

SPRING INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
August 29 and 30, 2021

HILTON ORLANDO – ORLANDO, FLORIDA

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

Andy R. called the meeting to order at 10:00 am local time. Members at the head table were introduced. Andy also introduced Mike R., who helps us with the agenda and the trustee website. This will be Mike’s last time as chair of that committee. Andy went over information about needing chairs on committees. A good portion of the work we do as Trustees is done through committees. Andy let everyone know that he would not be putting chairs into position on committees, he will let the new chairperson do that once they are elected.

There were 13 new Trustees present, they were all asked to mask up and go to the microphone to introduce themselves.

Andy let everyone know that there are 19 emergency items on the agenda from the Board of Regents. Roberts Rules of Order and our Rules and Procedures were explained. Our Rules and Procedures supersede Roberts Rules.

Fifty-six absentee ballots were received as follows:

Area 1	Alvin F.	Area 7	Iris D.	Area 17	Ronny W.
Area 1A	Jack R.	Area 7	Patricia M.	Area 18	Andy D.
Area 1B	Anita R.	Area 8	Reba-Anna L.	Area 18	Michelle M.
Area 1B	Laura M.	Area 8A	Renee G.	Area 18	Steve A.
Area 2A	Paul N.	Area 9A	Patricia D.	Area 18A	Yvonne R.
Area 2B	Charlene L.	Area 11	Jeff H.	Area 18B	John H.
Area 2E	Debra B.	Area 11	John L.	Area 19	Carlos R.
Area 2G	Connie M.	Area 12	John F.	Area 19	Gustavo J.
Area 2H	Cindy M.	Area 12	Ted S.	Area 21	Angel B.
Area 2H	Doris S.	Area 13	Scott S.	Area 21	Juan B.
Area 3	Eric W.	Area 13A	Nan V.	Area 22	Andrew B.
Area 3B	Ron G.	Area 13B	Craig F.	Area 28	Hector T.
Area 3C	Terry D.	Area 13B	Andy G.	Area 29	Konstantin U.
Area 3D	Pat M.	Area 14	Ira C.	Area 33	Dario C.
Area 3D	Jim L.	Area 14	Maury C.	Area 33	Moises A.
Area 5B	Adrien R.	Area 14	Mitchell M.	Area 36	Odie B.
Area 5B	Claude G.	Area 14	Stuart B.		
Area 6	Jo Anne B.	Area 15	Alan J.		
Area 6	Steven C.	Area 15	Jim G.		
Area 6	Steven H.	Area 15	Jesse C.		

B) Remembrance of our departed members – Walter G.

Walter G., from Area 12 read a list of names of members who have passed away since the last Board of Trustees meeting held in Montreal, Quebec.

Phil K., Area 1	Melody S., Area 1A	Jim W., Area 2B	Rick D., Area 2B
Frank H., Area 2B	Jeff R., Area 2B	Marvin C., Area 2G	Bill S., Area 2G
David B., Area 2G	Judy A., Area 2G	Linda S., Area 3A	Dan C., Area 3A
Joann U., Area 3A	Pearl B., Area 3A	Randy M., Area 3D	Dan L, Area 3D
Basia K., Area 3D	Jerry M., Area 3D	Herb B., Area 5	Robert P., Area 5B
Claude P., Area 5B	Alexandra L., Area 5B	Georges R., Area 5B	Gabby P., Area 5B
Gaston E., Area 5B	Joann D., Area 5B	Colette R., Area 5B	Jean-Louis, Area 5B
John R., Area 6B	Mariano S., Area 6B	Stan P., Area 10	Dwayne W., Area 10B
David S., Area 12	Stewart R., Area 12	Jose F., Area 12	Bob W., Area 12
Bob D., Area 12	Jason S., Area 13	Charlie M., Area 13	Erv K., Area 13
Vince T., Area 13	Bob S., Area 13	Ronnie G., Area 13	Bob K., Area 13
Maggie J., Area 13	Bob F., Area 13	Joe D., Area 13	Allen H., Area 14
Fred P., Area 6B	Joe S., Area 6B	Frank Z., Area 6B	Sharon L., Area 6B
Steven M., Area 6B	Daniel D., Area 5B	Jocelyn G., Area 5B	Phil C., Area 11
Mike P., Area 11	Bill M., Area 2A	George, Area 2A	Mike K., Area 2A
Dan D., Area 9	Danny C., Area 3A	Gil C., Area 9	Rick F., Area 9
Bob, Area 2K	Ann, Area 2K	Bob Y., Area 2K	Tom H., Area 3
Fred S., Area 3	Nancy N., Area 3	George S., Area 3	Dan R., Area 3
Ray F., Area 3	Elsie G., Area 3	Howard F., Area 5	

A moment of silence was observed in their memories, and we were asked to keep them in our prayers.

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

Rob P., from Area 3, read the Reflection for the Day for both August 29 and 30, to begin the first sessions of each day.

D) Reading of the “12 Steps of Unity”

Sean N., from Area 5, read the 12 Steps of Unity for both August 29 and 30, to begin the first sessions of each day.

E) Roll Call – KC B., International Executive Secretary

KC B. took roll call. There were 56 Trustees absent that sent in absentee ballots, 37 Trustees were present. 18 of the absentee ballots are from outside the U.S.A.

F) Approval of Minutes from Montreal

Motion to approve as written and seconded. There was no discussion on the motion. The minutes from the Board of Trustees meeting in Montreal were unanimously approved as submitted.

G) ISO / Lifeliners – KC B.

KC reported the number of individual Lifeliners from each state. There was a total of 346 individual Lifeliners. The total amount donated for the year from August 2020 to July 2021 was \$113,827.23. At the next Board of Trustees meeting, she will have two years of data for comparison value of the Lifeliners information to be handed out.

H) Report from the Board of Regents – Cathy F., BOR Chair

Cathy F. talked about her prior service in the program and how she got involved. She went over three issues we've had since the last BOT meeting, COVID, the website, and Karen's retirement.

The ISO staff was still working through the pandemic. Sometimes they did so from home and other times, they did it at the office wearing masks and alternating who was in the office. She gave a report on the financial status of the International Service Office as of June 30, 2021. Cathy went over the amounts in our account as of the end of the fiscal year, which included CDs. The prior BOR was concerned about keeping Gamblers Anonymous running. During the pandemic year, there were some substantial donations from members. We ran at a loss pretty much every month. We made the money to run the office through literature sales and Lifeliner donations.

The change of address for the I.S.O. was discussed. The P.O. Box was discontinued almost two (2) years ago when the pandemic started. There was some concern that a few members were sending things to the P.O. Box and the I.S.O. has not received them. The Trustee who was questioning this, was going to get more information back to Cathy F. so that she could follow up with the I.S.O.

The website was on everybody's mind, and they wanted to know what happened. There was an unscheduled update from the hosting company which interrupted the PHP, which caused it to go down. We went with a different hosting company that can help us with our website needs. The ISO staff continued to fulfill orders and give meeting information when people called into the Office.

The retirement of our International Executive Secretary, Karen H. was discussed. She had been in that position for 32 years before letting the prior Board of Regents know she would be retiring. The hiring processes for International Executive Secretary by the Board of Regents was explained, along with how they split the job duties into two positions, making the I.E.S. parttime and available for remote work.

There are several things the current BOR is working on, including the lease renewal for the office. We're looking at a variety of other items as well, such as moving the Board of Regents meeting to virtual instead of telephone.

There were some questions on why the Board of Trustees was not consulted before the PPP loan was obtained by the prior board. The sole purpose of the Board of Regents is to manage the International Service Office to make sure it continues running.

I) Conference Reports – Conference Assistance Committee

- 1) Montreal – Fall ‘19 – No report given.

J) Committee Reports

Committees with Steve F. as Co-Chair Liaison.

Steve F. was not present, so Pete K. chaired these items.

Abuse and Harassment Committee:

Committee Chair - Gagik G. - Area 1

Committee Liaison Chair – Steve F.

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

There was no report submitted.

Defining our Relationship with Gam-Anon

Committee Chair – Jo K. – Area 8D

Committee Liaison Chair – Steve F.

Mission Statement: To Define the relationship Gamblers Anonymous has with Gam-Anon.

Walter G., Area 12, gave the report that was submitted online.

Jo K. has stepped down as Chair of this committee. Walter G., from Area 12, is the Co-Chair of this committee. There was some discussion on whether this was, in fact, defining the relationship between the two programs or not. Dean W. volunteered and mentioned Jack R. volunteering, both from Area 1A. Bruce W., Area 1, has volunteered for this committee.

International Relations Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Ara H. – Area 1

Co-Chair – Frank L. – Area 12

Committee Liaison Chair – Steve F.

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

Martha G., from Area 28, gave the report for Ara H., who was not present at the meeting.

Martha G. let everyone know that she is the Co-Chair of this committee.

Meeting Removal Merit Panel Exploration Committee

Committee Chair – Cheryl R.

Committee Chair Liaison – Steve F.

Mission Statement: 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.

The report was submitted online. Chris N., from Area 2, and Walter G., from Area 12 volunteered for this committee.

Pressure Relief Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Alan J. - Area 15

Committee Liaison Chair – Steve F.

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.

There was no report submitted.

Bruce W., Area 1, volunteered to be a part of this committee.

Spanish Literature Committee

Committee Chair - Julian F. - Area 3F

Committee Liaison Chair – Steve F.

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.

Julian F. gave the report, which was submitted online.

Telephone Conference Call Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Jeanne B. – Area 8A

Co-Chair – David M. - Area 12

Committee Liaison Chair – Steve F.

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.

4) To actively seek out any known phone meetings and try to assist in making them compliant with current rules and procedures covering all aspects of the telephone conference call meetings. Make changes to such procedures whenever necessary, with Board of Trustee approval.

5) Look at other platforms being used and make changes to the rules and procedures covering all aspects of the telephone conference call meetings, with Board of Trustee approval.

Pete K. gave this report, which was submitted online.

Committees with Pete K. as Co-Chair Liaison.

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.

Pete K. gave this report, which was submitted online.

Chronological History Committee

Committee Chair – Guy H. – Area 1

Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.

Mission Statement: To create a document, in 10-year increments, to chronicle the history of Gamblers Anonymous.

There was no report submitted. A Trustee said that there had not been a meeting for this committee since the pandemic. There were no other volunteers for this committee.

Fourth Step Inventory Review

Committee Chair – Jeanne B. – Area 8A

Committee Chair Liaison – Pete K.

Mission Statement: Review, revise, and rewrite the Gamblers Anonymous publication “A Guide to Fourth Step Inventory” to create a more robust and effective tool of recovery for the fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous that addresses both moral and financial inventories.

A report was submitted online. There was some discussion on this committee being disbanded since there had not been any work done on it.

Literature Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Chuck R. – Area 6

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.

There was no report from this committee. Carl D., from Area 16, volunteered to be on this committee. Pete K. explained the purpose of this committee was to just review approved literature by the Board of Trustees. They would check for grammar, punctuation, and spelling errors.

Prison Committee – Canada – Standing Committee:

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

Co-Chair -

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.
This report was submitted online.

Prison Committee, US – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Beth Z. - Area 2

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.

This report was submitted online. Bob C., from Area 8, volunteered to be a part of this committee.

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).

Harold A., Area 2, gave this report, which was also submitted online. There was nothing new to report for July and August. Harold is looking for someone to take over this committee. Patrick G., Area 9, volunteered for this committee.

Committees with Andy R. as Co-Chair Liaison

Before going into his committee reports, Andy asked for volunteers to help hand out some papers that have the 19 emergency items from the Board of Regents.

Conference Oversight and Assistance Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Wendy B. - Area 1B

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.

Andy R. gave this 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.

David M. has stepped down from this committee. There was some discussion from Trustees who are on this committee.

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.

This report was submitted online. The committee should have something for the Board of Trustees to review at the next Board of Trustees meeting.

Guidance Code Audit Committee

Committee Chair – Anita R. – Area 1B

Committee Chair Liaison – Andy R.

Mission Statement: To review and verify the Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code for compliance with the Unity and Recovery Programs and on a practical level for the sustainability of Gamblers Anonymous.

Walter G., Area 12, gave the report, which was submitted online.

Hotline Implementation Committee:

Committee Chair – Vacant

Committee Liaison Chair – Andy R.

Mission Statement: To provide assistance in implementing a Gamblers Anonymous Hotline and oversee the operations. Give support and help when needed to local areas using the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline provider. Assist local areas in developing guidelines for hotline volunteers. Follow up on voicemails on the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline for areas that do not have a hotline. Maintain the routing information for all areas using the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline. Review areas that use another hotline system. Review the data usage on the Gamblers Anonymous 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 Gamblers Anonymous Hotline provider. Maintain information on the Trustee Website for the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline.

This committee has an open Chairperson position. Ron B. is willing to stay on the committee and will get a copy of the report to KC. Sean N., Area 5, has volunteered to be on this committee.

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.

There was no report given. David M. is no longer the Chair of this committee.

Trustee Removal Merit Panel – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair –

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 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.

There was no report submitted. There is no Chair for this committee. It will also be member-less at the conclusion of this meeting. The new Board of Trustees Chair will be picking a brand-new panel.

Trustee Website Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Mike R. - Area 6A

Committee Liaison Chair – Andy R.

Mission Statement:

– To oversee the Trustee website.

– 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.

To review new designs, features, enhancements, and any other changes that would be demonstrated to the Board of Trustees for approval and deployment to any website approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mike R. gave the report, which was also submitted online. He let everyone know that he will be stepping down. Andy R. thanked Mike R. and his committee members for all the hard work throughout the years. Volunteers for this committee were Ed G., Area 10, Bob C., Area 3A, and Bob C., Area 8.

Video Conference Meetings Committee

The report was submitted online. The Chairperson called on Harold to give a report.

Volunteers for this committee included Walter G., Area 12, Harold A., Area 2, is willing to be the Chairperson if needed, Patrick G., Area 9, Rick L., Area 13A, and Chris N., Area 2, as well as Bob C., Area 8, and Ed G, Area 10. There was discussion on this committee needing to come up with a mission statement and purpose.

Rules and Procedures

1. Section 2 Agenda, Subsection Order of Items heard – add /she after he.

Proposed version – The Chairman of the BOT will take up items on the agenda in an order that he/she deems appropriate unless otherwise designated in the Rules and Procedures.

Mike R. – Area 6A, North Central Florida

Motion to accept above. Motion to amend to read “The Chairman of the BOT will take up items on the agenda in an order that they deem appropriate unless otherwise designated in the Rules and Procedures.”

Passed.

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

2. Remove 5. Changing or Adding a Procedure, Subsection: Maintenance of the Rules and Procedures manual.

Current Version: The rules and procedures committee will be responsible for updating and maintaining the rules and procedures manual on the trustee website.

Proposed Version: – remove it completely.

Mike R. – Area 6A, North Central Florida

Motion to accept above. There was a motion to amend the motion to change “The Rules and Procedures Committee” to “The Trustee Website Committee” and not remove. This will now read “The Trustee Website committee will be responsible for updating and maintaining the rules and procedures manual on the trustee website.”

Passed.

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

3. Add to the end of the first sentence of, 7. Committees, Subsection, Committee mission statements, second item: “, excluding Quick Response Meetings.”

Current Version: Newly formed committees shall submit an agenda item containing their mission statement, by the deadline for the next Board of Trustees Meeting for approval by the Board of Trustees.

Proposed Version: Newly formed committees shall submit an agenda item containing their mission statement by the deadline for the next Board of Trustees Meeting for approval by the Board of Trustees, excluding Quick Response Meetings. If a mission statement is not submitted by the deadline, an automatic agenda item will be created for the Board of Trustees to vote to continue that committee or dissolve it. If continued, the committee will be subject to the same above requirements before the deadline of the next Board of Trustees Meeting, excluding Quick Response Meetings.

Mike R. – Area 6A – North Central Florida

Motion to accept above.

Passed.

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

4. Remove #7 Committees, Subsection: Website Updated Reports

Current Version: Website Updated Reports

Each Board of Trustees committee must submit monthly committee updates to the Trustee Website no later than the last day of every month. Committee Chairs will have an initial minimum of 30 days from the end of Trustee meetings to accomplish this. The Chair of the Board of Trustees may remove the Committee Chair and/or Co-Chair if the deadlines for submission are not met.

Proposed Version: None

Mike R. – Area 6A – North Central Florida

Motion to accept above.

Passed.

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

5. Rules and Procedures 10. Discussion on Item, Subsection, "Show of Hands": add, except as it may apply to the formation of a committee." to the end of the subsection.

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

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

Mike R. – Area 6A – North Central Florida

Motion to accept above.

Passed.

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

6. Rules and Procedures - Section 12 – Responsibilities and Duties: To Replace the words: Executive Board does not speak on items when they are facilitating/chairing the meeting. Replace words with: The Executive Board may not speak on any items or have opinions during any BOT meeting. The only exception is when the BOT body request.

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

Proposed Version: The Executive Board may not speak on any items or have opinions during any BOT meeting. The only exception is when the BOT body request.

Lorenzo T – Area 12, New Jersey

This item was withdrawn.

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

7. Rules and Procedures Add a new section between sections 13 and 14, re-numbering all sections from 14 on.

The new section, which would be section 14, would be worded as follows:

14. Items Intended for Discussion Only

In order for an item to be allowed on the floor as a discussion only item, the item must pertain to official Trustee business. Any items not pertaining to official business shall not be permitted to be discussed, and the item shall be ruled out of order.

Patrick G – Area 9, Michigan/NW Ohio

Motion to accept above.

Failed.

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

8. Rules and Procedures Add 2 additional bullet points regarding the use of interpreters to Trustee Meeting Rules and Procedures, #16 Interpreters as follows:

When possible, the interpreter shall be another Gambler’s Anonymous Member.

-When this is not possible, due diligence shall be performed to ensure the interpreter understands their duty to maintain the anonymity of all members present at the trustee meeting. Any interpreter who is not willing to acknowledge that they will maintain the anonymity of all members present shall not be permitted to perform interpreting services

at the Trustee Meeting, and alternative arrangements must then be made by the member requiring such services

Current Version: Trustee Meeting Rules and Procedures, #16 Interpreters

Agenda Items Requiring Interpreters

Any agenda item that requires an interpreter shall be allotted 25 minutes per item.

Interpreters in Closed Sessions

Interpreters are allowed to be present in a closed session of the BOT if there are current Trustees who need their assistance.

Proposed Version: Trustee Meeting Rules and Procedures, #16 Interpreters

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Patrick G – Area 9, Michigan/NW Ohio

Motion to accept above.

There was no second on the motion, therefore item dies.

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

9. Rules and Procedures Change the first sentence of Item 21. Meetings, to say: The Trustee meeting start time will be announced by the Chairman of the BOT when the Final Agenda is released.

Current Version: 21. Meetings

Meeting time for Trustee meeting

The Trustee meeting will begin at 10 AM local time on the 1st day of the Trustee meeting. The Chairman of the BOT will designate when that session ends and the starting and ending times for all other sessions of the Trustee meeting.

Proposed Version: 21. Meetings

Meeting time for Trustee meeting

The Trustee meeting start time will be announced by the Chairman of the BOT when the Final Agenda is released. The Chairman of the BOT will designate when that session ends and the starting and ending times for all other sessions of the Trustee meeting.

Mike R – Area 6A, North Central Florida

Motion to accept above.

Passed.

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

10. Rules and Procedures Add two additional bullet points under the first bullet point in Trustee Meeting Rules and Procedures, Section 24, Motions, as follows:

After a motion has been made, a time limit exactly 1 minute shall be allowed for a trustee to second the motion. During this time period, no other business may take place, with the sole exception of a point of order being called.

If the motion fails to be seconded within the time limit for a member to second the motion, all discussion regarding the item shall end.

Current Version: Trustee Meeting Rules and Procedures, Section 24, Motions.

Motions on agenda items are made either during the presentation or discussion of the item. Motions must be seconded in order for the BOT to vote on any item. Only current Trustees may make or second a motion.

The maker of the motion cannot speak against the motion.

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Patrick G – Area 9, Michigan/NW Ohio

Motion to accept above.

Passed.

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

11. Rules and Procedures 24. Motions, add an additional stipulation as follows:

In Keeping with Unity Step 1, No person shall be permitted to make any motion for their own personal gain, or the personal gain of any person or small group of people. With regards to this rule, personal gain could include, but is not limited to, any motion that benefits the person's status, allows the individual to obtain a position they previously would not have been able to obtain, or any motion which allows the individual to benefit financially in any way. Any motion made in violation of this rule shall immediately be ruled out of order.

Patrick G – Area 9, Michigan/NW Ohio

Motion to accept above.

Failed.

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

12. Rules and Procedures 24. Motions

Call the question:

A member must have the floor in order to make this motion. When making this motion, it suggests that one person would like to stop debate and vote. This motion requires a second. There have to be at least two people in the room who want to cut off debate before it can be considered. This motion cannot be discussed or debated. As soon as the chair hears a second, they immediately take the vote ON WHETHER TO CEASE DISCUSSION.

It takes TWO-THIRDS of the voting members in favor to cut off debate. If indeed two-thirds of the group want to stop debate and vote, then the chair immediately takes the vote on the pending motion – the motion that the group is considering at this time. No further discussion is allowed.

Beth Z. – Area 2, Northern California

Motion to table.

Passed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

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

Current Version: 29. Quick Response Meetings

***Who can call them**

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

Proposed Version: *Who can call them

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

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

Walter G. – Area 12, New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

14. Rules and Procedures 37. Voting, Abstentions - Remove all votes not being equal in count, moving it back to all votes matter. rewording the last sentence removing “not”

Current Version: 37. Voting – Abstentions

Abstentions will not be included any formula involving the outcome of any votes.

Proposed Version: 37. Voting – Abstentions

Abstentions will be included any formula involving the outcome of any votes.

Walter G. – Area 12, New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

15. Rules and Procedures Change existing rules and procedures, Section 37. Voting, subsection Abstentions Remove the current wording and replace with: “Abstentions will be used to determine if a quorum is met on Roll Call votes and votes requiring a two-thirds majority. Abstentions will not be called for in any votes requiring a simple majority. Abstentions will not be used as part of the total votes on an item.”

Current Version: Abstentions will not be included any formula involving the outcome of any votes.

Proposed Version: Abstentions will be used to determine if a quorum is met on Roll Call votes and votes requiring a two-thirds majority. Abstentions will not be called for in any votes requiring a simple majority. Abstentions will not be used as part of the total votes on an item.

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Mike R – Area 6A, North Central Florida

Motion to accept above.

Passed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

16. Rules and Procedures 37. Voting, Roll Call Votes, add new item

A Roll Call can only be called for when there is less than a 5% difference between an Agenda Item passing or failing.

Ronny W. – Area 17, Connecticut

No discussion.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

17. Rules and Procedures

Change the title of the "Trustee Meeting Rules and Procedures" to "Board of Trustees Rules and Procedures"

Current Version: Trustee Meeting Rules and Procedures

Proposed Version: Board of Trustees Rules and Procedures

Mike R – Area 6A, North Central Florida

Motion to accept above.

Failed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

Tabled from Montreal

18. Montreal agenda item #7 Rules and Procedures

Should a Guidance Code audit committee communicate directly to the Board of Trustees and not have a chair oversight?

Walter G. – Area 12, New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

19. Montreal agenda item #61

Brainstorming Public Relations: What are the best practices for Gamblers Anonymous to get the message of hope to other compulsive gamblers who still suffer. What are the best practices to prioritize new member attraction and member retention for Gamblers Anonymous as a whole?

Ronny W. – Area 17, Connecticut

No discussion.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

Items up for Second Vote

20. Montreal agenda item #29 Guidance Code, Article VII, Section 4

Current Version: Abstinence from gambling and regular attendance of at least thirty-nine (39) Gamblers Anonymous meetings (exceptions can be made, via group conscience decisions, for medical reasons, and military stationed overseas) in the prior 12 months, by

the member's own admission, is required for pinnings and for all successive anniversaries Date of abstinence starts from your first meeting after your last bet.

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

Approved 75 Against 13 – 85.2% margin

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

For 82 Against 4 Abstained 5

Passed.

2nd Vote.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

21. Montreal item #30 Guidance Code, Article VII – Groups, New Section 9

Physical meetings cannot employ any electronic device or application to allow anyone not in physical attendance, to access any part of the meeting.

Approved 68 Against 16 – 81.0% margin

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

For 44 Against 45 Abstained 4

Failed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

22. Montreal item #31 Guidance Code: Article VIII – Section 1, Add “(as of the date of nomination)” to the first sentence.

Current version: 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's 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.

Proposed Version: 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 (as of the date of nomination) 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's 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.

Approved 64 Against 29 – 68.8% margin

Anita R. – Area 1B, Inland Empire, California

Bob C. – Area 3, presenting for Anita R.

For 70 Against 7 Abstained 8

Passed.

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

23. Montreal item #41 - Change to Gamblers Anonymous Sponsorship Manual, page1, first paragraph. Eliminate the word “older”.

CURRENT VERSION: When we speak of sponsorship in Gamblers Anonymous, we mean the opportunity of the “older”, more experienced member to help another compulsive gambler to achieve the Gamblers Anonymous Program.

PROPOSED VERSION: When we speak of sponsorship in the Gamblers Anonymous, we mean the opportunity of the more experienced member to help another compulsive gambler to achieve the Gamblers Anonymous Program.

Amendment to take out “the” in the first line, and change “the more” to “an” in the second line.

Passed first vote.

The item will now read: When we speak of sponsorship in Gamblers Anonymous, we mean the opportunity of an experienced member to help another compulsive gambler to achieve the Gamblers Anonymous Program.

Wendy B. – Area 1B, Inland Empire, California

Walter G. – Area 12, presented for Wendy B.

Passed.

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

24. Montreal item #46 Hosting an International Conference, Page 16, Section 7. Reports, second paragraph, second line: Add “within 60 days” after “signed hotel contract”

Current version: Once a conference is awarded, the Area Conference Committee will provide the Conference Oversight & Assistance Committee with a copy of a signed hotel contract and, if possible, bank signature cards.

Proposed Version: Once a conference is awarded, the Area Conference Committee will provide the Conference Oversight & Assistance Committee with a copy of a signed hotel contract within 60 days and, if possible, bank signature cards.

Passed first vote.

Andre G – Area 5B, French Quebec, Canada

Passed.

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

25. Montreal item #47

To designate the attached Dealing with Abuse and/or Harassment flyer as approved literature.

See attachment #25

Gagik G. – Area 1, Los Angeles California

Motion to table.

Passed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

26. Montreal item #62

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

Paulette T. – Area 6B, Florida West Coast

Passed.

2nd Vote

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

Discussion Items

27. Discussion Item

Add a link to UK GA Website to I.S.O. Website

Andy D. – Area 18, NSW Australia

Item ruled out of order.

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

28. Discussion Item

Should Gamblers Anonymous stop having an opinion on Gam-Anon and remove references from our literature in the same way that we voted down previous literature submitted by a GA Member that had references to another outside organization and if not, why did the Board of Trustees vote down an agenda item in Montreal that would have specifically allowed for us to formally have the affiliation we have already created with past precedence?

Mike R. – Area 6A, North Central Florida

Item withdrawn.

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

29. Discussion Item

Will the Trustees make a formal declaration that Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon are two separate non-profit organizations and shall have no formal ties to one another?

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

Item withdrawn.

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

30. Discussion Item

Open discussion regarding liability insurance for GA groups to see what other groups and/or areas have found out, and share their experience and information.

Kevin M. – Area 2G, Oregon

No discussion.

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

31. Discussion Item

Is requiring that a trustee nominee be physically present at an Intergroup meeting where Trustee nominations are conducted, constitute an Intergroup setting stricter requirements pertaining to the election of Trustees.

Bob C. – Area 3A, San Diego, California

Discussion only.

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

32. Discussion Item

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

Andy D. Area 18 – NSW, Australia

Discussion only.

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

33. Discussion Item

Should approved literature sold by ISO in alternative forms, such as large print and audio format be priced at no higher than literature in regular format?

Jeff H., Area 11 – New England

No Discussion.

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

34. Discussion Item

Area 3B Colorado, Wyoming and Utah and Area 3 Southern Nevada are in the process of creating a presentation to co-host the Spring of 2022 GA Gam-Anon conference. We would like feedback from the Board of Trustees if Colorado would be a desirable location to host the conference and if members in your areas would attend the conference that we are planning on hosting.

Paul G. – Area 3B, Colorado

Rob P., Area 3, presented for Paul G. and they are looking into possible Spring of 2023.

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

35. Discussion Item

Does your Intergroup do public service announcements?

Do they need to be approved by the B.O.T. first?

Alan J. – Area 15, New York

Discussion only.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

36. Discussion Item

Ideas for Improving Effectiveness of Public Relations

Harold A. – Area 2, Northern California

Discussion only.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

37. Discussion Item

Page 17, #2 “USE THE PHONE LIST”. Area 5 would like to know what process and/or procedures other Areas use in the creation and distribution of their phone lists?

Tom R. – Area 5, Montreal

No discussion.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

38. Discussion Item

What can be done to get our hot line number to be included in advertising by gambling sites, along with 1-800-gambler that they current give?

Alan J. – Area 15, New York

No discussion.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

39. Discussion Item

What determines whether an issue is an “emergency” necessitating a “Quick Response Meeting”?

Bob C. – Area 3A, San Diego, California

Discussion only.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

40. Discussion Item

Discussion to the executive board to explain to the BOT

What were the steps that lead up to making the decisions to making an Emergency meeting that could not wait till the Seattle conference, against area 12? Who informed you of the violation?

Gary S. – Area 12, New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

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

41. Discussion Item

Should a quick response meeting be requested to circumvent a discussion at the Board of Trustees meeting?

Walter G. – Area 12, New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

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

42. Discussion Item

A Quick Response as per the Gamblers Anonymous guidance code is a trustee meeting. A trustee meeting may be conducted by fax, email or other electronic means by the Board of Trustees. A Quick Reapsonse meeting is conducted by email. Should a quick response meeting be fully transparent allowing any point or points of information, points of order, and or challenges to the Chair be forwarded to the Board of Trustees?

Walter G. – Area 12, New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair

43. Discussion Item

By virtue of the 79-10-7 quick response vote results, should every previous Area 12 Trustee election be voided, resulting in no current or past Trustees from this area? The reasoning for this discussion is that Area 12 had “39 weekly meetings” in it’s guidance code for the last 30 years, until removed in January 2020.

John F. – Area 12, New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair

44. Discussion Item

Are we the Board of Trustees the leaders of Gamblers Anonymous as trusted servants of the Gamblers Anonymous fellowship or are we acting as a governing body of Gamblers Anonymous by inserting provisions that conflict with the majority of the Gamblers Anonymous Unity Program and 12 Steps of the Recovery Program into any GA literature specifically conflicting with our Unity Program Step 2, Our leaders are but trusted servants: they do not govern.

Walter G. – Area 12, New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair

45. Discussion Item

Is Gamblers Anonymous primary purpose to stop gambling and to help other compulsive gamblers do the same?

References: Combo book, Page 2, Our primary purpose is to stop gambling and to help other compulsive gamblers do the same.

Combo book, Page 5, The Recovery Program, Step 12 Having made an effort to practice these principles in all our affairs, we tried to carry this message to other compulsive gamblers.

Combo book, Page 7, The Unity Program, Step 5, Gamblers Anonymous has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the compulsive gambler who still suffers.

Walter G. – Area 12, New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair

46. Discussion Item

What is the primary purpose of the trustees/BOT and how does it differ from that of the fellowship?

Pete K. – Area 13B, South Jersey

Discussion only.

Motion to extend time on subject – no motion.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair

47. Discussion Item

What are the requirements of a trustee and how are those different than the requirements to be a member of GA?

Pete K. – Area 13B, South Jersey

Item withdrawn.

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

48. Discussion Item

Should the Chairman of the Board of Trustees be allowed to create an agenda item or speak on behalf or against any agenda item brought before the board?

Bob C. – Area 3C, San Diego, California

Discussion Only.

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

49. Discussion Item

Is the only requirement for Gamblers Anonymous membership a desire to stop gambling?

Reference: Combo book Page 2, 2nd paragraph, The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop gambling.

Combo book Page 6 The Unity Program Step 3 The only requirement for Gamblers Anonymous membership is a desire to stop gambling.

Walter G. – Area 12, New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

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

Elections

50. Election – Board of Trustee Chair

Nominations for Chairperson –

Pete K., Area 13B – accepted nomination

Andy R. Area 13B – declined nomination

Gary S., Area 12 – accepted nomination

Mike R., Area 6A – declined nomination

Pete K. from Area 13B was elected Chairperson to replace Andy R.

51. Election – Board of Trustee 1st Co-Chair

Nominations for 1st Co-Chair –

Butch G., Area 3A – accepted nomination

Marth G., Area 28 – accepted nomination

Harold A., Area 2 – accepted nomination

Mike R., Area 6A – declined nomination

Harold A., Area 2, was elected as 1st Co-Chair to replace Steve F.

52. Election – Board of Trustee 2nd Co-Chair

Nominations for 2nd Co-Chair –

Butch G., Area 3A – accepted nomination

Marth G., Area 28 – accepted nomination

Mark S., Area 3 – accepted nomination

Bob C., Area 8 – accepted nomination

Martha G., Area 28, was elected as 2nd Co-Chair to replace Pete K.

The above three items were chaired by Andy R., Chair.

Guidance Code

53. Guidance Code Section VI paragraph 7

Add a sentence at the end of the paragraph:

Previous versions of any approved literature may still be used by groups unless it has been determined by the Board of Trustees that this literature may no longer be used as part of the Gambler’s Anonymous fellowship.

Current Version: “approved literature is any publication or item that has been approved by the Board of Trustees and is sold or distributed by the International Service Office (I.S.O) and/or any Regional Service Office (R.S.O.), and/or any Intergroup. Foreign language translations of Gamblers Anonymous approved literature are deemed to be approved if the final product has followed the necessary steps outlined by the Board of Trustees.”

Proposed Version: “Gamblers Anonymous approved literature is any publication or item that has been approved by the Board of Trustees and is sold or distributed by the International Service Office (I.S.O) and/or any Regional Service Office (R.S.O.), and/or any Intergroup. Foreign language translations of Gamblers Anonymous approved literature are deemed to be approved if the final product has followed the necessary steps outlined by the Board of Trustees. Previous versions of any approved literature may still be used by groups unless it has been determined by the Board of Trustees that this literature may no longer be used as part of the Gambler’s Anonymous fellowship.”

Jeff H. – Area 11, New England

No discussion.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair

54. Guidance Code Article VII – Groups, Section 1A.

Rename Section 1A to 1B and create new Section 1A, Meeting formats such as digital meetings (Zoom) are accepted meeting formats. They do not take the place of physical meetings, but may. count as meeting attendance when certain circumstances exist (impossible to make a physical meeting, health issues, etc). Other digital meeting issues; Digital meetings will be under the guidance and direction of the nearest Intergroup or RSO. All Digital meetings will be registered with the ISO. The monitoring of proper attendee behavior will be enforced by the secretary and or sgt. at arms

Current Version: Section 1A:

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 Version:

Section 1A:

Meeting formats such as digital meetings (Zoom) are accepted meeting formats. They do not take the place of physical meetings, but may. count as meeting attendance when certain circumstances exist (impossible to make a physical meeting, health issues, etc).

Other digital meeting issues;

Digital meetings will be under the guidance and direction of the nearest Intergroup or RSO. All Digital meetings will be registered with the ISO.

The monitoring of proper attendee behavior will be enforced by the secretary and or sgt. at arms.

Section 1B:

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.

Butch G. – Area 3A, San Diego

Motion to accept above. Motion to commit back to author for rewording.

Passed.

Motion to commit takes precedence over the original motion.

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

55. Guidance Code - Article VII – Groups, Add Section 3A

Current Version: None

Proposed Version: Electronic forms of payment can be accepted as long as guidance code regulations are followed.

Butch G. – Area 3A, San Diego

Motion to accept above.

For 75 Against 7

Item passes first vote.

Needs second vote.

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

56. Guidance Code - ARTICLE VII – SECTION 4

Remove at least thirty-nine (39)

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

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

Alan J. – Area 15, New York

No discussion.

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

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

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

Current Version: Article VIII-Board of Trustees Section 4

Any Trustee is automatically removed from office for gambling by his/her own admission. Current or past Trustees who return to gambling and subsequently come back to G.A. should not have a voice at the BOT meeting until they have 2 years of abstinence, the same qualification as becoming a Trustee. Gambling, for the compulsive gambler is defined as follows: Any betting or wagering, for self or others, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or “skill” constitutes gambling. He or she may be removed for other acts on his or her part, which are detrimental to Gamblers Anonymous as a whole, as per established Trustee Removal Procedures, or for not attending Gamblers Anonymous meetings. Removal requires 2/3 vote for expulsion by the Board of Trustees at the next physical meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Article XIII-Board of Regents Section 4

Any Regent is automatically removed from office for gambling by his/her own admission. Gambling, for the compulsive gambler is defined as follows: Any betting or wagering, for self or others, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or “skill” constitutes gambling. Or he or she may be removed for other acts on his or her part that are detrimental to Gamblers Anonymous as a whole. Removal will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote for expulsion by the Board of Trustees at the next physical meeting.

Article XVI-International Executive Secretary of I.S.O Section 2

The International Executive Secretary is automatically removed from office for gambling by his/her own admission. Gambling, for the compulsive gambler is defined as follows: Any betting or wagering, for self or others, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or “skill” constitutes gambling, or other acts on his/her part that are detrimental to Gamblers Anonymous as a whole. Should the International Executive Secretary be terminated or unable to carry out the functions, duties and responsibilities of the position, the Chair of the Board of Regents will temporarily assume the position of the International Executive Secretary until the Board of Regents hires a permanent International Executive Secretary.

Proposed Version: Article VIII, Section 4

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Stuart B. – Area 14, Long Island, NY

No discussion.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

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

Current Version: None

Proposed Version: All printed material (Literature) will be made available in digital form from the I.S.O. The digital form will be encrypted and password protected. The cost will be at the printed material price.

Butch G. – Area 3A, San Diego, California

Item ruled out of order.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

59. Guidance Code - Article VIII – Board of Trustees Section 8

1. Change of the word “guardian” to “fiduciaries”

2 Add a sentence to the end. “Principals of the Unity and Recovery steps are not personal principals or opinions.”

Current Version: 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 Version: The Board of Trustees shall act as fiduciaries of the Twelve Steps of RECOVERY and the Twelve Step UNITY PROGRAM and must be guided by these precepts in all their decisions. Principals of the Unity and Recovery steps are not personal principals or opinions.

Gary S. – Area 12, New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

60. Guidance Code - Article VIII Section 18

Replace entire Article VIII Section 18 with a new version

All Trustees must make two (2) consecutive Board meetings to vote on BOT agenda items. A Quick Response meeting and or an Absentee ballot shall count as a physical presence at the Board of Trustees' physical meetings. If any trustee does not meet these responsibilities, the respected Area group conscience of 51% or more has the sole right to remove its trustee and report it to the International Secretary.

Current Version: 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 a physical presence at the Board of Trustees' physical meetings.

Proposed Version: All Trustees must make two (2) consecutive Board meetings to vote on BOT agenda items. A Quick Response meeting and or an Absentee ballot shall count as a physical presence at the Board of Trustees' physical meetings. If any trustee does not meet these responsibilities, the respected Area group conscience of 51% or more has the sole right to remove its trustee and report it to the International Secretary.

Lorenzo T. – Area 12, New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

61. Guidance Code - Article VIII – Board of Trustees, Section 21

Remove of words: or Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Current Version: The Board of Trustees or Chairman of the Board of Trustees may utilize qualified active Gamblers Anonymous members in specific assignments on committees who will be responsible to the Board of Trustees.

Proposed Version: The Board of Trustees may utilize qualified active Gamblers Anonymous members in specific assignments on committees who will be responsible to the Board of Trustees.

Lorenzo T. – Area 12, New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

62. Guidance Code - Article IX, Section 9, Officers of the Board of Trustees

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

Current Version: Article IX – Officers of the Board of Trustees

Section 9: The Chairman of the Board of Trustees and both Co-Chairmen have a \$10,000.00 per year expenditure total, approved by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and paid by the International Service Office (I.S.O.). The total combined annual expenditure cannot exceed \$10,000.00. The International Executive Secretary shall supply the Board of Trustees with a detailed accounting of said expenditures within sixty days of the close of the fiscal year.

Proposed Version: Article IX – Officers of the Board of Trustees

Section 9: The Chairman of the Board of Trustees and both Co-Chairmen have a \$10,000.00 per year expenditure total, approved by the Board of Regents and paid by the International Service Office (I.S.O.). The total combined annual expenditure cannot exceed \$10,000.00. The International Executive Secretary shall supply the Board of Trustees with a detailed accounting of said expenditures within sixty days of the close of the fiscal year.

Anita R. – Area 1B, Inland Empire

Walter G. – Area 13, presented for Anita.

Motion to accept above.

For 46 Against 30 Abstained 13

Item failed. Needed two-thirds majority needed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

63. Guidance Code - Redefine the minimum frequency of Intergroup Meetings required by Guidance Code Article X, Section 5, Number 5 as follows:

Intergroup Meetings should be held at least once every quarter, with meetings taking place within 30 days following each International Conference

Current Version: Intergroup Meetings should be held at least once per month and copies of the minutes should be forwarded to all member groups and the International Service Office (I.S.O.).

Proposed Version: Intergroup meetings should be held at least once every quarter, with meetings taking place within 30 days following each International Conference. After each intergroup meeting, the Intergroup shall be responsible for forwarding copies of the minutes to all member groups and the International Service Office (I.S.O.).

Individual Intergroup Areas may use their discretion to increase the number of times which their Intergroup meets, in accordance with the needs of the area.

Patrick G. – Area 9, Michigan/NW Ohio

Motion to accept above. Motion to amend to change “International Conference” to say “Trustee Meeting.”

For 30 Against 52 Abstained 9

Failed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

64. Guidance Code - Article XVIII – Election of Trustees Section 7, create a new section label 7A

Current Version: NONE

Proposed Version: The Executive Board of Trustees for each officer position shall be limited to two (2) elected terms served consecutively but may be re-elected after one (1) term of non-service on the Board of Trustees.

Lorenzo T. – Area 12, New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

65. Guidance Code - Article XVIII – Election of Trustees- Article XVIII – Election of Trustees- Section 7

Add a new section to be labeled 7A, Under Article XVIII – Election of Trustees- Section 7

The Executive Board of Trustees for each officer position shall be limited to two (2) elected terms served consecutively but may be re-elected after one (1) term of non-service on the Board of Trustees.

Current Version: NONE

Proposed Version: The Executive Board of Trustees for each officer position shall be limited to two (2) elected terms served consecutively but may be re-elected after one (1) term of non-service on the Board of Trustees.

Gary S. – Area 12, New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

66. Guidance Code - Add Article XXI to the Guidance Code, Gam-Anon Relationship Section 1. Gamblers Anonymous' relationship with Gam-Anon is one of respect for each others' corporate, legal, financial, and program identities.

Current Version: NONE

Proposed Version: Gamblers Anonymous' Relationship with Gam-Anon, is one of respect for each other's program. We are separate organizations and do not share in each other's corporate, legal, financial, and program identities.

Jo K. – Area 8D, Missouri

Walter G. – Area 13, presented for Jo K.

Motion to accept above.

For 43 Against 40 Abstained 10

Item failed. Two-thirds majority needed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

Step Changes

67. Recovery Step Change - Change the word tried to try in Recovery Step 12

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

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

Butch G. – Area 3A, San Diego, California

Motion to table.

Passed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

68. Unity Step Change - Add “Except with regards to Gam-Anon,” to the beginning of Unity Step 10

Current Version: Unity Step 10. Gamblers Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the Gamblers Anonymous name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Proposed Version: Unity Step 10. Except with regards to Gam-Anon, Gamblers Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the Gamblers Anonymous name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Mike R. – Area 6A, North Central Florida

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

Requests to Translate Literature

69. Request to translate literature

Latvia would like permission to translate the following GA approved literature.

“A New Beginning” Red book

Combo Book – Large Print and small print

Beyond 90 Days Booklet

Towards 90 Days Booklet

Your First Meeting

A Newcomer Asks?

Young Gamblers in Recovery

G.A. Suggestions for Coping with Urges to Gamble

Ara H. – Area 1, Los Angeles, California

Martha G. – Area 28, Mexico presented for Ara.

Motion to accept the above.

Passed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

70. Request to translate literature

Iran would like permission to translate our Combo book to Farsi (Persian).

Ara H. – Area 1, Los Angeles, California

Martha G. – Area 28, Mexico presented for Ara.

Motion to accept the above.

Passed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

71. Request to translate literature

Portugal is asking permission to translate the following pcs of GA approved literature:

- **Combo book**
- **Towards 90 days**
- **Beyond 90 days**
- **A new Beginning (red book)**
- **Guide to 4th step inventory**

Ara H. – Area 1, Los Angeles, California

Martha G. – Area 28, Mexico presented for Ara.

Motion to accept above.

Item ruled out of order.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

72. Request to translate literature

Portugal is asking permission to translate the following pcs of GA approved literature:

- **Have I left the fellowship?**
- **Questions and answers about compulsive gambling**
- **Young gamblers in recovery**

- Working the steps
- Your first meeting
- 12 step Unity Booklet
- Step one recovery booklet
- 20 questions booklet-are you a compulsive gambler.
- Daily inventory of my behavior sheet
- Let it Stay here card
- A newcomer asks

Ara H. – Area 1, Los Angeles, California

Martha G. – Area 28, Mexico presented for Ara.

Item ruled out of order.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

73. Request to translate literature

Romania is asking permission to translate the following pcs of GA approved literature:

- Combo Book
- A newcomer asks
- A guide to fourth step inventory
- Suggestions for coping with the urge to gamble
- Gamblers Anonymous step meeting handbook
- Stock market, retirement account and gamblers anonymous
- Your first meeting
- Young gamblers in recovery
- Writing the steps
- Questions and answers about gambling-Booklet

Ara H. – Area 1, Los Angeles, California

Martha G. – Area 28, Mexico presented for Ara.

Motion to accept above.

Passed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

74. Request to translate literature

To get permission to translate the “Combo book” and “Towards 90 days” into German.

Ara H. – Area 1, Los Angeles, California

Martha G. – Area 28, Mexico presented for Ara.

Motion to accept the above request from Austria.

Passed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

Conference Bids

75. The Spring 2022 Conference is open for bids.

No bids – this will be a Trustee only meeting.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

76. The Fall 2022 Conference is open for bids.

Discussion on Area 3A having difficulty in being able to bid, as the hotel says it's too early. Determined to be a Trustee only meeting until determined by new executive board.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

77. The Spring 2023 Conference is open for bids.

This will stay on the agenda. No bids – will revisit at next BOT meeting.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

78. The Fall 2023 Conference is open for bids.

No bids – will revisit at next BOT meeting.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

Current Literature

79. Current Literature – Combo Book

To change the font and layout of the Combo Book

(Note) You are voting on the font and layout ONLY. Current versions of the Combo book will be used if the item passes.

Attachment # 79

Doris S. for Erica P. – Area 2H – Western Washington

No discussion.

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

80. Current Literature – Combo Book - Page 3, Change the word Normal to Healthy.

Current Version: Therefore, in order to lead normal happy lives, we try to practice to the best of our ability, certain principles in our daily affairs.

Proposed Version: Therefore, in order to lead healthy, happy lives, we try to practice to the best of our ability, certain principles in our daily affairs.

Bob C. – Area 8, Chicago, Illinois

Motion to accept above.

Failed.

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

81. Current Literature – Combo Book

Bottom of page 3

Add the following: What is a Group (bold)

Whenever two or more persons with a desire to stop gambling meet together on a regular, weekly scheduled basis to discuss their gambling problems, they will be known as a group, only if they commit themselves to follow Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code and limit their use, display and distribution to only approved and appropriate Gamblers Anonymous literature. Failure to comply with Guidance Code will result in the meeting no longer being recognized as part of Gamblers Anonymous and such meeting will be removed from the International Service Office directory of meetings.

Current Version: NONE

Proposed Version: What is a Group (bold)

Whenever two or more persons with a desire to stop gambling meet together on a regular, weekly scheduled basis to discuss their gambling problems, they will be known as a group, only if they commit themselves to follow Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code and limit their use, display and distribution to only approved and appropriate Gamblers Anonymous literature. Failure to comply with Guidance Code will result in the meeting no longer being recognized as part of Gamblers Anonymous and such meeting will be removed from the International Service Office directory of meetings.

Andy R. – Area 13B, South Jersey

Motion to accept above.

Amendment of motion to change would make this not accepted.

Failed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

82. Current Literature – Combo Book Page 7, Unity Program, Step 12

Bold the phrase “principles before personalities”

Nancy K. – Area 16A, Buffalo, New York

Motion to accept above.

Failed.

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

83. Current Literature – Combo Book

Page 13, “Can a compulsive gambler ever gamble normally again?”

“After abstaining a few months some of our members have tried some small bet experimentation, always with disastrous results.”

Remove the word “experimentation”.

Current Version: “After abstaining a few months some of our members have tried some small bet experimentation, always with disastrous results.”

Proposed Version: “After abstaining a few months some of our members have tried some small bet, always with disastrous results.”

Mark S. – Area 3, Las Vegas, Nevada

Motion to accept above.

Failed.

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

84. Current Literature – Combo Book

Page 14, First Paragraph. Include “Cryptocurrencies”

Current Version: Does this mean I can’t 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 sport pool.

Proposed Version: Does this mean I can’t 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, cryptocurrencies, buying or playing lottery tickets, raffle tickets, flipping a coin, fantasy sports or entering the office sport pool.

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

No discussion.

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

85. Current Literature – Combo Book

Page 15. “Twenty Questions” # 3 Remove Question # 3 “Did gambling affect your reputation?” and replace it with new question, #3. “Did you need to gamble with increasing amounts of money to reach the same level of excitement?”

Current Version: Question # 3 Did gambling affect your reputation?

Proposed Version: Question # 3 Did you need to gamble with increasing amounts of money to reach the same level of excitement?

Bob C. – Area 3A, San Diego, California

Motion to accept above.

Failed.

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

86. Current Literature – Combo Book

Page 15, “Twenty Questions” - Remove Question # 6. “Did gambling cause a decrease in your ambition or efficiency?”, and replace it with New Question # 6. “Have you made repeated unsuccessful efforts to control, cut back, or stop gambling?”

Current Version: Question # 6. Did gambling cause a decrease in your ambition or efficiency?

Proposed Version: Question # 6. Have you made repeated unsuccessful efforts to control, cut back, or stop gambling?

Bob C. – Area 3A, San Diego, California

Motion to accept above.

Failed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

87. Current Literature – Combo Book

Page 16, Question 11 – Add “,or considered selling,” after the word “sold”

Current Version: Have you ever sold anything to finance your gambling.

Proposed Version: Have you ever sold, or considered selling, anything to finance your gambling.

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

Motion to accept above.

Approve 44 Failed 44 Abstained 5

Failed.

A roll call vote was called for.

Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote
1	Alvin F.*	No	6A	Mike R.	Yes	16	Carl D.	Yes
	Hugh G.	Yes	6B	Ron B.	No		Wayne C.	Abstain
	Bruce W.	Yes		Tom C.	No	16A	Dan L.	Yes

	Dean W.	Yes	7	Iris D.*	No	17	Ron W.*	No
1A	Jack R.*	Yes		Patricia M.*	No	18	Andy D.*	No
1B	Anita R.*	No	8	Bob C.	Yes		Steve A.*	No
	Laura M.*	No		Cindi M.	Yes		Michelle M.*	Yes
2	Chris N.	No		Pam E.	No	18A	Yvonne R.*	No
	Harold A.	Yes		Reba-Anna L.*	Yes	18B	John H.*	Abstain
	Jared H.	No	8A	Renee G.*	Yes	19	Carlos R.*	Yes
2A	Paul N.*	No	9	Janet S.	No		Gustavo J.*	Abstain
2B	Charlene L.*	Yes		Pat G.	No	21	Angel B.*	Yes
	James B.	No	9A	Patricia D.*	No		Juan B.*	Abstain
2E	Debra B.*	No	10	Ed G.	Yes	22	Andrew B.*	No
2G	Connie M.*	No	10A	Jeff H.	Yes	28	Hector T.*	Yes
	Pam B.	No	10B	Steve B.	Yes		Martha G.	No
2H	Cindy M.*	Yes	11	Jeff H.*	No	29	Konstanin U.*	Yes
	Doris S.*	Yes		John L.*	No	33	Moises H.*	Yes
2K	Zach L.	No	12	John F.*	No		Dario C.*	Yes
3	Eric W.*	Yes		Ted S.*	Yes	36	Odie B.*	Abstain
	Mark S.	No		Walter G.	No			
	Rob P.	No	13	John B.	No			
	Zeny K.	No		Marla J.	Yes			
3A	Butch G.	No		Scott S.*	Yes			
	Hugo V.	Yes	13A	Nan V.*	Yes			
	Karen T.	Yes		Rick L.	Yes			
3B	Rob G.*	No	13B	Andy G.*	Yes			
3C	Terry D.*	Yes		Craig F.*	No			
3D	Jim L.*	No	14	Ira C.*	No			
	Pat M.*	No		Maury C.*	No			
3F	Julian F.	No		Mitch M.*	Yes			
5	Sean N.	No		Stuart B.*	Yes			
5B	Adrien R.*	Yes	15	Alan J.*	No			
	Claude G.*	Yes		Jim G.*	Abstain			
6	Jo Anne B.*	No		Joe B.	Abstain			
6	Steven C.*	No		Jesse C.*	Yes			
	Steven H.*	No		Mildred N.	No			
				Stan C.	Yes			

*Absentee ballot received.

For 40 Against 47 Abstained 7
Failed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

88. Current Literature – Combo Book

Page 16, Question 18

Substitute “Have” for “Do” and substitute “created” for “create”

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

Proposed Version: Have arguments, disappointments or frustrations created within you an urge to gamble?

Bruce W. Area 1 – Central California

Motion to accept above.

Failed.

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

89. Current Literature – Combo Book

Page 17, Item 1

Item: Change "Meetings Make it" to "Meeting Makers Make It.

Current Version: 1. Attend as many meetings as possible per week. MEETINGS MAKE IT.

Proposed Version: 1. Attend as many meetings as possible per week. MEETING MAKERS MAKE IT.

Ed G. Area 10 – Central Northern Ohio

Motion to accept above.

For 8 Against 45

Failed.

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

90. Current Literature – Combo Book

Page 17. Item 4

Change “Unity Steps” to “Unity Program”

Current Version: 4. Read the RECOVERY(bold) and UNITY(bold) 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 Version: 4. Read the RECOVERY STEPS(bold) and UNITY PROGRAM (bold) often and continuously review the Twenty Questions. Follow the Recovery Steps in your daily affairs. The Recovery Steps and the Unity Program 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.

Bob C. – Area 3A, San Diego, California

Motion to accept above.

For 14 Against 36

Failed.

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

91. Current Literature – Combo Book

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

Current Version: 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 Version: 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. (BOLD) GET INVOLVED AND BE OF SERVICE. If you have any questions, ask them of your Trusted Servants and Sponsors.

Tom K. – Area 6C, North Carolina

No discussion.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

92. Current Literature – Combo Book

Combo Book, Page 17, item 6 – Change Get a sponsor, to Work with a sponsor.

Current Version: 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 Version: WORK WITH 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.

Ara H. for Alvin F. – Area 1, Los Angeles, California

Hugh G., Area 1, presented for Alvin F.

Motion to accept above.

For 20 Against 33

Failed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

93. Current Literature – Combo Book

Page 17 Item 7 – Change the word normal to healthy.

Current Version: 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.

Proposed Version: We encourage every Gamblers Anonymous member to have a PRESSURE RELIEF GROUP MEETING as it offers guidance toward a healthy 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.

Bob C. – Area 8, Chicago, Illinois

Motion to accept above.

For 21 Against 31

Failed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

94. Current Literature – Combo Book

Add to page 17 of Combo Book a 9th item. Insert Proposed item as #8 and move current #8 to be Item #9

Current Version: None

Proposed Version: A Progressive Character Change is the crossroads for recovery. Resting on your laurels will derail your life. Rid yourself of defects of character and meet your true self.

Jim L. – Area 3D, Arizona

No discussion.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

95. Current Literature – Combo Book

Page 17. Addition as bullet point number 9.

Add item number 9 to the bottom of page 17.

Current Version: There is currently no item number 9.

Proposed Version: 9. As a result of working the Gamblers Anonymous Program and following the suggestions on page 17, you will have a character change and recover.

Pat M. – Area 3D, Arizona

No discussion.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

96. Current Literature – A New Beginning

“A New Beginning” ISO book 5th Edition, March, 2007, Page 11 as part of the definition of a combined GA-GamAnon meeting.

Add the following statement to the end of the paragraph:

“However, because Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon remain separate organizations, all monies collected at these combined meetings shall be in separate receptacles denoted by their respective organizations and shall be accounted for separately. Furthermore, before collections are taken, the chair should make an announcement that members of Gam-Anon shall not contribute to any receptacle denoted as belonging to Gamblers Anonymous.”

Current Version: 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.

Proposed Version: 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. However, because Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon remain separate organizations, all monies collected at these combined meetings shall be in separate receptacles denoted by their respective organizations and shall be accounted for separately. Furthermore, before collections are taken, the chair should make an announcement that members of Gam-Anon shall not contribute to any receptacle denoted as belonging to Gamblers Anonymous.

Jack R. – Area 1A, Orange County, California

Dean W. presented for Jack.

Motion to accept above.

For 13 Against 27

Failed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

97. Current Literature – Group Handbook

Group Handbook ISO book Revised May, 2019, Page 11 last paragraph

Add: “However, because Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon remain separate organizations, all monies collected at these combined meetings shall be in separate receptacles denoted by their respective organizations and shall be accounted for separately. Furthermore, before collections are taken, the chair should make an announcement that members of Gam-Anon shall not contribute to any receptacle denoted as belonging to Gamblers Anonymous.”

Current Version: 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.

Proposed Version: 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. However, because Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon remain separate organizations, all monies collected at these combined meetings shall be in separate receptacles denoted by their respective organizations and shall be accounted for separately. Furthermore, before collections are taken, the chair should make an announcement that members of Gam-Anon shall not contribute to any receptacle denoted as belonging to Gamblers Anonymous.

Jack R. – Area 1A, Orange County, California

Dean W. presented for Jack.

Motion to accept above.

For 13 Against 29

Failed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

98. Current Literature – Group Handbook

Page 11, Types of Meetings (Open Meetings, Closed Meetings, Modified Closed Meetings, and Combined Meetings)

List the specific change you wish to make. Rescind entire section regarding combined Gamblers Anonymous-Gam-Anon meetings that passed a first vote in Louisville (Agenda Item #4) and a second vote in Montreal (Agenda Item #16). This section was added at the end of the first paragraph on Page 11 and reads as follows:

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.

Current Version: The term “open meeting” means a G.A. meeting where spouses, family, and friends of the gambler are welcome to attend and observe the meeting. A “closed meeting” would refer to a meeting where only those with a gambling problem or those who

think they may have a gambling problem, with a desire to stop gambling, are eligible to attend and participate. A modified closed meeting would refer to a meeting where the members would vote to include certain groups such as health professionals, guests attending with first time members, and persons with other addictions in need of a meeting. 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.

Proposed Version: The term “open meeting” means a G.A. meeting where spouses, family, and friends of the gambler are welcome to attend and observe the meeting. A “closed meeting” would refer to a meeting where only those with a gambling problem or those who think they may have a gambling problem, with a desire to stop gambling, are eligible to attend and participate. A modified closed meeting would refer to a meeting where the members would vote to include certain groups such as health professionals, guests attending with first time members, and persons with other addictions in need of a meeting. Jack R. – Area 1A, Orange County, California

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

99. Current Literature – Towards 90 Days

Page 9, Add the word “forever”

Current Version: Money lost – We must accept that this money is gone.

Proposed Version: Money lost – We must accept that this money is gone forever!

Paul N. – Area 2A, British Columbia Canada

Motion to table.

Passed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

100. Current Literature – Towards 90 Days

Page 13, Change the word “was” to “is”

Current Version: If you feel resentful, think about all the people who have forgiven you and be thankful that you were picked to be part of the miracle that was the Gamblers Anonymous recovery program – go on. enjoy it

Proposed Version: If you feel resentful, think about all the people who have forgiven you and be thankful that you were picked to be part of the miracle that is the Gamblers Anonymous recovery program – go on. enjoy it

Paul N. – Area 2A, British Columbia Canada

Motion to table

Passed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

101. Current Literature – Pressure Relief Group Meeting Handbook

Page 6 Procedures To Be Followed, Add 1A

Current Version: None

Proposed Version: 1A Should a Pressure Relief Group recommend that a G.A. Member quit claim his or her personal property; then they should also suggest that they see a Lawyer before the process is completed.

Ronny W. – Area 17, Connecticut

No discussion.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

102. Current Literature – Hosting an International Conference

Page 7, paragraph (b), second paragraph.

Replace existing paragraph with the following paragraph:

All proposed contracts should include an attrition clause on the number of room nights and food commitments. Most contracts will already have this clause in place. Copies of unsigned contracts for Force Majeure insurance in the event of Act of God or natural disaster, like hurricane, earthquake, terrorism, etc., liability insurance and communicable disease insurance, must be in the contract. Signed contracts for these three types of insurance must be forwarded to the Conference Oversight Committee no later than 60 days after bid was awarded. This will protect the Hosting Area and G.A.I.S.O from major losses. It has been a past experience that a hotel was sold after the bid was awarded or during the planning phase of the conference. It is important to bring this possible situation up with your hotel to make sure that all guarantees will still be honored if the hotel changes ownership.

Current Version: All proposed contracts should include an attrition clause on the number of room nights and food commitments. Most contracts will already have this clause in place. A Force Majeure clause in the event of Act of God or natural disaster, like hurricane, earthquake, terrorism, etc., is also important to in the contract. It has been a past experience that a hotel was sold after the bid was awarded or during the planning phase of the conference. It is important to bring this possible situation up with your hotel to make sure that all guarantees will still be honored if the hotel changes ownership.

Proposed Version: All proposed contracts should include an attrition clause on the number of room nights and food commitments. Most contracts will already have this clause in place. Copies of unsigned contracts for Force Majeure insurance in the event of Act of God or natural disaster, like hurricane, earthquake, terrorism, etc., liability insurance and communicable disease insurance, must be in the contract. Signed contracts for these three types of insurance must be forwarded to the Conference Oversight Committee no later than 60 days after bid was awarded. This will protect the Hosting Area and G.A.I.S.O from major losses. It has been a past experience that a hotel was sold after the bid was awarded or during the planning phase of the conference. It is important to bring this possible

situation up with your hotel to make sure that all guarantees will still be honored if the hotel changes ownership.

Bob W. – Area 1B, Inland Empire for John C.

Dean W. presented for John C.

Motion to accept above.

Motion amended to commit to the Conference Oversight Committee.

Passed. Item committed to Conference Oversight Committee.

Motion to commit takes precedence over the original motion.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

103. Current Literature – Hosting an International Conference

Page 12, Section B

1. Remove “from the ISO” from current Sentence 1.

2. After “is available” in current Sentence 1, add new Sentence 2 as follows: Spring and/or Fall Conferences in which Gam-Anon is a participant, Gam-Anon ISO would provide seed money at the same ratio as they share in conference profits (see page 22, section 4) \$300.00 (30%) for a Spring Conference and \$200.00 (20%) for a Fall Conference. The balance will be available from Gamblers Anonymous I.S.O.

3. Remove current Sentence 2 and replace with “this is considered a loan and can be repaid to Gamblers Anonymous I.S.O. and Gam-Anon I.S.O. at any time sufficient funds are available but no later than the conclusion of the conference.”

Current Version:B) FINANCES COMMITTEE

Handling cash flow/seed money is sometimes needed by the hosting area and up to \$1,000.00 is available from the ISO. This is considered a loan and can be repaid at any time sufficient funds are available but no later than the conclusion of the conference.

Proposed Version: B) FINANCES COMMITTEE

Handling cash flow/seed money is sometimes needed by the hosting area and up to \$1,000.00 is available. Spring and/or Fall Conferences in which Gam-Anon is a participant, Gam-Anon I.S.O. would provide seed money at the same ratio as they share in conference profits: (see page 22, section 4) \$300.00 (30%) for a Spring Conference and \$200.00 (20%) for a Fall Conference. The balance will be available from Gamblers Anonymous I.S.O. This is considered a loan and can be repaid to Gamblers Anonymous I.S.O. and Gam-Anon I.S.O. at any time sufficient funds are available but no later than the conclusion of the conference.

Jack R. – Area 1A, Orange County, California for John C.

Motion to accept above.

Item ruled out of order.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

104. Current Literature – Hosting an International Conference

Page 22, Section 4 Add the following sentence to the end of Section 4...

“Gam-Anon would share in conference profits only if they were a participant; otherwise their share would go to G.A.I.S.O.”

Also add the following: Section 4a: Should a Spring and/or Fall Conference, in which Gam-Anon is participating, have a loss, Gam-Anon would share in the loss providing the conference has in place the following insurance policies: Force Majeure, Liability, and

Communicable Diseases. Gam-Anon would share at the same ratio as the profits. Gam-Anon would be responsible for 30% of a Spring Conference loss and 20% of a Fall Conference loss.

Section 4b: Participation by Gam-Anon in a Spring International Conference and Fall International Conference would include planning and financial responsibilities shared by Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon as per the Gamblers Anonymous Hosting an International Conference booklet.

Current Version: 4. Accountability of all profits showing:

Spring Conferences: 50% of the profits going to GA ISO, 30% going to Gam-Anon ISO.

Fall Conferences: 60% of the profits going to GA ISO, 20% going to Gam-Anon ISO and 20% going to the Hosting Area.

Proposed Version: 4. Accountability of all profits showing:

Spring Conferences: 50% of the profits going to G.A.I.S.O., 30% going to Gam-Anon ISO.

Fall Conferences: 60% of the profits going to G.A.I.S.O., 20% going to Gam-Anon ISO and 20% going to the Hosting Area. Gam-Anon would share in Conference profits only if they were a participant; otherwise their share would go to G.A.I.S.O.

4a.) Should a Spring and/or Fall Conference, in which Gam-Anon is participating, have a loss, Gam-Anon would share in the loss providing the conference has in place the following insurance policies: Force Majeure, Liability and Communicable Disease. Gam-Anon would share at the same ratio as the profits. Gam-Anon would be responsible for 30% of a Spring Conference loss and 20% for a Fall Conference loss.

4b.) Participation by Gam-Anon in a Spring International Conference and Fall International Conference would include planning and financial responsibilities shared by Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon as per Gamblers Anonymous Hosting An International Conference booklet.

Jack R. – Area 1A, Orange County, California for John C.

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

105. Current Literature – “THERE IS HELP” Brochure

On the bottom of third page remove "Call or write" and Gamblers Anonymous and change to Visit us at: www.gamblersanonymous.org

Remove all names and phone numbers of meetings listed. Put in the TWENTY QUESTIONS questions including "Most compulsive gamblers will answer yes to at least seven of these questions.

Current Version: Bottom of third page says "Call or write: GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

On the last two folds it gives a list with phone numbers of meetings in the United States and Canada

Proposed Version: On the third fold put in Visit us at: www.gamblersanonymous.org

On the last two folds put in the TWENTY QUESTIONS including "Most compulsive gamblers will answer yes to at least seven of these questions.

Paul N. – Area 2A, British Columbia, Canada

Martha G. presented for Paul N.

Motion to table.

Passed.

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

106. New Literature – Approved Literature
Approve new literature from a committee – 1st Vote
Blue Book Revision Committee
GA: Sharing Recovery Through Gamblers Anonymous
Attachment # 106

Jeannie B. – Area 8A, Minnesota

Item withdrawn.

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

107. New Literature - Appropriate Literature
Common Welfare & Safety Card.
Attachment # 107

Tom R. – Area 5, Montreal

Motion to table.

Passed.

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

108. New Literature – Merit Vote
Bankruptcy, Loans and Bailouts while in Gambler’s Anonymous
Attachment # 108

Patrick G. – Area 9, Michigan

Andy explained how a merit vote works for those new members in the room. 60 days for people to make recommendations on this piece of literature for changes.

Motion to accept above.

For 25 Against 18

Passed merit vote.

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

109. New Literature - Appropriate Literature
To allow the Alcoholic’s Anonymous Big Book to be appropriate GA literature
Stuart B. – Area 14, Long Island, New York

No discussion.

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

Trustee Allocation

110. Trustee Allocation
Area 6C, North and South Carolina request 2 Trustee positions to cover 19 rooms.
Tom K. – Area 6C, North Carolina

Motion to accept above.

Passed.

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

111. Trustee Allocation

**Area 8A, Minnesota is requesting that a second Trustee position be approved for Area 8A.
Renee G. – Area 8A – Minnesota**

Item withdrawn.

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

112. Trustee Allocation

New Jersey Intergroup Area 12, requests that the number of Area Trustees be reduced from six (6) to Three (3) effective July 1, 2020.

Frank M. – Area 12, New Jersey

Walter G. – Area 12, presented for Frank M.

Motion to accept above.

Passed.

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

Board of Trustees Decisions

113. B.O.T. Decision

It is a historical fact that Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon have always maintained a separate but congruent relationship for the mutual benefit of both the compulsive gambler and those affected by their gambling. For example, our Unity Step 5 commands us “to carry its message to the compulsive gambler who still suffers” whereas Gam-Anon’s Unity Step 5 commands them “to carry its message to those affected by someone with a gambling problem. Our Unity Step 6 states that “we ought never endorse, finance or lend the Gamblers Anonymous name to any related facility or outside enterprise”, yet it is no secret that Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon have been co-sponsoring, and continue to co-sponsor, International Conferences in which each organization earns a share of the profits. Our Unity Step 7 states that “groups should be self-supporting” yet there is no indication Gam-Anon has ever contributed money to Gamblers Anonymous or its individual groups. Our Unity Step 10 states that we should not have an opinion on outside issues but given that Gam-Anon exists because compulsive gambling exists, they do not represent an outside issue.

It is hereby acknowledged that while each corporation has its own program identity and legal and financial structure, this “separateness” has never precluded Gamblers Anonymous from acting together with Gam-Anon for the mutual benefit of the compulsive gambler and those affected by the compulsive gambler. Therefore, it is the decision of the Board of Trustees that Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon acting in such a collegial manner does not violate any of the Gamblers Anonymous Unity Steps.

Jack R. – Area 1A, Orange County, California

Motion to accept above.

Item ruled out of order.

Chair was challenged on whether this is out of order.

Vote taken on whether the Chair was correct in calling this out of order and it was determined it was out of order.

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

114. B.O.T. Decision

For all International RSOs to be listed on the ISO website. Including but not limited to Email, physical addresses, and phone numbers.

Ara H. – Area 1, Los Angeles, California

Motion to accept above.

Passed pending a vote by the Board of Regents.

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

Committee Related

115. Committee Related - Defining the Relationship Gamblers Anonymous has with Gam-Anon.

This committee would like to recommend to the Board of Trustees the following definition. Gamblers Anonymous' Relationship with Gam-Anon, is one of respect for each other's program. We are separate organizations and do not share in each other's corporate, legal, financial, and program identities.

Jo K. – Area 8D, Missouri

No discussion.

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

116. Committee Related

What is the difference between a Board of Trustee Committees' Purpose and Mission statement? And who makes that decision?

Jo K. – Area 8D, Missouri

No discussion.

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

117. Committee Related – Request for Committee

To create a Mediation Committee to handle disputes that relate to Gamblers Anonymous as a whole, BOT, BOT Executive Board, Areas/Intergroups, rooms, and members. This committee would develop a process of discovery and minimize disunity on all related parties.

Lorenzo T. – Area 12, New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

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

118. Committee Related

The Hotline Implementation Committee

Hotline Volunteer Guidelines to be added on the Trustee Website, section Hotline Implementation Committee as appropriate literature.

Anne D. – Area 5B, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Motion to accept above.

Motion to amend to commit this back to the committee.

Passed.

Motion to commit takes precedence over the original motion.

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

Emergency Items from Board of Regents

Cathy F. went over the job duties of the I.E.S. position and the Office Manager position.

119. Board of Regents By-Law change

Article III - Directors, Section 11- In the second sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager

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

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

Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair

Martha G. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

120. Board of Regents By-Law change

Article VI - Voting, Section 1- In first sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary of the Corporation with Office Manager

Current Version: The International Executive Secretary of the Corporation, on or before March 1st of each odd year shall submit in writing a ballot of all eligible members wishing to run for the Board of Regents. Previous service as Regent of the Corporation or as Trustee of Gamblers Anonymous, total abstinence as of March 1st of that year, and home group of nominees shall be listed alongside the name of each nominee.

Proposed Version: The Office Manager, on or before March 1st of each odd year, shall submit in writing a ballot of all eligible members wishing to run for the Board of Regents. Previous service as Regent of the Corporation or as Trustee of Gamblers Anonymous, total abstinence as of March 1st, of that year, and home group of nominees shall be listed alongside the name of each nominee.

Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair

Martha G. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

121. Board of Regents By-Law change

Article VI - Voting, Section 7 - In the last sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager.

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

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

Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair

Martha G. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

122. Board of Regents By-Law change

Article VII- Directors, Powers, and Meetings, Section 1. - In the first sentence replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager. In the second sentence replace the words He/she with the words Both the Office Manager and the International Executive Secretary. In the third sentence replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager.

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

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

Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair

Martha G. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

123. Board of Regents By-Law change

Article VII- Directors, Powers, and Meetings, Section 7 - In the first sentence replace the words the International Executive Secretary with the words Both the International Executive Secretary and the Office Manager.

Current Version: The International Executive Secretary should attend all regularly scheduled Board of Regents meetings and when called upon may engage in discussion matters but shall have no voting power.

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

Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair

Martha G. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

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

124. Board of Regents By-Law change

Article VIII - Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Title - In the title of Article VIII, insert a comma, then the words Office Manager after Duties of Offices and before the word and.

Current Version: Article VIII - Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary

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

Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair

Cindi M. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

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

125. Board of Regents By-Law change

Article VIII - Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 4 - In the first sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager.

Current Version: The Secretary shall take the minutes of all the meetings of the Board of Regents and submit them to the International Executive Secretary for safekeeping. All minutes must be signed by the Secretary. The Secretary shall also perform such other duties as the Board of Regents shall prescribe.

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

Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair

Cindi M. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

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

126. Board of Regents By-Law change

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

Current Version: The International Executive Secretary shall publish a monthly Operating Statement of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) and any other subsidiary or division of the International Service Office and shall also publish the audited Annual Financial Statement.

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

Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair

Cindi M. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

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

127. Board of Regents By-Law change

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

Current Version: The International Executive Secretary shall keep a book of minutes at the principal office of this Corporation of all business meetings of the Board of Regents.

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

Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair

Cindi M. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

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

128. Board of Regents By-Law change

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

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

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

Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair

Cindi M. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

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

129. Board of Regents – By-Law change

Article VIII - Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (D) – Replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager.

Current Version: The International Executive Secretary will be responsible for the reprinting of all approved Gamblers Anonymous literature and purchase of Gamblers Anonymous pins and keep sufficient quantity on hand at all times for the needs of our entire Fellowship.

Proposed Version: The Office Manager will be responsible for the reprinting of all approved Gamblers Anonymous literature and purchase of Gamblers Anonymous pins and keep sufficient quantity on hand at all times for the needs of our entire Fellowship.

Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair

Cindi M. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

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

130. Board of Regents By-Law change

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

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

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

Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair

Cindi M. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

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

131. Board of Regents By-Law change

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

Current Version: The International Executive Secretary, or other designated individual, in coordination with the International Executive Secretary, as determined by the Board of Regents, shall be charged with the general management of the affairs of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) subject to the control of the Board of Regents. He/she shall be the custodian of the records and funds of the corporation, and shall pay funds out only on the check of the corporation signed in the manner authorized by the Board of Regents and shall have such responsibilities and duties as shall be prescribed by the Board of Regents or these By-Laws. The responsibilities and duties prescribed by the Board of Regents but not by the By-Laws shall be subject to the ratification of each succeeding Board of Regents at its first meeting.

Proposed Version: The Office Manager, or other designated individual, in coordination with the Office Manager, as determined by the Board of Regents, shall be charged with the general management of the affairs of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) subject to the control of the Board of Regents. He/she shall be the custodian of the records and funds of the corporation and shall pay funds out only on the check of the corporation signed in the manner authorized by the Board of Regents and shall have such responsibilities and duties as shall be prescribed by the Board of Regents or these By-Laws. The responsibilities and duties prescribed by the Board of Regents but not by the By-Laws shall be subject to the ratification of each succeeding Board of Regents at its first meeting.

Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair

Cindi M. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

132. Board of Regents By-Law change

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

Current Version: Should the International Executive Secretary be terminated or unable to carry out the functions, duties and responsibilities of the position, the Chair of the Board of Regents will temporarily assume the position of the International Executive Secretary until the Board of Regents hires a permanent International Executive Secretary.

Proposed Version: Should the International Executive Secretary be terminated or unable to carry out the functions, duties and responsibilities of the position, the Chair of the Board of Regents will temporarily assume the position of the International Executive Secretary until the Board of Regents hires a permanent International Executive Secretary.

Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair

Patrick G. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

133. Board of Regents By-Law change

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

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

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

Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair

Cindi M. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

134. Board of Regents By-Law change

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

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

Proposed Version: When the Board of Regents hires an International Executive Secretary, if it is not the Chairman of the Board of Regents, who is acting as International Executive

Secretary, the Chairman of the Board of Regents shall return power is restored to his/her original position and his/her voting power is restored.

Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair

Cindi M. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

135. Board of Regents By-Law change

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

Current Version: The International Executive Secretary shall be responsible to keep the door of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) open during the hours specified by the Board of Regents.

Proposed Version: The Office Manager shall be responsible to keep the door of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) open during the hours specified by the Board of Regents.

Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair

Cindi M. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

136. Board of Regents By-Law change

Article XVI - Budget, Section 1- In the first sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary of the Corporation with Office Manager.

Current Version: Prior to the commencement of each fiscal year of the Corporation, the International Executive Secretary of the Corporation shall prepare a budget setting forth the anticipated income and expense of the Corporation for the ensuing fiscal year and shall submit this budget for the approval of the Board of Regents at their meeting in June of each year. No single expenditure in excess of fifty dollars (\$50.00), which is not included in said budget in the form approved by the Board of Regents, shall be authorized by any director, officer appointed officer or employee of the Corporation unless such expenditure is specifically approved by the Board of Regents of the Corporation at any regular or special meetings of said Board.

Proposed Version: Prior to the commencement of each fiscal year of the Corporation, the Office Manager shall prepare a budget setting forth the anticipated income and expense of the Corporation for the ensuing fiscal year and shall submit this budget for the approval of the Board of Regents at their meeting in June of each year. No single expenditure in excess of fifty dollars (\$50.00), which is not included in said budget in the form approved by the Board of Regents, shall be authorized by any director, officer appointed officer or employee of the Corporation unless such expenditure is specifically approved by the Board of Regents of the Corporation at any regular or special meetings of said Board.

Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair

Cindi M. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

137. Board of Regents By-Law change

Article XVIII - Amendments, Section 3 - In the first sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager.

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

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

Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair

Cindi M. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at 3:45 P.M. on Monday, August 30, 2021. The collection for the five (5) sessions was \$832.72.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be announced as soon as possible by the new Chair.

Respectfully Submitted,

KCB.

KC B.,
International Executive Secretary

ROLL CALL

AREA		SESSIONS	AREA		SESSIONS
1	Alvin F.	Abst*	10A	Jeff H.	5
	Hugh G.	5	10B	Gary B.	Absent
	Bruce W.	5		Steve B.	5
1A	Dean W.	5	11	Jeff H.	Abst*
	Jack R.	Abst*		John L.	Abst*
1B	Anita R.	Abst*	12	John F.	Abst*
	Laura M.	Abst*		Ted S.	Abst*
2	Beth Z	Absent		Walter G.	5
	Jared H.	5	13	John B.	5
	Chris N.	5		Marla J.	5
	Harold A.	5		Scott S.	Abst*
2A	Paul N.	5*	13A	Nan V.	Abst*
2B	Charlene L.	Abst*		Rick L.	5
	James B.	5	13B	Andy G.	Abst*

2E	Debra B.	5*		Craig F.	Abst*
2G	Connie M.	Abst*	14	Ira C.	Abst*
	Pam B.	5		Stuart B.	Abst*
2H	Cindy M.	Abst*		Maury C.	Abst*
	Doris S.	Abst*		Mitch M.	Abst*
2K	Zach L.	4	15	Alan J.	Abst*
3	Kirk L.	Absent		Jim G.	Abst*
	Mark S.	5		Joe B.	Absent
	Eric W.	Abst*		Jesse C.	Abst*
	Rob P.	5		Mildred N.	5
	Zeny K.	5		Stan C.	5
3A	Butch G.	5	16	Carl D.	5
	Hugo V.	5		Wayne C.	Absent
	Karen T.	5	16A	Dan L.	5
3B	Ron G.	Abst*	17	Ronny W.	Abst*
3C	Terry D.	Abst*	18	Andy D.	5*
3D	Jim L.	Abst*		Michelle M.	5*
	Pat M.	Abst*		Steve A.	5*
3F	Julian F.	5	18A	Mark C.	Absent
4	Debbie R.	Absent		Yvonne R.	5*
	Richard F.	Absent	18B	Dot R.	Absent
5	Sean N.	5		John H.	5*
5B	Adrien R.	5*	19	Carlos R.	5*
	Claude G.	5*		Gustavo J.	5*
6	Jo Anne B.	Abst*	21	Angel B.	5*
	Steven C.	Abst*		Juan B.	5*
	Steven H.	Abst*	22	Andrew B.	5*
6A	Mike R.	5	28	Hector T.	5*
	David T.	Absent		Martha G.	5
6B	Ron B.	5	29	Konstantin U.	5*
	Tom C.	5	33	Dario C.	5*
7	Iris D.	Abst*		Moises H.	5*
	Patricia M.	Abst*	36	Odie B.	5*
7A	King A.	Absent			
	Marque P.	Absent			
7C	Jim G.	Absent			
8	Bob C.	5			
	Cindi M.	5			
	Pam E.	5			
	Reba-Anna L.	Abst*			
8A	Renee G.	Abst*			
9	Janet S.	5			
	Patrick G.	5			
9A	Pat D.	5*			
10	Ed G.	5			

* Absentee Ballot Received.

Chair B.O.T. – Andy R. 5
1st Co-Chair BOT – Steve F. Absent
2nd Co-Chair BOT – Pete K. 5
Chair B.O.R. – Cathy F. 5
I.E.S. – KC B. 5