidance Code that "Attendance at a minimum of 27 meetings per year,

in Area 12 recognized meetings." This was done for the purpose of obstructing a single member from running for a Trustee position.

As per the Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code, the Trustee election from Area 12 was in violation as per

Article X, Intergroup Guidelines, Section 5, Functions of Intergroup:15. An Intergroup does not have the right to set stricter requirements and responsibilities, pertaining to the election of Trustees, other than those which are contained in either the Guidance Code or the Responsibilities of International Trustees of Gamblers Anonymous, as listed in the Gamblers Anonymous Information Packet.

Andy R. - Area 13B, South Jersey

Motion to nullify Area 12 Trustee elections that were held last year.

A roll call vote was requested. Abstentions will be counted in order to properly record the vote.

If a Trustee was absent or out of the room during the vote their name will not be listed.

Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote
1	Ara H.	No	3D	Pat D.	No	10A	Norm B.	Yes
	Guy H.	No	5	Tom R.	Yes	10B	Gary B.	Yes
1A	Dean W.	Abst.	5B	Adrien R.	Yes		Steve B.	No
	Jack R.	Yes		Anne D.	No	11	Jeff H.	No
1B	Anita R.	No	6	JoAnne B.	Yes		John L.	No
	Laura M.	No		Richie S.	Yes		Stacey A.	No
2	Beth Z.	Yes		Steve C.	Yes	12	Lorenzo T.	No
	Harold A.	Abst.	6A	Mike R.	Yes		Ted S.	No
	Mark S.	Yes	6B	Rick B.	No		Walter G.	No
2B	Clair W.	Abst.		Ron B.	No	13	John B.	Yes
2E	Cheryl R.	No		Steve P.	No		Marla J.	Yes
2G	Kevin M.	No	7	Iris D.	No		Scott S.	Yes
2H	Lori C.	No		Trisha M.	No	13A	Nan V.	No
	Lyla A.	No	7A	Deborah S.	Abst.		Tom N.	Abst.
2K	Allan G.	No	7C	Jim G.	Yes	13B	Andy G.	Yes
3	Mark S.	Yes	8	Allen H.	Yes	14	Ira C.	Yes
	Pilar L.	No		Pam E.	Yes		Maury C.	No
	Rob P.	No	8A	Ernie N.	Yes		Stu B.	Yes
3A	Butch G.	Yes	8B	Brian J.	No		Tom K.	No
	Hugo V.	Abst.	8C	Deni L.	Yes	15	Bill B.	Yes
	Bob C.	Yes	8D	Jo K.	Yes		Alan J.	Abst.
3B	Paul G.	No	9	Janet S.	Abst.	16	Wayne C.	Yes
	Rick F.	No	9A	Pat D.	No	16A	Dan L.	Yes
3C	Terry D.	No	10	Beth S.	No	17	John R.	No
3D	David A.	No		Greg H.	No		Ron W.	No

Motion to accept above.

Approved 29 Against 38 Abstained 8

Failed

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

26. Amend Guidance Code as follows: Article VII, Section 1, Add "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."

Current: 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. They are also to notify the International Service Office (I.S.O.) of their existence.

Proposed : 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. They are also to notify the International Service Office (I.S.O.) of their existence. 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
Jack R. for Jimmy D. - Area 1, Orange County, California

Motion to accept above.

Approved 78 Against 9

Passed

1st Vote

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

27. Guidance Code, Article VII - Groups, Section 1A.

Add to the end: if there are no other meetings in that area on the same day.

**Current: Meetings may be classified as special interest meetings; such as ,Women Preferred,
Gay/Lesbian Preferred.**

Men Preferred, etc. but no meeting can exclude other Gamblers Anonymous members who wish to attend who don't, match the room preference.

Proposed: Meetings may be classified as special interest meetings; such as, Women Preferred,

Gay/Lesbian Preferred, Men Preferred etc. but no meeting can exclude other Gamblers Anonymous members who wish to attend who don't match the room preference, if there are no other meetings in that area on the same day.

Hamid N. - Area 15, New York

Motion to accept above.

Approved 14 Against 77

Failed

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

28. Guidance Code, Article VII, Section 4. Remove the comma after "for medical reasons".

Current: Abstinance 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 members own admission, is required for pinnings and for all successive anniversaries. Date of abstinance starts from your first meeting after your last bet.

Proposed: Abstinance 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 abstinance starts from your first meeting after your last bet.

Mike A. - Area 6A, Northern Florida

Motion to accept above.

Approved 40 Against 45

Failed

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

29. In Article VII section 4 of the Guidance Code requires Abstinence from Gambling and attendance of at least 39 Gamblers Anonymous meetings in the prior 12 months by the members own admission for pinnings and all successive anniversaries.

Can a room allow a person to chair a meeting for their anniversary(birthday), as long as they do list on the area calendar?

Alan J. - Area 15, New York

Motion: Abstinence from Gambling and regular attendance of at least 39 meetings (exceptions can be made via group conscious decisions for medical reasons and military stationed overseas in the prior 12 months by the members and own admission is required to chair meeting for pinnings and for successive anniversaries. Date of Abstinence starts from your first meeting after your last bet.

Motion was ruled out of order.

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

30. Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code: Page 6, Article VII Groups, Section 4. Change in paragraph 1, sentence 1 to 39 WEEKLY Gamblers Anonymous meetings per year.

Current: Abstinence from gambling and regular attendance of at least Thirty-nine (39) Gamblers Anonymous meetings.

Proposed: Abstinence from gambling and regular attendance of at least Thirty-nine (39) weekly Gamblers Anonymous meetings,

Ted S. - Area 12, New Jersey

Motion to accept above.

Approved 24 Against 49

Failed

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

31. Guidance Code: Article VIII section 18, Paragraph 1, Page 7, Sentence 3. Remove the words 'and Canada' from that sentence.

Current: Any Trustee that misses two (2) consecutive Board meetings is automatically removed from the Board of Trustees, and the area in which he or she serves shall be duly notified to hold an election for that vacant Trustee position. A quick response meeting will count for attendance at the Board of Trustees meeting. Absentee ballots Board of Trustees members from areas outside of the U.S.A. and Canada will count as physical presence at the Board of Trustees physical meetings.

Proposed: Any Trustee that misses two (2) consecutive Board meetings is automatically removed from the Board of Trustees, and the area in which he or she serves shall be duly notified to hold an election for that vacant Trustee position. A quick response meeting will count for attendance at the Board of Trustees meeting. Absentee ballots from Board of Trustees members from areas outside of the U.S.A., will count as physical presence at the Board of Trustees physical meetings.

Patricia D. - Area 2J, Northern Alberta

Motion to accept above.

Approved 74 Against 19

Passed

1st Vote

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

32. Guidance Code: Article VIII section 18, paragraph 1, sentence 3. Change absentee ballots from all trustees, will count as attendance at the Board of Trustees physical

meetings.

Current: Any Trustee that misses two (2) consecutive Board meetings is automatically removed from The Board of Trustees and the area in which he or she serves shall be duly notified to hold an election for that vacant Trustee position. A quick response meeting will count for attendance at The Board of Trustees meeting. Absentee ballots from Board of Trustees members from areas outside The USA and Canada will count as attendance at the Board of Trustees physical meetings.

Proposed: Any Trustee that misses two (2) consecutive Board meetings is automatically removed from The Board of Trustees and the area in which he or she serves shall be duly notified to hold an election for that vacant Trustee position. A quick response meeting will count for attendance at The Board of Trustees meeting. All Absentee ballots from Board of Trustees members, will count as attendance at the Board of Trustees physical meetings.

Ted S. - Area 12, New Jersey

Motion to accept above.

Approved 23 Against 70

Failed

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

33. Guidance Code: Article VIII section 18, paragraph 1, sentence 3. Change to: Absentee ballots from No trustees, will count as attendance at the Board of Trustees physical meetings.

Current: Any Trustee that misses two (2) consecutive Board meetings is automatically removed from The Board of Trustees and the area in which he or she serves shall be duly notified to hold an election for that vacant Trustee position. A quick response meeting will count for attendance at The Board of Trustees meeting. Absentee ballots from Board of Trustees members from areas outside The USA and Canada will count as attendance at the Board of Trustees physical meetings.

Proposed: Any Trustee that misses two (2) consecutive Board meetings is automatically removed from The Board of Trustees and the area in which he or she serves shall be duly notified to hold an election for that vacant Trustee position. A quick response meeting will count for attendance at The Board of Trustees meeting. No Absentee ballots from Board of Trustees members, will count as attendance at the Board of Trustees physical meetings.

Ted S. - Area 12, New Jersey

Motion to accept above.

Approved 10 Against 78

Failed

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

34. Guidance Code Article VIII, Board of Trustees Section 8

Add the second sentence: If an item in the Guidance Code is determined that it is not consistent with the RECOVERY or UNITY steps that item should be deleted from the Guidance Code.

Current: The Board of Trustees shall act as guardians of the Twelve Steps of RECOVERY and the Twelve Step UNITY PROGRAM and must be guided by these precepts in all their decisions.

Proposed: The Board of Trustees shall act as guardians of the Twelve Steps of RECOVERY and the Twelve Step UNITY PROGRAM and must be guided by these precepts in all their decisions. If an item in the Guidance Code is determined that it is not consistent with the RECOVERY or UNITY steps that item should be deleted from the

Guidance Code.

Walter G. - Area 12, New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

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

35. Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code: Page 7, Article VIII Board of Trustees. Section 1. Change in paragraph 1, sentence 6 to 39 WEEKLY meetings per year.

Current: The Fellowship shall be guided by a Board of Trustees who are members of Gamblers Anonymous and have completely abstained from gambling for a period of 2 years and have had regular attendance at Gamblers Anonymous meetings, both by their own admission. Board of Trustees defines regular attendance for International officers as having attended a minimum of thirty-nine(39)meetings per year, by the members own admission.

Proposed: The Fellowship shall be guided by a Board of Trustees who are members of Gamblers Anonymous and have completely abstained from gambling for a period of 2 years and have had regular attendance at Gamblers Anonymous meetings, both by their own admission. Board of Trustees defines regular attendance for International officers as having attended a minimum of thirty-nine(39) weekly meetings per year, by the members own admission.

Ted S. - Area 12, New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

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

36. Amend the Guidance Code as follows: Add the following sentence to Article X, Section 5, #7: Any Intergroup that does not comply with the Guidance Code shall not be recognized by Gamblers Anonymous.

Current: The order of business of the Intergroup shall be conducted by the trusted servants in accordance with the Guidance Code.

Proposed: The order of business of the Intergroup shall be conducted by the trusted servants in accordance with the Guidance Code. Any Intergroup that does not comply with the Guidance Code shall not be recognized by Gamblers Anonymous.

Jack R. for Jimmy D. - Area 1, Orange County, California

Motion to accept above.

Approved 46 Against 42

2/3 Vote Needed

Failed

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

37. Guidance Code, Article X, Intergroup Guidelines, New #15 moving current #15 to #16.

An Intergroup cannot enact any provisions that are stricter than what is covered in the Guidance Code or any related Gamblers Anonymous approved literature. If any changes to our literature are made subsequent to existing provisions in a local area's rules in any form, such local provisions must be modified to ensure that they are not stricter.

David M. - Area 12, New Jersey

Motion to accept above.

Approved 60 Against 34

2/3 Vote Needed

Failed

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

38. Guidance Code, page 16, Article X, International Guidelines, number 15. Delete entire paragraph.

Current: An Intergroup does not have the right to set stricter requirements and responsibilities, pertaining to the election of Trustees, other than those which are contained in either the Guidance Code or the Responsibilities of International Trustees of Gamblers Anonymous, as listed in the Gamblers Anonymous Information Packet.

John F. - Area 12, New Jersey

Motion to accept above.

Approved 16 Against 77

Failed

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

39. Guidance Code, Article IX, Officers of the Board of Trustees. Add new Section 3, renumbering all following sections.

'The Chair of the Board of Trustees shall have executive responsibilities to act in the best interests of the Fellowship by enforcing any provisions of the Guidance Code of Gamblers Anonymous. If violations, other than those of a member, are presented to the Executive Board that are not covered by existing procedures or committees, the Chair will attempt to resolve the problem(s) as a necessary step prior to taking any enforcement actions. If action is to be taken, it shall be done so only after conferring with and reaching unanimous consent with, the Co-Chairs of the Board of Trustees. Any enforcement actions taken by the Chair are subject to review at the next scheduled Board of Trustees meeting. A request for review can only be made prior to the next upcoming Board of Trustees meeting by representatives of the affected area(s) and shall not be subject to deadlines for agenda submissions. The request for review must be made directly to the Chair of the Board of Trustees.'

David M. - Area 12, New Jersey

Motion to accept above.

Approved 63 Against 35

2/3 Vote Needed

Failed

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

40. Guidance Code, Article XVIII, Section 7. Change "odd" to "even"

Current: Election for the Chair of the Board of Trustees and any other officer of the Board of Trustees will take place at the first physical meeting in the odd year. Current trusted servants carry on until trusted servants are elected.

Proposed: Election for the Chair of the Board of Trustees and any other officer of the Board of Trustees will take place at the first physical meeting in the even year. Current trusted servants carry on until trusted servants are elected.

(This change will take effect after the first physical meeting in 2020)

David M. - Area 12, New Jersey

Motion to accept above.

Approved 20 Against 54

Failed

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

Steps

41. Recovery Step 3, replace "Power of our own understanding", with "God as we understood Him"

Current: Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of this "Power of our own understanding"

Proposed: Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of this "God as

we understood Him"

Dave A. for Joe L. - Area 3D, Phoenix

Motion to change proposed wording and replace "this" with "a" as follows:

Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of a God as we understood Him.

Approved 5 Against 83

Failed

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

42. Recovery Step 7, insert the words 'help us' between the words 'to' and 'remove'.

Current: Humbly asked God (of our understanding) to remove our shortcomings.

Proposed: Humbly asked God (of our understanding) to help us remove our shortcomings.

David M. - Area 12, New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

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

43. Recovery Step 7, remove "of our understanding"

Current: Humbly asked God (of our understanding) to remove our shortcomings.

Proposed: Humbly asked God to remove our shortcomings.

Dave A. for Joe L. - Area 3D, Phoenix

Item withdrawn.

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

44. Recovery Step 12, replace 'Having made' with 'While making' and 'tried' to 'try'.

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

Proposed: While making an effort to practice these principles in all our affairs, we try to carry this message to other compulsive gamblers.

Tom R. - Area 5, Montreal

Motion to accept above.

Approved 16 Against 68

Failed

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

45. Unity Step 6, Change "property and prestige" to "property or prestige"

Current: Gamblers Anonymous ought never endorse, finance or lend the Gamblers Anonymous name to any related facility or outside enterprise lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

Proposed: Gamblers Anonymous ought never endorse, finance or lend the Gamblers Anonymous name to any related facility or outside enterprise lest problems of money, property or prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

Clair W. - Area 2B, Sacramento, California

Motion to accept above.

Approved 26 Against 68

Failed

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

46. Unity Step 11, Add to the end, "and social media" and remove "and" before "Internet".

Current version: Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, television

and Internet.

Proposed version: Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, television, Internet and social media.

Herb B. - Area 5, Montreal

Motion to accept above.

Approved 28 Against 57

Failed

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

47. Unity Step 11, add "Social Media" after television.

Current: Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, television and Internet.

Proposed: Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, television, Social Media and Internet.

Dave A. for Gary D. - Area 3D, Phoenix

Item withdrawn.

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

48. Unity Step 11 - remove ' is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always' and replace with 'should strive to always'

Current: Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, television and Internet.

Proposed: Our public relations policy should strive to always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, television and Internet.

Paulo H. for Silvio M. - Area 3F, Arizona

No discussion.

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

49. Unity Step 11, replace attraction rather than promotion with carrying the message of hope to the compulsive gambler who still suffers.

Current: Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, television and Internet.

Proposed: Our public relations policy is based on carrying the message of hope to the compulsive gambler who still suffers; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, television and Internet.

Ron W. - Area 17, Connecticut

Motion to accept above.

Approved 14 Against 75

Failed

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

Combo Book

50. Combo Book, Page 2, 10 sentences from the bottom. Replace 'were' with 'are' and replace 'problem' with 'compulsive'.

Current: Most of us have been unwilling to admit we were real problem gamblers.

Proposed: Most of us have been unwilling to admit we are real compulsive gamblers.

Ron W. - Area 17, Connecticut

Motion to accept above.

Failed

Amendment to accept the following:

Most of us have been unwilling to admit we are compulsive gamblers.

Passed

(1st Vote)

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

51. Combo Book, Page 11, what is the dream world of the compulsive gambler. Change is to 1st paragraph, and to reinstate the items that were previously removed (ex. - charming friends, yachts and world tours)

Current: They often see themselves as philanthropic and charming people who will provide family and friends with expensive cars, and other luxuries. Compulsive gamblers picture themselves leading extravagant lifestyles made possible by the huge sums of money they will accrue from their gambling. Large homes, designer clothes, and expensive vacations are a few of the wonderful things that are just around the corner after a big win is finally made.

Proposed: They often see themselves as philanthropic and charming people who will provide family and friends with expensive cars, mink coats, and other luxuries.

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

Pat M. for Rose N. - Area 3D, Arizona

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

52. Combo Book, Page 13. Last Paragraph, Replace 'seems to point' with 'points'. Replace 'risking with assuring'

Current: Our Gamblers Anonymous experience seems to point to these alternatives: To gamble, risking progressive deterioration or not to gamble, and develop a better way of life.

Proposed New: Our Gamblers Anonymous experience points to these alternatives: To gamble, assuring progressive deterioration or not to gamble, and develop a better way of life.

Ron W. - Area 17, Connecticut

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

53. Page 14 of the Combo Book. First paragraph. Include "bowling leagues".

Current: Does this mean I can,Äôt even participate in a little penny-ante game or a world series pool? It means exactly that. A stand has to be made somewhere and Gamblers Anonymous members have found the first bet is the one to avoid, even though it may be as little as matching for a cup of coffee. This includes Internet gambling, bingo, the stock market, commodities, options, buying or playing lottery tickets, raffle tickets, flipping a coin, fantasy sports or entering the office sports pool.

Proposed: Does this mean I can,Äôt even participate in a little penny-ante game or a world series pool? It means exactly that. A stand has to be made somewhere and

Gamblers Anonymous members have found the first bet is the one to avoid, even though it may be as little as matching for a cup of coffee. This includes Internet gambling, bingo, the stock market, commodities, options, buying or playing lottery tickets, raffle tickets, flipping a coin, fantasy sports, bowling leagues or entering the office sports pool.

Stuart B. - Area 14, Long Island, New York

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

54. Combo Book, Page 15, Question 10. Add "this includes credit cards"

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

Proposed Version: Did you ever borrow (this includes credit cards) to finance your gambling?

Stuart B. - Area 14, Long Island, New York

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

55. Combo book, page 16, question number 18, change the first word from, Do to Did.

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

Proposed: Did arguments, disappointments or frustrations create within you an urge to gamble?

David T. - Area 6A, North/Central Florida

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

56. Combo Book -- 20 Questions, Page 16, Eliminate the statement "Most compulsive gamblers will answer 'Yes' to at least 7 of these questions"

Current: "Most compulsive gamblers will answer 'Yes' to at least 7 of these questions."

Proposed: No statement following Question #20

Jack R. for Jimmy D. - Area 1, Orange County, California

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

57. Combo Book, Page 16, Bottom of the page below question 20

Current: "Most compulsive gamblers will answer yes to at least 7 of these questions.

Proposed: Most compulsive gamblers will answer yes to any of these questions.

Guy H. for Candace S. - Area 1, Los Angeles

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

58. Combo Book, Page 17, Heading eliminate 'particularly the new Gamblers Anonymous member.'

Current: To all Gamblers Anonymous members: particularly the new Gamblers Anonymous members.

Proposed: To all Gamblers Anonymous members.

Ron W. - Area 17, Connecticut

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

59. Combo Book, Page 17, 1st sentence, #5 capitalize and boldface 'READ' and 'STEPS'.

Current: Read the RECOVERY and UNITY steps and continuously review the twenty questions.

Proposed: READ the RECOVERY and UNITY STEPS and continuously review the twenty questions.

Ron W. - Area 17, Connecticut

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

60. Combo Book, Page 17, #6, move the words 'GET A SPONSOR'

Current: GET A SPONSOR, IT IS DIFFICULT TO RECOVER ON YOUR OWN! Sponsorship gives an opportunity for members to work on a one-on-one basis to achieve recovery by sharing, practicing, and working the 12 steps of recovery.

Proposed: IF IT IS DIFFICULT TO RECOVER ON YOUR OWN, GET A SPONSOR!

Sponsorship gives an opportunity for members to work on a one-on-one basis to achieve recovery by sharing, practicing, and working the 12 steps of recovery.

Paulo H. for Arnold G. - Area 3F, Arizona

No Discussion.

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

61. Combo Book - Page 17 - #1, Add " At least one full meeting per week".

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

Proposed: Attend as many meetings as possible per week, but at least one full meeting. MEETINGS MAKE IT.

Alan J. - Area 15, New York, for Marshall R. - Area 12, New Jersey

Motion to accept the following:

Attend as many meetings as possible per week, but at least one full meeting per week.

MEETINGS MAKE IT.

Failed

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

62. Combo Book, Page 17, Item 2, 1st sentence. Include the words "and/or text" in the first sentence.

Current: Telephone other members as often as possible between meetings.

Proposed: Telephone and or text other members as often as possible between meetings.

Clair W. - Area 2B, Sacramento, California

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

63. Combo Book, Page 17, Line 5, change "continuously review the 20 questions" to "continually review the 20 questions".

Present: Read the RECOVERY and UNITY steps often and continuously review the Twenty Questions. Follow the steps in your daily affairs. These steps are the basis for the entire Gamblers Anonymous Program and practicing them is the key to your growth.

Get involved and be of service. If you have any questions, ask them of your Trusted Servants and Sponsors.

Proposed: Read the RECOVERY and UNITY steps often and continually review the Twenty Questions. Follow the steps in your daily affairs. These steps are the basis for the entire Gamblers Anonymous Program and practicing them is the key to your growth.

Get involved and be of service. If you have any questions, ask them of your Trusted Servants and Sponsors.

Jack R. for Tony N. - Area 1, Orange County, California

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

64. Combo book, Page 17, item 6, second sentence. Add "and unity" to the end of the sentence

Current: Sponsorship gives an opportunity for members to work on a one-on-one basis to achieve recovery by sharing, practicing, and working the 12 steps of recovery.

Proposed: Sponsorship gives an opportunity for members to work on a one-on-one basis to achieve recovery by sharing, practicing and working the 12 steps of recovery and unity

Clair W. - Area 2B, Sacramento, California

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

65. Combo book, page 17, #7, remove "legal".

Current: We encourage every Gamblers Anonymous member to have a Pressure Relief Group Meeting as it offers guidance toward a normal way of thinking and living. The Pressure Relief Group Meeting may help alleviate legal, financial, employment and personal pressures. Adherence to it will aid in your recovery.

Proposed: We encourage every Gamblers Anonymous member to have a Pressure Relief Group Meeting as it offers guidance toward a normal way of thinking and living. The Pressure Relief Group Meeting may help alleviate, financial, employment and personal pressures. Adherence to it may aid in your recovery.

Alan J. - Area 15, New York

Motion to accept above.

Passed

(1st Vote)

A roll call vote was requested. Abstentions will be counted in order to properly record the vote. If a Trustee was absent or out of the room during the vote their name will not be listed.

Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote
1	Gagik G.	Yes	6	Steve C.	No	13A	Nan V.	Yes
	Guy H.	No	6A	David T.*	Yes		Tom N.	Yes
1A	Dean W.	Yes		Mike R.	Yes	13B	Andy G.	Yes
	Jack R.	Yes	6B	Rick B.	Yes		Craig F.*	Yes
	Anita R.	No		Ron B.	Yes	14	Ira C.	No
	Laura M.	No		Steve P.	Yes		Maury C.	No
2	Beth Z.	No	7	Iris D.	No		Stuart B.	No
	Harold A.	No		Trisha M.	No		Tom K.	No
	Mark S.	No	7A	Deborah S.	No	15	Bill B.	No
	Roger L.*	Yes	7C	Jim G.	No		Alan J.	Yes
2A	Glenn N.*	No	8	Allen H.	No	16	Wayne C.	Yes
2B	Charlene L.*	Yes		Bob C.*	No	16A	Dan L.	Yes

	Clair W.	Yes		Fred L.*	No	17	John R.	No
2G	Connie M.	No		Pam E.	No		Ron W.	Yes
	Kevin M.	Yes	8A	Ernie N.	Yes	18	Alison M.*	No
2H	Lori C.	Yes	8B	Brian J.	Yes		Daphne C.*	No
	Lyla A.	Yes		Linda J.*	Yes		Jeremy M.*	No
2J	Patricia D.*	Yes	8D	Jo K.	No		Russell K.*	No
2K	Allan G.	No	9	Janet S.	No	18A	Mark C.*	Abst.
3	Mark S.	Yes	9A	Pat D.	Yes		Yvonne R.*	No
	Pilar L.	Yes	10	Beth S.	No	19	Ana B.*	Yes
	Rob P.	Yes		Greg H.	No		Dario B.*	Yes
3A	Butch G.	Yes	10A	Norm B.	Yes		Elena D.*	Yes
	Hugo V.	No	10B	Gary B.	Abst.		Silvia G.*	Yes
	Bob C.	No		Steve B.	No	20	Carlos C.*	Abst.
3B	Paul G.	No	11	Jeff H.	Yes	21	Angel B.*	Yes
	Rick F.	No		John L.	Yes		Juan B.*	Yes
3C	Terry D.	Yes		Stacey A.	Yes	22	Dudley B.*	No
3D	Dave A.	Yes	12	Ted S.	Yes	28	Martha G.*	Yes
	Pat M.	Yes		Walter G.	No	29	Konstantin R.*	Yes
5B	Adrien R.	Yes	13	John B.	No	33	Moises H.*	No
	Anne D.	Yes		Marla J.	Yes			
6	Richie S.	No		Scott S.	No			

* Absentee Ballot

Approved 50 Against 44 Abstained 3
Passed

(1st Vote)

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

66. Change numbering order on page 17 of the Combo Book

Current Version: Item Order: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8

Proposed Version: Item Order: 1,2,3,5,6,7,8,4

Clair W. for Anne M. - Area 2B, Sacramento, California

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

Committee Related

67. Create an ad-hoc committee tasked with formally defining the relationship between Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon, including, but not limited to, whether our relationship with Gam-Anon should be more formalized and subsequently addressed in the Guidance Code, Group Handbook, and any other GA-approved literature. This committee will then present its findings and recommendations to the Board of Trustees as a whole.

Jack R. - Area 1, Orange County, California

Motion to accept above.

Passed

A new committee called "Defining our Relationship with Gam-Anon" was formed with the following volunteers: Lorenzo T., Area 12; Walter G., Area 12; Jim G., Area 7C; Jo K., Area 8D; Ted S., Area 12; Hugo V., Area 3A; Gagik G., Area 1; Allan G., Area 2K; John C., Area 1A; Mark S. Area 3; Jack R., Area 1A; Bob W., Area 12 and Barry H., Area 12.

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

68. Discuss ways to improve and grow the telephone conference call.

Steve F. - Area 1, Los Angeles

Discussion only.

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

69. Propose Using Zoom to fulfill both Phone and Virtual video meeting Formats.

REFERENCE ATTACHMENT #69 IN THE DOWNLOAD SECTION

Bernard Z. - Area 9, Michigan

Discussion only.

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

70. Form a standing committee of the Board of Trustees entitled Meeting Removal Merit Panel. Its purpose will be to guide groups and Intergroups on how to address the issue of non-adherence to the Guidance Code and/or other Trustee decisions per Article VII, Section 1 and Article VIII, Section 1A of the Guidance Code.

Jack R. - Area 1, Orange County, California

Motion to accept above.

Passed

A new committee called "Meeting Removal Merit Panel Exploration Committee" was formed with the following volunteers: John F., Area 12; Frank M., Area 12; Walter G., Area 12; Pat D., Area 9A; Stu B., Area 14; Mark S., Area 3; Steve C., Area 6; JoAnne B., Area 6; Lori C., Area 2H; Herb B., Area 5; Cheryl R., Area 2E and Andy G., Area 13B.

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

71. Request a committee to audit the guidance code.

Lorenzo T. - Area 12, New Jersey

The Chair formed a new committee called "Guidance Code Audit Committee". Committee members are Pat M., Area 3D; Mike R., Area 6A; Laura M., Area 1B; Walter G., Area 12; Anita R., Area 1B; Nan V., Area 13A; Stacey A., Area 11; Bill B., Area 15; Bob W., Area 1B; Richie S., Area 6; Lyla A., Area 2H; Bob C., Area 3A; Beth S., Area 10; Trisha M., Area 7; Rick F., Area 3B; Frank M., Area 12; John F., Area 12; Lorenzo T., Area 12 and Pilar L., Area 3.

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

72. Form a committee to create literature for a Greeter position in the rooms.

Stuart B. - Area 14, Long Island, New York

Discussion only.

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

73. To allow the Wednesday Conference Call Meeting (and any future ISO approved conference call meetings) to be counted as a regular meeting of the minimum thirty, nine (39) Gamblers Anonymous meetings attended in the prior 12 months, by the member's own admission, is required for pinnings and for all successive anniversaries.

Rob P. - Area 3, Southern Nevada

Motion to accept above.

The Chair ruled this motion out of order, so this was a discussion only item.

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

74. Request the formation of a committee to revise and replace the current "Fourth Step Moral Inventory Book".

Jeannie B. - Area 8A, Minnesota

Motion to accept above.

Passed

A new committee called "Fourth Step Inventory Revision Committee" was formed with the following volunteers: Deni L., Area 8C; Pat D., Area 9A; Lori C., Area 2H; Jeannie B., Area 8A; Tom S., Area 8A; Renee G., Area 8A; Arlene R., Area 8A; Chelle W., Area 8A and Brian J., Area 8B.

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

75. On behalf of the Spanish Literature Committee, it is proposed that the Spanish Literature Committee be the only entity approved by the BOT to coordinate and translate approved GA literature into Spanish. Countries like Spain, Mexico and Argentina, which all claim that they are currently authorized by the BOT to translate approved GA literature from English into Spanish, would have the option to have their current trustee, past trustee, ORS chairperson or other qualified GA member designated by them in their Spanish speaking area to join the Spanish Literature Committee, represent them and provide input for the Spanish translations. This would allow for better control, coordination and ensure that all Spanish speaking areas are using the correct and most updated GA approved material.

Julian F. - Area 3F, Arizona

No discussion.

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

76. The Blue Book Revision Committee seeks approval of Sharing Recovery Through Gamblers Anonymous to replace the version currently in use.

REFERENCE ATTACHMENT #76 IN THE DOWNLOAD SECTION

Jeannie B. - Area 8A, Minnesota

Motion that the document submitted to the B.O.T. as "Sharing Recovery in Gamblers Anonymous" be retitled "Sharing Recovery Through Gamblers Anonymous" and be approved to replace the current document of the same name.

Motion to commit and refer.

The Committee agreed to take this back and will accept suggestions.

Passed

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

77. The Abuse and Harassment Committee is asking the Board of Trustees to review the revised Abuse and Harassment flyer and give the committee any feedback that they may have. We are also calling for a Vote of Confidence

REFERENCE ATTACHMENT #77 IN THE DOWNLOAD SECTION

Gagik G. - Area 1, Los Angeles

A vote of confidence was called for on the above attachment. The Board of Regents will review this as well.

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

Other Literature

78. On page 1 of the Stock Market, Retirement Accounts and Gamblers Anonymous booklet, in the first paragraph, change page 17 to page 14, and change grammar from "this includes the stock market..." to "this includes...the stock market..."

Current: Gamblers Anonymous does not advocate involvement in the stock market. On Page 17 of the combo book, it states "don't gamble for anything, this includes the stock market..."

Proposed: Gamblers Anonymous does not advocate involvement in the stock market. On

Page 14 of the combo book it states "don't gamble for anything, this includes...the stock market..."

Steve F. - Area 1, Los Angeles

Discussion only.

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

79. Presently the Approved Material "A Day At A Time" is only in standard print. I propose that it be produced in Large Print for those who have difficulty reading it.

Bernard Z. - Area 9, Michigan

Motion to accept above.

Item was ruled out of order.

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

80. Red Book, page 39, 4th line, replace 'acquire a senior partner much greater than oneself to' with 'let your sponsor'.

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

Proposed: Then let your sponsor guide and accompany you through the work of the remaining steps.

David M. - Area 12, New Jersey for Marco Z. - Area 25, Italy

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

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

81. Add a 10th slogan to our approved Slogans of the Program cards that are posted in our meetings. The new Slogan would read as follows: Here, compulsive gamblers are listening to you.

Current: One Day At A Time, Keep Coming Back, Let It Begin With Me, I Can Only Change Myself, It Works If You Work It, Help Is As Near As My Phone, Work The Steps, Get Involved and Be of Service, Be A Lifeliner

Proposed: One Day At A Time, Keep Coming Back, Let It Begin With Me, I Can Only Change Myself, It Works If You Work It, Help Is As Near As My Phone, Work The Steps, Get Involved and Be of Service, Be A Lifeliner, Here, compulsive gamblers are listening to you

Adrien R. for Richard D. - Area 5B, French Quebec

Motion to accept above.

Approved 55 Against 35

Passed

1st Vote

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

82. Responsibilities for International Trustees of Gamblers Anonymous. Change item #9, Add the words "Trustee Must".

Current: Be a Lifeliner and encourage group and membership to support the International Service Office through Lifelines and Group Contributions.

Proposed: Trustee must be a Lifeliner and encourage group and membership to support the International Service Office through Lifelines and Group Contributions.

Alan J. - Area 15, New York, for Marshall R. - Area 12, New Jersey

Motion to table.

Passed

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

83. Add the attached "proposed" Newcomers Reading as appropriate literature that can be read at any meeting with a newcomer attending their first meeting.

REFERENCE ATTACHMENT #83 IN THE DOWNLOAD SECTION

Bob C. - Area 3A, San Diego

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

84. Update and Approve Pressure Relief Financial Forms on DVD to match the current Pressure Relief Financial Forms recently approved.

Alan J. - Area 15, New York

Item withdrawn.

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

85. Create new DVD to replicate Pressure Relief Financial Forms (from Pressure Relief Workbook)

Alan J. - Area 15, New York

Item withdrawn.

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

86. How can we solve this problem of not having more Spanish GA approved literature printed and sold by the ISO because it cannot sell in high enough volume to allow the ISO to make a profit? The last three GA pamphlets of approved GA literature which the Spanish Literature Committee completed updating and translating into Spanish, were

a) Suggestions for improving new member retention,

b) Suggestions for dealing with urges to gamble, and

c) Your First Meeting.

These were last submitted to the ISO by Julian F on January 15, 2019 but have not yet been printed because the ISO said the Spanish Literature in the ISO inventory is not selling in sufficient volumes and printing these pamphlets would not allow ISO to make a profit. The cost of printing these pamphlets by the ISO (because of lower volumes printed) would result in a price increase per unit that would be significantly higher compared to the same English pamphlets.

Julian F. - Area 3F, Arizona

No discussion.

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

87. New stock card that reads:

**If you want to gamble,
that's your business.**

**If you want to stop,
that's ours.**

Gamblers Anonymous

Contact

(HOTLINE NUMBER)

(WEBSITE)

REFERENCE ATTACHMENT #87 IN THE DOWNLOAD SECTION

Patricia D. for Doug C. - Area 9A, Ontario

Motion to accept above.

Failed

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

**88. Rescind #35 from Orlando '18 Trustee meeting
Deem that Memorial Plaques can be displayed at a Gamblers Anonymous meeting as appropriate literature.**

David M. - Area 12, New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

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

**89. Rescind item #37 from the Orlando '18 Trustee meeting
To accept as appropriate literature silicone bracelet saying 'One Day At A Time'.**

David M. - Area 12, New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

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

90. Remove 'First Forty Years' as approved and/or appropriate literature

David M. - Area 12, New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

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

I.S.O. Procedures

91. A Recommendation to add as part of the procedure of a new GA Room starting the following:

Basic contact information for a Trustee from their area or of an adjoining area so that they have support should be within the Starter package.

Bernard Z. - Area 9, Michigan

Include basic contact information for the Area Trustee(s) in the starter package for a new G.A. room.

Failed

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

92. A recommendation to add as part of the procedure of a new GA Room starting the following:

When a Starter Kit for a new GA room is sent out, the Trustee for that area should receive information, including the contact information for the person starting the meeting.

Bernard Z. - Area 9, Michigan

Motion to accept above.

Passed

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

93. Would it be possible to add the universal accessibility logo to our U.S. and international meetings on the ISO website?

REFERENCE ATTACHMENT #93 IN THE DOWNLOAD SECTION

Anne D. - Area 5B, Quebec, Montreal

Motion to add the Universal Accessibility Logo to our U.S. and International meeting lists on the I.S.O. website.

Passed

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

R.S.O. Procedures

94. Permission to add Quebec's RSO mailing and website addresses on French Literature.

Anne D. - Area 5B, Quebec, French Montreal

Motion to accept above.

Passed

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

B.O.T. Procedures

95. Does the Executive Board have the sole right to remove an Intergroup without the matter being brought before the entire BOT?

John F. - Area 12, New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

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

96. Is the executive board of trustees purely an administration function or more? If more, who, what, and where do they establish these guidelines?

Gary S. - Area 12, New Jersey

No discussion.

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

97. What is the BOT supposed to do about geographic areas in the US and Canada that are not claimed by any existing and bordering areas?

David M. - Area 12, New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

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

98. Area 3, Southern Nevada requests to change the number of Trustees allocated from 4 (four) Trustees to 6 (six) Trustees.

REFERENCE ATTACHMENT #98 IN THE DOWNLOAD SECTION

Mark S. - Area 3, Southern Nevada

Motion to accept above.

Passed

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

99. Area 28 - Mexico requests from the Gamblers Anonymous Board of Trustees the approval of 2 (two) additional Trustee positions.

REFERENCE ATTACHMENT #99 IN THE DOWNLOAD SECTION

Martha G. - Area 28, Mexico

Motion to accept above.

Passed

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

100. The Telephone Conference Call Committee requests approval from the Board of Trustees for placement of the phone number, participant code and details concerning meeting times of current Telephone Conference Call Meetings on the ISO Website with the current meeting listings.

Jeannie B. - Area 8A, Minnesota

Item withdrawn.

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

Intergroup Procedures

101. Is it appropriate to publish a new Gam-Anon meeting in an area local bulletin?

Adrien R. - Area 5B, French Quebec

Discussion only.

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

B.O.T. Procedures

102. Discuss creating a new Trustee Position called "Trustee at Large" for areas not covered by any Trustee allocation.

Bernard Z. - Area 9, Michigan

Item withdrawn.

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

I.S.O. Procedures

103. Discontinue producing and selling combo book on CD.

Wendy B. - Area 1B, Inland Empire, California, BOR Chair

Motion to accept above.

Passed

1st Vote

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

104. Discuss the use of the Gamblers Anonymous name on Facebook groups

Wendy B. - Area 1B, Inland Empire, California, BOR Chair

Discussion only.

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

105. Should Gamblers Anonymous be active in sharing the message to other compulsive gamblers through social media, examples: pop ups, paid ads, Google search etc.

Walter G. for Joel N. - Area 12, New Jersey

Motion to table.

Passed

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

B.O.T. Procedures

106. Guidelines, Rules and Requirements for Approved Telephone Meetings

Harold A. for Diane S. - Area 2, Northern California

Item withdrawn.

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

Group Procedures

107. Can a room use excess money collected to have a group dinner?

Alan J. - Area 15, New York

Discussion only.

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

**108. How do you feel about tough love in the G.A. Fellowship?
Alan J. - Area 15, New York, for Marshall R. - Area 12, New Jersey**

Motion to table.

Passed

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

109. There are rooms that allow members to celebrate that by her own admission have not attended 39 meetings. is this an issue in your area? How do you feel about this?

Alan J. - Area 15, New York, for Marshall R. - Area 12, New Jersey

Discussion only.

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

110. Rotation of meeting chairperson. There are meetings that have the same person chairing the meeting every week. How do you feel about this and does it go against Group Handbook which states Secretary is there to facilitate the meeting?

Alan J. - Area 15, New York, for Marshall R. - Area 12, New Jersey

Motion to table.

Passed

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

111. How should we handle threats of physical harm in the rooms?

Ira C. - Area 14, Long Island, New York

Item withdrawn.

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

112. Instead of the current way of reading the 20 questions to the new member and having him/her answer out loud, why not ask them the questions, have them answer to themselves and then tell how many were answered yes.

Stuart B. - Area 14, Long Island, New York

Discussion only.

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

113. Should the 20 questions be asked of returnees? What about returnees that come back each week having gambled?

Ira C. - Area 14, Long Island, New York

Discussion only.

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

114. If a member doesn't attend meetings for more than a year, should they be able to keep their abstinence date when they return? In other words, a member with 17 years does not attend meetings for 3 years. He returns and attends the required 39 meetings. Can he now celebrate 21 years at his next anniversary?

Maury C. - Area 14, Long Island, New York

Discussion only.

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

115. Should there be a minimal attendance requirement for a member to celebrate 90 days of abstinence in G.A.? What is done in your area?

Alan J. - Area 15, New York, for Marshall R. - Area 12, New Jersey

Motion to table.

Passed

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

116. Seeking clarification regarding the use of the Gamblers Anonymous name on local publications for public consumption, i.e., meeting lists and other forms of attraction. (This is in addition to the official Hotline Flyer.) Our current Public Relations pamphlet sanctions the use of the Gamblers Anonymous name, Hotline Number and meeting locations for said items, however, herein lie some gray areas:

(1.) Which name is acceptable on local documents for public consumption: Gamblers Anonymous or the local Area name such as Gamblers Anonymous of Buffalo and Western New York?

(2) Have any areas posted meeting lists- in public places such as community bulletin boards, medical or professional facilities, etc. - providing exact time and exact location of meetings? If so, what meetings are included? All? Some? Localized to neighborhood or specific facility? Who makes this decision? The individual room? Intergroup? What role does Group Conscience play in this process?

Nancy K. - Area 16A, Western New York

Discussion only.

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

117. How do you communicate to your meetings when there is a new piece of Gamblers Anonymous literature or revision to an existing piece of literature? Do you yourself have all updated literature for yourself?

Jo K. - Area 8D, Missouri

Discussion only.

The above item was chaired by Steve F., 2nd Co-Chair.

118. Which of these comes first in your life;

1) Love of Gamblers Anonymous Fellowship

2) Love of God of your own understanding

3) Love of family

4) Love of your work, career.

Alan J. - Area 15, New York, for Marshall R. - Area 12, New Jersey

Motion to table.

Passed

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

119. Does your Area use sit downs as a tool to help members with pressing issues?

Alan J. - Area 15, New York, for Marshall R. - Area 12, New Jersey

Motion to table.

Passed

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

Items Omitted From The Agenda

120.

Election for 2nd Co-Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Since the 2nd Co-Chair of the Board of Trustees position is currently vacant Andy R., Chair called for nominations to fill the 2nd Co-Chair position for the remainder of the current term.

Steve F., from Southern California was nominated and accepted the position. A vote was taken and Steve F., from Area 1 is the 2nd Co-Chair of the Board of Trustees through June 30, 2019.

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

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at 9:50 A.M. on Saturday, June 1, 2019. The collection for six (6) sessions was \$1,060.05.

The next physical meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. in Montreal, Quebec.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen H.

Karen H.,
International Executive Secretary

ROLL CALL

AREA		SESSIONS	AREA		SESSIONS
1	Ara H.	7	8D	Jo K.	7
	Gagik G.	6	9	Bernard Z.	Absent
	Guy H.	7		Janet S.	7
1A	Dean W.	7	9A	Pat D.	7
	Jack R.	7	10	Beth S.	7
1B	Anita R.	6		Greg H.	5
	Laura M.	6	10A	Norm B.	7
2	Beth Z.	5	10B	Gary B.	7
	Harold A.	7		Steve B.	7
	Mark S.	7	11	Jeff H.	7
	Roger L.	Abst*		John L.	7
2A	Glenn N.	Abst*		Stacey A.	7
2B	Clair W.	7	12	David M.	Absent
	Charlene L.	Abst*		Frank M.	Absent
2C	Debbie W.	Absent		John F.	Absent
2E	Cheryl R.	6		Lorenzo T.	6
2G	Connie M.	Abst*		Ted S.	6
	Kevin M.	7		Walter G.	6
2H	Lori C.	7	13	John B.	7
	Lyla A.	7		Marla J.	7
2J	Patricia D.	Abst*		Scott S.	7
2K	Allan G.	7	13A	Nan V.	7
3	Mark S.	7		Tom N.	7
	Pilar L.	7	13B	Andy G.	7
	Rob P.	7		Craig F.	Abst*
	Terri K.	Absent	14	Ira C.	5
3A	Butch G.	7		Maury C.	6
	Hugo V.	7		Stuart B.	7
	Bob C.	7		Tom K.	6
3B	Paul G.	7	15	Bill B.	7
	Rick F.	7		Alan J.	7
3C	Terry D.	7		Hamid N.	Absent
3D	Dave A.	6		James G.	Absent
	Pat M.	7		Mark D.	Absent
3F	Paulo H.	Absent		Stanley C.	Absent

4	Joe F.	Absent	16	Robin S.	Absent
	Richard F.	Absent		Wayne C.	7
5	Tom R.	7	16A	Dan L.	7
5B	Adrien R.	7	17	John R.	7
	Anne D.	6		Ron W.	7
6	Jo Anne B.	7	18	Alison M.	7*
	Richie S.	7		Daphne C.	7*
	Steve C.	7		Jeremy M.	7*
6A	David T.	Abst*		Russell K.	7*
	Mike R.	7	18A	Mark C.	7*
6B	Rick B.	7		Yvonne R.	7*
	Ron B.	7	18B	Brian F.	Absent
	Steve P.	7		John H.	Absent
6D	Richard G.	Absent	19	Ana B.	7*
7	Iris D.	7		Dario B.	7*
	Trisha M.	7		Elena D.	7*
7A	Andy C.	Absent		Silvia G.	7*
	Deborah S.	7	20	Carlos C.	7*
7C	Jim G.	6	21	Angel B.	7*
8	Allen H.	7		Juan B.	7*
	Bob C.	Abst*	22	Dudley B.	7*
	Fred L.	Abst.*	25	Francesco E.	Absent
	Pam E.	7	26	Jaekyu C.	Absent
8A	Ernie N.	7		Tony L.	Absent
8B	Brian J.	7	28	Martha G.	7*
	Linda J.	Abst.*	29	Konstantin R.	7*
8C	Deni L.	6	33	Juan R.	Absent
				Moises H.	7*
			36	Odie B.	7*

Chair BOT – Andy R. 7
1st Co-Chair BOT – Pete K. 7
Chair BOR – Wendy B. 7
I.E.S. – Karen H. 7

* Absentee Ballot Received