

**SPRING INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MAY 16 and 17, 2022
CHERRY HILL, NEW JERSEY**

A) Welcome –Pete K., Chair, Board of Trustees

Pete K. welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the front table. Pete asked the trustees who were here at the Board of Trustees meeting for the first time to go to the microphone and introduce themselves.

Area 1 – Alvin F. Area 3D – Jim L. Area 4 – Debbie R. Area 6 – Steve H.
Area 6A – Alan A. Area 8A – Renee G. Area 15 – Jesse C.

Pete reminded everyone that we follow Robert’s Rules of Order in this meeting. He went over Point of Information and Point of Order. A Point of Order will stop the proceedings.

Pete reminded us of our primary purpose, which is to help the compulsive gambler who is still suffering. Let’s keep that in mind as we discuss the topics on the agenda.

Thirty-two absentee ballots were received as follows:

Area 1	Hugh G.	Area 3F	Julian F.	Area 14	Mitchell M.	Area 19	Carlos R.
Area 1B	Laura M.	Area 6A	Mike R.	Area 15	James G.	Area 19	Gustavo J.
Area 2	Jared H.	Area 6B	Thomas C.	Area 17	Ronald W.	Area 21	Angel B.
Area 2G	Pam B.	Area 8	Bob C.	Area 18	Andy D.	Area 21	Juan B.
Area 2H	Cindy M.	Area 8	Pamela E.	Area 18	Steve A.	Area 28	Marymar V.
Area 2H	Doris S.	Area 9	Janet S.	Area 18A	Yvonne R.	Area 29	Konstantin
Area 2K	Steve L.	Area 9A	Patricia D	Area 18B	Dot R.	Area 33	Moises A.
Area 3A	Karen T.	Area 11	Jeff H.	Area 18B	John H.	Area 36	Odie B.

B) Reading of the “12 Steps of Unity”

Pat M., Area 3D, read the 12 Steps of Unity in the first session of the Board of Trustees meeting.

Rick L., Area 13A, read the 12 Steps of Unity for the first session of the second day of the Board of Trustees Meeting.

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

Hugo V., Area 3A read the reading of the day for the first day of the Board of Trustees Meeting and Steve C. read the reading of the day to begin the second day of the Board of Trustees Meeting.

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

KC B. took roll call.

E) 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 Orlando, Florida.

Erv G., Area 2	Ralph O., Area 6	Cesar G., Area 9
Gail H., Area 2A	Harold S., Area 6	Nick B., Area 10A
Myrna V., Area 2A	Marvin G., Area 6	Dominick M., Area 12
Robert R., Area 2B	Mary C., Area 6	Barry H., Area 12
Mike P., Area 2B	Michelle C., Area 6	Richard G., Area 12
Terry Q., Area 2B	Ralph Mc., Area 6B	Robert P., Area 13B
Rosemarie F., Area 2G	Susan B., Area 6B	George G., Area 15
Mary C., Area 2J	Ronny R., Area 6B	Kenny M., Area 15
Andrew B., Area 3	Jay S., Area 8	Mike R., Area 15
Barry L., Area 3	Pat F., Area 8	Ron R., Area 15
Jerry B., Area 3A	Jeff T., Area 8	Jerry L., Area 15
Seena T., Area 3A	Tony P., Area 8	Chuck N., Area 16
Jean-Guy C., Area 5B	Dean P., Area 8	Pat G., Area 16A
Yves S., Area 5B	Lynn S., Area 8	Jose I., Area 20
Maurice C., Area 5B	Mike S., Area 8	

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

F) Approval of Minutes from Orlando

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

G) ISO / Lifeliners – KC B.

A handout of the last two years of Lifeliner information was given to all tables. It shows the up and down trends of contributions from our Lifeliners. Overall, we were down 4.79% from May 2020 to April 2022.

KC B. also gave a quick report on the Orlando Board of Trustees meeting held in August 2021. We had 41 people registered – 37 trustees and 4 executive board members. There was a total of \$1,230 collected for registration. For all five sessions of the Orlando BOT meeting, we collected \$832.72. There were seven Lifeliners who gave at the meeting, six returning and one new.

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

Cathy F. wanted to reiterate the importance of being a Lifeliner as a trustee. She encourages everyone to be Lifeliner.

The first thing Cathy wanted to report on was the move of the ISO. We've moved from Irwindale, California to Upland, California. This was primarily done because of cost. The current Board of Regents was able to find a place with the assistance of the last Board of

Regents as well as our last IES, Karen H. We went from 4,030 square feet to 2,976 square feet and we have plenty of room still. There will be a substantial savings annually of almost \$20,000. The new address is on the Lifeliner envelopes, as well as the website. The phone number has also changed. Please be sure to let everyone in your area know.

Donations from Lifeliners, our ISO Cans, our Intergroup, and RSO contributions are down. We are currently at a \$37,000 a year loss. After going out and doing a projection of the next few months, we will be at a loss of about \$44,000 this year. We expected to be at a loss when we did the budget for this year, but we are far more at a loss than was anticipated. Luckily, we've had a few generous members who have done one-time donations that have off set the Lifeliners and ISO Cans donations being down. Our literature sales are down an estimated \$21,000.

Cathy F. discussed the postage rates going up along with everything else. She also discussed the money that we have in CDs and assuming we get no sales of literature and no donations, we have approximately nine months of active money in those CDs to keep the organization running. It is highly recommended to go back to your groups and encourage donations to the ISO.

Cathy discussed the literature form, and we are looking at changing the form. She reminded everyone of the 20 or so items on the agenda changing the By-Laws. With the split and change of duties, the By-Laws needed to be changed.

There were several questions and suggestions on saving money with postage, not sending out envelopes each month. It was asked if we could have the number of trustees who are Lifeliners. KC said she would check her information on her laptop and get back to everyone in the next session with number or percentage.

There was a question about the PPP loan that the ISO received and how much had to be paid back. Cathy let everyone know that the PPP loan was forgiven after we paid the filing fees and administrative fees. A question about the ERC credit was asked on whether we applied for that or not. ERC stands for Employee Retention Credit.

I) Committee Reports

Before getting into the committee reports, Pete K. thanked Andy R. for his years of service to our fellowship over the years.

57 votes are available during the agenda items that we vote for.

Committees with Harold A. as Co-Chair Liaison.

Conference Oversight and Assistance Committee – Standing Committee: Committee

Chair – Wendy B. - Area 1B

Co-Chair – Jack R. - Area 1A

Committee Liaison Chair – Harold A.

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.

Report submitted on time and online. We have a new Co-Chair for this committee, Jack R. from Area 1A. Wendy gave this report and let everyone know we will be getting a bid for a conference for the Fall 2023. Harold asked if the committee was open to new members, Wendy said we could probably use more members, yes. Harold asked if anyone was interested in serving on this committee. Andy R., and Ira C. volunteered to be on this committee.

Group Handbook Revision Committee:

Committee Chair – Jack R. - Area 1A Committee Liaison Chair – Harold A.

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

Report was submitted online. Jack updated the members in the room on what was happening with this committee. Depending on the outcome of the first vote for this new handbook, the committee will be dissolved.

Pressure Relief Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Alan J. - Area 15

Committee Liaison Chair – Harold A.

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.

Report submitted online. Alan J. gave the report and is looking for new members. Volunteers for this committee were Tom K., Area 6C, also volunteered to be a Co-Chair on this committee. Also volunteering for this committee was Alan A., Area 6A. It was mentioned that Bruce W. was already on the committee.

Prison Committee, US – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Ed G. - Area 10

Committee Liaison Chair – Harold A.

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.

Report was submitted online. Ed G. gave the report for this committee after taking over the Chair position from Beth. Ed requested volunteers.

Prison Committee – Canada – Standing Committee:

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

Committee Liaison Chair – Harold A.

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.

No report was submitted online.

Public Relations Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Cindi M. - Area 8

Committee Liaison Chair – Harold A.

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).

Cindi M. gave this report, which was also submitted online. A motion will be made at the next meeting to submit a new mission statement for this committee. The committee is also looking at updating some of the Public Relations literature. Volunteers for this committee are: Steve C., Area 6, Tita M., Area 2, Joe B., Area 15, and Ed G., Area 10.

Virtual Meetings Committee

Committee Chair – Chris N. – Area 2

Committee Liaison Chair – Harold A.

Chris N. gave this report, and it was submitted online. There was a lot of discussion on the purpose of this committee and whether it was in order or not. A Point of Order stopped the proceedings and there was a long discussion on what the actual committee created in Orlando was about. As more discussion continued, another Point of Order came up to clarify what the discussion was actually about, since there are two different issues at hand. There was a challenge of the chair on ruling this item in order. It was determined to suspend the report until the tape can be reviewed at lunch. The challenge was not seconded.

At the beginning of the 2nd session, it was determined that this committee does not have a mission statement and the challenge to the chair was out of order with no second. The new committee, Virtual Board of Trustees Meeting Committee can submit a mission statement and move forward with the agenda items. A committee was established by the past Chair of the BOT, with Jack R. as the Chair. Harold A. took over that position and made a report for that committee. The committee had no chair until Chris N. accepted it and was under the impression, he accepted the chair of the Virtual BOT Meeting Committee.

Virtual Meeting Committee volunteers to continue their work include: Butch G., Area 3A, Patrick G., Area 9, Rick L., Area 13A, Chris N., Area 2. This committee is to establish permanent guidelines for virtual meetings. Patrick G. will chair the committee with Butch G. as the co-chair. They were asked to come up with a Mission Statement for this committee before the end of this BOT meeting.

Committees with Martha G. as Co-Chair Liaison.

Hotline Implementation Committee:

Committee Chair – Andy G.

Committee Liaison Chair – Martha G.

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.

Ron B., Area 6B, gave the report. The report was submitted online as well. The committee is open to new members if people want to volunteer. Volunteers included Joe B., Area 15. Bruce W. mentioned that he has someone in his area who wants to volunteer for a committee. They do not need to be a trustee to be on this committee.

International Relations Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Ara H. – Area 1

Co-Chair – Frank L. – Area 12

Committee Liaison – Martha G.

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

Zeny K., Area 3, gave this report. It was also submitted online. This committee assisted several countries since our last BOT meeting. The countries we assisted were: Kazakhstan, Philippines, Tanzania, Portugal, Greece, Romania, Ukraine, Belgium, Namibia, Estonia, Thailand, Australia, Ghana, Nigeria, India, Russia, Iran, and Sweden.

Abuse and Harassment Committee:

Committee Chair - Gagik G. - Area 1

Committee Liaison Chair – Martha G.

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

No report was submitted online. Pete mentioned that this was an item that was added to the agenda, handouts were given out earlier.

Meeting Removal Merit Panel Exploration Committee

Committee Chair – Cheryl R.

Committee Co-Chair – Andy G.

Committee Chair Liaison – Martha G.

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.

Stuart B., Area 14, gave this report. The report was also submitted online. The committee is open for new members.

Literature Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Nan V. - Area 13A

Committee Liaison Chair – Martha G.

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

The report was submitted online. Pete let everyone know that Chuck R. would be stepping down from this committee, so we need a chair. Nan volunteered to be the chair of this committee. There was some discussion on the responsibility of this committee.

Spanish Literature Committee

Committee Chair - Julian F. - Area 3F

Committee Liaison Chair – Martha G.

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.

The report was submitted online. Martha also gave a short report about the committee and the work it's been doing.

Committees with Pete K. as Co-Chair Liaison

Blue Book Revision 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.

Jeanne B., Area 8A, gave this report. It was submitted online as well.

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.

Jeanne B. gave this report, and it was submitted online. This committee is open to new members.

Debbie, Wendy, and Reba volunteered. The new version is presented on the agenda for this meeting.

Guidance Code Audit Committee

Committee Chair – Anita R. – Area 1B

Committee Chair Liaison – Pete K.

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.

Anita R. gave this report that was also submitted online. This committee is finished; however, we'll decide in the fall if we are open to new members.

Telephone Conference Call Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Jeanne B. – Area 8A

Co-Chair – David M. - Area 12

Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.

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.

Jeanne B. gave this report, and it was also submitted online.

Trustee Removal Merit Panel – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair –

Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.

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.

No report was submitted for this committee.

Trustee Website Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Doug K.

Committee Co-Chair – Ed G., Area 10

Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.

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.

Steve P. who was a member of the committee has stepped down. He was responsible for updating the Trustee Line. Renee has volunteered to join the committee. Pete gave the URL for the website and there was a short discussion on what it's there for. Butch gave the report for this committee. The report was also submitted online.

RULES AND PROCEDURES

1) Rules and Procedures – tabled from Orlando

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

Patrick let us know that we had already voted on this in Orlando, it was not tabled, and it did not pass.

This item was ruled out of order.

This item was chaired by Pete K.

2) Rules and Procedures

Add new bullet point to number 36: The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees must have the Rolling Agenda open and visible on the Trustee Website within 30 days of the closing of the previous Board of Trustees Meeting.

Current Version: None

Proposed Version:

Rolling Agenda. The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees must have the Rolling Agenda open and visible on the Trustee Website within 30 days of the closing of the previous Board of Trustees Meeting.

Andy R., Area 13B, South New Jersey

Motion to accept above as written.

Passed.

This item was chaired by Pete K.

3) Rules and Procedures

Change existing rules and procedures #7 Committees

Add after sentence; The liaison will either be the Chair of the B.O.T. or one of the Co-Chairs. A committee tasked to audit the Executive Board or the Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code the auditing committee will not have an executive board member to be a chair liaison. The auditing committee will communicate directly to the Board of Trustees at a Board of Trustee meeting.
Current Version: 7. Committees the Chairman of the B.O.T, establishes committees to do the necessary and ongoing work of the B.O.T, in between B.O.T, meetings. Each committee will have a Chair Liaison to oversee the committee. The liaison will either be the Chair of the B.O.T. or one of the Co Chairs.

Proposed Version: 7. Committees the Chairman of the B.O.T, establishes committees to do the necessary and ongoing work of the B.O.T, in between B.O.T, meetings. Each committee will have a Chair Liaison to oversee the committee. The liaison will either be the Chair of the B.O.T. or one of the Co Chairs. A committee tasked to audit the Executive Board or the Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code, an auditing committee will not have an executive board member to be a chair liaison. The auditing committee will communicate directly to the Board of Trustees at a Board of Trustee meeting.
Walter G., Area 12, New Jersey, and Northeastern Pennsylvania

Motion to accept above as written.

This item ruled out of order.

This item was chaired by Pete K.

4) Rules and Procedures –

Change existing rules and procedures

Add after the sentence ending “within 15 days.” A quick response meeting should be used only in an emergency, i.e. expense items over the BOR limit, a vacancy of the IES position, etc. A quick response meeting requires a response from the voting Trustees within 15 days. The item will be posted on the trustee line, for any discussion on the item, point of information, point of orders, are allowed prior to the response deadline. All points of information or point of orders, any challenges must be addressed prior to the 15-day response deadline. The response deadline will be extended to 3 days until the discussions on the item are completed. Responses will be counted as though it were a physical meeting.

Current Version: 29. Quick Response Meetings

A quick response meeting should be used only in an emergency, i.e. expense items over the BOR limit, a vacancy of the IES position, etc. A quick response meeting requires a response from the voting Trustees within 15 days. Responses will be counted as though it were a physical meeting.

Proposed Version: 29. Quick Response Meetings

A quick response meeting should be used only in an emergency, i.e. expense items over the BOR limit, a vacancy of the IES position, etc. A quick response meeting requires a response from the voting Trustees within 15 days. A quick response meeting should be used only in an emergency, i.e. expense items over

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Walter G. Area 12 – New Jersey and Northern Pennsylvania

Motion to accept the above as written.

Motion to amend the motion to remove the duplicated sentences written. Amended motion reads – *“A quick response meeting should be used only in an emergency, i.e. expense items over the BOR limit, a vacancy of the IES position, etc. A quick response meeting requires a response from the voting Trustees within 15 days. The item will be posted on the trustee line, for any discussion on the item, point of information, point of orders, are allowed prior to the response deadline. All points of information or point of orders, any challenges must be addressed prior to the 15-day response deadline. The response deadline will be extended to 3 days until the discussions on the item are completed. Responses will be counted as though it were a physical meeting.”*

Amendment fails

Original motion fails.

This item was chaired by Pete K.

TABLED FROM ORLANDO

5) 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

There were not enough trustees present to vote on this item.

Motion to table item.

Item tabled.

This item was chaired by Pete K.

- 6) **Current Literature – Towards 90 Days**
Change 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, for Dave C., British Columbia Canada
 Motion to accept above as written.
 Item failed.
 This item was chaired by Harold A.
- 7) **Current Literature – Towards 90 Days**
Change 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 accept above as written.
 Item passed. 1st Vote.
 This item was chaired by Harold A.
- 8) **Current Literature – “THERE IS HELP” Brochure**
On the bottom of the 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 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:
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
 Motion to accept above as written.
 Cathy F., Chair of the B.O.R., let everyone know that this brochure has not been printed or sold since 2001. It is not current literature.
 For 39 Against 31
 Item passed. 1st Vote
 This item was chaired by Harold A.

- 9) **Sean N. for Tom R. – Area 5, Montreal**
New Literature – Appropriate Literature
Common Welfare & Safety Card. Attachment # 107
 Motion to accept above as written.
 Discussion on item.
 Motion to table.
 Item tabled, however, the author will need to submit as a new item once the agenda opens for the next meeting.
 This item was chaired by Harold A.

ITEMS UP FOR SECOND VOTE

- 10) **Orlando agenda item #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
 For 73 Against 5 Abstain 4
 Item passed. 2nd Vote
 This item was chaired by Harold A.

- 11) **Orlando item #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., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii
 Item passed. 2nd Vote
 This item was chaired by Harold A.

12) **Orlando item #120**

Board of Regents By-Law Change

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

Current version: The International Executive Secretary of the Corporation 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.

Item Passed.

2nd Vote

This item chaired by Harold A.

13) **Orlando item #121**

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 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 in attendance. The order that the nominees came in shall be kept by the Office Manager.

Cathy F., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii

Item Passed.

2nd Vote

This item chaired by Harold A.

14) **Orlando item #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 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., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii

Item Passed.

2nd Vote

This item chaired by Harold A.

15) Orlando item #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., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii

Item Passed.

2nd Vote

This item chaired by Harold A.

16) Orlando item #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 Officers and before the word and.

CURRENT VERSION: Article VIII – Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary

PROPOSED VERSION: Duties of Officers, Office Manager, and International Executive Secretary

Cathy F., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii

Item Passed.

2nd Vote

This item chaired by Harold A.

17) Orlando item #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., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii

Item Passed.

2nd Vote

This item chaired by Harold A.

18) Orlando item #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., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii

Item Passed.

2nd Vote

This item chaired by Harold A.

19) Orlando item #127

Board of Regents By-Law change

Article VIII – Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (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., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii

Item Passed.

2nd Vote

This item chaired by Harold A.

20) Orlando item #128

Board of Regents By-Law change

Article VIII – Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (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., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii

Item Passed.

2nd Vote

This item chaired by Harold A.

21) Orlando item #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., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii

Item Passed.

2nd Vote

This item chaired by Harold A.

22) Orlando item #130

Board of Regents By-Law change

Article VIII – Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (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., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii
Item Passed.

2nd Vote

This item chaired by Harold A.

23) **Orlando item #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 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 at its first meeting.

Cathy F., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii
Item Passed.

2nd Vote

This item chaired by Harold A and Martha G.

24) **Orlando item #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., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii

Item Passed.

2nd Vote

This item chaired by Martha G.

25) Orlando item #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 Vic-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., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii

Item Passed.

2nd Vote

This item chaired by Martha G.

26) Orlando item #134

Board of Regents By-Law change

Article VIII – Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (I) – Remove this item from Section 6, 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 to his/her original position and his/her voting power is restored.

Cathy F., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii

Item Passed.

2nd Vote

This item chaired by Martha G.

27) Orlando item #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., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii

Item Passed.

2nd Vote

This item chaired by Martha G.

28) Orlando item #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 meeting of said Board.

Cathy F., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii

Item Passed.

2nd Vote

This item chaired by Martha G.

29) Orlando item #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) 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) 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., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii

Item Passed.

2nd Vote

This item chaired by Martha G.

CONFERENCE BIDS

30) Fall 2022 Conference

The Fall 2022 Conference is open for bids.

There were no bids on this, so it will be a Board of Trustees meeting only. There were several bids for this trustee only meeting. One was Courtyard by Marriott in Pleasanton, California and the other was from Cancun. The Chair went over the costs of the hotel Occidental, which was the same place we had the last one there. The cancellation policy is the issue we would have with this location: 60 days in advance, no penalty, 31 – 59 days in advance, one night penalty, less than 30 days would be entire stay penalty. Martha spoke with the person at the hotel dealing with the contracts and we don't have a deadline to make reservations. So even though there is a strict cancellation policy, we would be able to make reservations a week ahead of time. We are aiming for October 2022 for this meeting.

This item chaired by Pete K.

31) Spring 2023 Conference

The Spring 2023 Conference is open for bids.

There were no bids on this, so it will be a Board of Trustees meeting only. This location has not been discussed yet.

This item chaired by Pete K.

32) Fall 2023 Conference

The Fall 2023 Conference is open for bids

This item will be combined with item #43.

Chicagoland has made an official bid for Fall 2023.

The International Conference will be held November 16 – 19, 2023.

Item passed.

Chicagoland will be hosting the Fall 2023 International Conference in November of 2023.

This item was chaired by Pete K.

ITEMS UP FOR MERIT VOTE

Pete K. corrected this item on the agenda to let us know this would be a 1st Vote, not a Merit Vote. It passed merit vote in Orlando.

33) Approve new literature – Merit Vote

**Bankruptcy, Loans and Bailouts while in Gambler’s Anonymous Attachment
Patrick G. – Area 9, Michigan**

Motion to accept as written.

Item failed.

This item was chaired by Pete K.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

34) General Discussion

How is Intergroups managing their websites if they have one? Is it being done internally or is it being contracted to outside consultants? If contracted to outside consultants, how are the consultants compensated? Hourly? Monthly? Some other way? How much are they paying?

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

Discussion only.

This item was chaired by Martha G.

35) General Discussion

For simple majority votes, should the Rules and Procedures be changed to allow the Chair to cast a tie-breaking vote?

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

Discussion only.

This item was chaired by Martha G.

36) General Discussion

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. Implicit in that definition is an overt act. What about seemingly innocuous statements such as “I bet you that...” or “the odds are...”? What about shopping discounts that are only available to people through random acts (i.e., a “scratch-off” at a department store or grocery store)? Are these things something the fellowship needs to address within this definition in order to be consistent in its message?

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

Discussion only.

This item was chaired by Martha G.

37) General Discussion

Unity Step 7 states that each “group” should be self-supporting declining outside contributions. Does the same rule apply to Intergroups which serve a completely different function within the fellowship? For example, if an Intergroup holds a paid event

(i.e., bowling, or miniature golf outing, karaoke night, dinner dance, picnic, etc.) where a certain percentage of the proceeds goes directly to the Intergroup as a donation, are non-members of the fellowship allowed to participate? If yes, should their cost of participation be discounted to factor out that percentage of the proceeds that is allocated to the Intergroup as a donation?

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

Discussion only.

This item was chaired by Martha G.

38) General Discussion

Should Gamblers Anonymous allow or finance Friends of Bill W. meetings at a Gamblers Anonymous event?

Walter G., Area 12, New Jersey, and Eastern Pennsylvania

Discussion only.

This item was chaired by Martha G.

39) General Discussion

Should Gamblers Anonymous allow or finance Friends of Jim W. meetings at a Gamblers Anonymous event?

Walter G., Area 12, New Jersey, and Eastern Pennsylvania

A motion was made reading, “Gamblers Anonymous should allow to finance Friends of Jim W. meetings at Gamblers Anonymous event.”

Point of Order on the motion – it was determined this item will be allowed.

Motion to table item.

Item tabled.

This item was chaired by Martha G. and Pete K.

40) General Discussion

Is Bill W. the Founder of Gamblers Anonymous?

Walter G., Area 12, New Jersey, and Eastern Pennsylvania

Item withdrawn.

This item was chaired by Pete K.

41) General Discussion

Is Jim W. the Founder of Gamblers Anonymous?

Walter G., Area 12, New Jersey, and Eastern Pennsylvania

Discussion only.

This item was chaired by Pete K.

42) General Discussion

I would like to see a North American GA app created. This is different for the GA websites. This GA app will have features like a meeting list, time, and locations. Clean time counter. Bluebook, yellow book, grey book, maroon book, and other related GA literature. This is a universal North American App. All you have to do is type in the city you are in, and all the current and proper information is built into that specific city. All names and emails of the current trustees. We can discuss further what else we can have in this North American or Global GA app. I myself have not seen any app like this in the play store. Calgary Alberta has been thinking about this App creation for some time now. Let me know if this can be added as an agenda item for the future

Steve L., Area 2K, Southern Alberta

Item withdrawn.

This item was chaired by Pete K.

43) General Discussion

A proposal and bid to hold an International Conference in Chicago either in the fall of 2023 or the spring of 2024. Date TBD prior to submission to the board.

Cindi M., Area 8, Chicagoland, Illinois

See item #32

This item was chaired by Pete K.

44) General Discussion

Discuss the Board of Regents

Andy R., Area 13B, South New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

This item was chaired by Pete K.

45) General Discussion

Discuss the Corporate Structure of Gamblers Anonymous

Andy R., Area 13B, South New Jersey

Item discussed at length. The Chair created a committee, calling it the Corporate Restructure Committee. Pete K. will be the liaison for this committee. Time was extended on this topic. The volunteers for this committee include Jack R., Area 1A, Jo K., Area 8D, David M., Area 12, Wendy B., Area 1B, Mark S., Area 3, Valerie D., Area 1B, Nan V., Area 13A, Cathy F., Area 1, and Reba L., Area 8, Greg M., Area 13. David M. will be the Chair with Wendy B. being the

Co-Chair.

This item was chaired by Pete K.

46) General Discussion

Would the fellowship benefit from the formation of a committee to establish best practices for Intergroups?

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

Discussion only.

This item was chaired by Pete K.

47) General Discussion

What happens when an Intergroup does not comply with its own rules and procedures or bylaws? Is this something that the area Trustee(s) should get involved in? What redress do individual members have?

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

Item withdrawn.

This item was chaired by Pete K.

48) General Discussion

COMMITTEE RELATED – Need for a new technical support volunteer.

Discuss the need for ISO to take over technical support of the International GA Hotline.

Paul S., Area 17, Connecticut

Discussion only.

Scott S., Area 13, stepped up to be trained by Paul for technical support.

This item was chaired by Pete K.

49) General Discussion

COMMITTEE RELATED – Telephone Committee

Now that we have multiple applications for video conferencing meetings with little to no rules, should we remove all of the restrictions for phone meetings?

Andy R., Area 13B, South New Jersey

Discussion only.

This item was chaired by Pete K.

50) General Discussion

Since the entire fellowship benefits from the existence of the hot line, should the cost and logistics of maintaining it be handled at the ISO level rather than at the Intergroup level?

Jack R., Area 1A, Orange County, California – for Joe G.

Item withdrawn.

This item was chaired by Pete K.

51) General Discussion

What happens when an Intergroup does not comply with its own rules and procedures or bylaws? Is this something that the area Trustee(s) should get involved in? What

redress do individual members have?

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

Item withdrawn.

This item was chaired by Pete K.

COMMITTEE RELATED

52) Committee Related

Vote to approve the attachment, “ Group Removal Guidelines and Procedures Manual” as the approved document that will give direction and support to all parties 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.

Cheryl RD., Area 2E, Manitoba

Stuart B., Area 14, presented this item.

Point of Order on whether this was in order or not. The Chair determined it was in order. There was a challenge of the Chair on this, with a second to the challenge. Discussion on the challenge. Vote occurred found the Chair was correct in his decision.

Discussion returned to the original motion.

Motion to accept above as written.

Item passes.

1st Vote

This item was chaired by Pete K.

53) Committee Related

Group Handbook Revision

See Attachment

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

Motion to approve as written.

Item passes.

1st Vote

This item was chaired by Pete K.

54) Committee Related

Virtual Meeting Committee

This agenda item will be a short presentation by the Virtual Meeting Committee to illustrate what a potential BOT meeting would look like and how it would work. This agenda item should precede the six Guidance Code changes agenda items proposed by the Virtual Meeting Committee

Chris N., Area 2, Northern California

Chris N. presented this item.

Point of Information asking if we have two different committees with this name.

The Chair let them know this committee was renamed the Virtual Trustee Meeting Committee and the Virtual Meeting Committee is the one Patrick is chairing that’s dealing with physical meetings.

This item chaired by Pete K.

55) Committee Related

Virtual Meeting Committee – Mission Statement

Current Version: None – this is a new committee created at the Orlando conference. Proposed Version: To support the creation, implementation, and technical oversight of any virtual (excluding telephone conference calls) Gamblers Anonymous meetings including, but not limited to, regular GA meetings, hybrid types, Intergroups, Board of Trustees, conferences, etc. This committee has no opinion on the desirability of virtual meetings vs. in- person meetings or influence on the acceptability of these meetings under the provisions of our guidance code. The committee only serves to help facilitate virtual meetings as required to better serve the fellowship.

Chris N., Area 2, Northern California

Chris N. presented this item.

Motion to accept above.

Item ruled out of order.

There was a challenge of the Chair, with a second. Discussion on the challenge occurred. Item was still out of order.

The Chair gave the committee an opportunity to come up with a new mission statement to be approved by the end of this meeting, or it would have to wait until fall.

This item chaired by Pete K.

56) Committee Related

Guidance Code Audit

Committee related Guidance code Article XI – Regional Service Office (R.S.O.) Section 3 first sentence remove “an” and replaced with “a”

Current Version: Section 3:

Each group that belongs to an RSO is self-governing; therefore, such group is not mandated to be answerable to an RSO. However, in the interest and observance of Unity and efficiency, all groups should make an effort to support its RSO and the International Service Office (ISO)

Propose Version: Section 3:

Each group that belongs to a RSO is self-governing; therefore, such group is not mandated to be answerable to an RSO. However, in the interest and observance of Unity and efficiency, all groups should make an effort to support its RSO and the International Service Office (ISO)

Anita R., Area 1B, Inland Empire, Palm Springs, and San Bernardino, California

Item withdrawn.

This item chaired by Pete K.

57) Committee Related

Hotline Committee

Hotline Volunteer Guidelines to be added on the Trustee Website, section

Hotline Implementation Committee as appropriate literature. Submitted this item at the Orlando Fall 2021 BOT meeting for approval and received a Motion to amend it. Hotline Committee made recommended changes and is resubmitting for approval.

See Attachment

Ron B., Area 6B, Florida

Motion to accept as written.

Item passes.

This item chaired by Harold A.

58) NEW LITERATURE

Blue Book Revision Committee

Current Version: None

Proposed Version: Sharing Recovery Through Gamblers Anonymous

Jeannie B., Area 8A, Minnesota

Motion reads “To accept the revised “Sharing Recovery Through Gamblers Anonymous” – with the change of address and phone number of the I.S.O. to reflect its recent move – as approved GA literature to replace the version that is currently in use.”

Item passes.

1st Vote

This item was chaired by Harold A.

GUIDANCE CODE

59) Guidance Code

In order to permit potential future virtual BOT meetings, there will need to be 6 changes to the Guidance Code. This is #1

Article 8 – Section 9. Delete words “the physical presence of” and “physical” as shown

Current Version: To change the Twelve Steps of RECOVERY and Twelve-Step UNITY PROGRAM, it shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority by not less than the physical presence of 2/3 of the eligible voting members of the Board of Trustees at two (2) consecutive physical meetings.

Proposed Version: To change the Twelve Steps of RECOVERY and Twelve-Step UNITY PROGRAM, it shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority by not less than 2/3 of the eligible voting members of the Board of Trustees at two (2) consecutive meetings.

Chris N., Area 2, Northern California

Motion to accept above as written.

For 35 Against 41

Item fails.

This item was chaired by Harold A.

60) Guidance Code

In order to permit potential future virtual BOT meetings, there will need to be 6 changes to the Guidance Code. This is #2

Article 8 – Section 18. Delete word “physical” twice as shown

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: 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 presence at the Board of Trustees meetings.

Chris N., Area 2, Northern California

Item withdrawn.

This item was chaired by Harold A.

61) Guidance Code

In order to permit potential future virtual BOT meetings, there will need to be 6 changes to the Guidance Code. This is #3.

Article 8 – Section 11. Delete word “physical” as shown

Current Version: The Board of Trustees unequivocally will have the sole right to add to, delete or change any word of the Twelve Steps of RECOVERY, the Twelve Step UNITY PROGRAM, and the Twenty Questions. All Gamblers Anonymous literature or books must be first approved by the Board of Trustees before being published. No changes can be made in any Gamblers Anonymous literature by the International Service Office (I.S.O.) without the approval of the Board of Trustees. Changes can only be made by the Board of Trustees at two (2) consecutive physical meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Deletions of any literature must be done by the same procedure used to approve them, omitting any procedures through a merit vote.

Proposed Version: The Board of Trustees unequivocally will have the sole right to add to, delete or change any word of the Twelve Steps of RECOVERY, the Twelve Step UNITY PROGRAM, and the Twenty Questions. All Gamblers Anonymous literature or books must be first approved by the Board of Trustees before being published. No changes can be made in any Gamblers Anonymous literature by the International Service Office (I.S.O.) without the approval of the Board of Trustees. Changes can only be made by the Board of Trustees at two (2) consecutive meetings of the Board of Trustees. Deletions of any literature must be done by the same procedure used to approve them, omitting any procedures through a merit vote.

Chris N., Area 2, Northern California

Item withdrawn.

This item chaired by Harold A.

62) **Guidance Code**

In order to permit potential future virtual BOT meetings, there will need to be 6 changes to the Guidance Code. This is #4.

Article 9 – Section 2. Delete word “physical”

Current Version: If the Chair is temporarily unable to carry out the duties and responsibilities required of that office, then the #1 Co-Chair will contemporaneously handle such issues until the Chair is able to resume those same issues. Consent to do so, must be unanimously agreed upon by the remaining members of the Executive Board and the International Executive Secretary. If any Executive Board member is permanently unable to carry out the duties and responsibilities of their respective positions, all remaining Executive Board members will move up to the next higher position. An election for a new #2 Co-Chair will be held at the next physical Board of Trustees meeting to fill the resultant open position on the Executive Board.

Proposed Version: If the Chair is temporarily unable to carry out the duties and responsibilities required of that office, then the #1 Co-Chair will contemporaneously handle such issues until the Chair is able to resume those same issues. Consent to do so, must be unanimously agreed upon by the remaining members of the Executive Board and the International Executive Secretary. If any Executive Board member is permanently unable to carry out the duties and responsibilities of their respective positions, all remaining Executive Board members will move up to the next higher position. An election for a new #2 Co-Chair will be held at the next Board of Trustees meeting to fill the resultant open position on the Executive Board.

Chris N., Area 2, Northern California

Item withdrawn.

This item chaired by Harold A.

63) **Guidance Code**

In order to permit potential future virtual BOT meetings, there will need to be 6 changes to the Guidance Code. This is #5

Article 9 – Section 5. Delete fax BOT meetings and add in-person and virtual BOT meetings while eliminating the requirement for platform approval by BOT.

Current Version: Board of Trustees meetings may be conducted by mail, fax, or email, or electronically through a platform approved by the Board of Trustees.

Proposed Version: Board of Trustees meetings may be conducted in-person, virtually, by mail, or by email.

Chris N., Area 2, Northern California

Item withdrawn.

This item chaired by Harold A.

64) Guidance Code

In order to permit potential future virtual BOT meetings, there will need to be 6 changes to the Guidance Code. This is #6.

Article 17 – Section 1. Delete the word “physical.”

Current Version: Existing areas that wish to redefine their borders, new areas previously not covered by any other Gamblers Anonymous area that wish to be recognized, and new areas that wish to be recognized by splitting off from existing areas in any configuration, may submit agenda items to accomplish this at any physical Trustee meeting, as needed by the areas concerned, providing they follow such procedures, as outlined in the Guidance Code. This also applies to any area that wishes to change the number of Trustees allocated to them.

Proposed Version: Existing areas that wish to redefine their borders, new areas previously not covered by any other Gamblers Anonymous area that wish to be recognized, and new areas that wish to be recognized by splitting off from existing areas in any configuration, may submit agenda items to accomplish this at any Trustee meeting, as needed by the areas concerned, providing they follow such procedures, as outlined in the Guidance Code. This also applies for any area that wishes to change the number of Trustees allocated to them.

Chris N., Area 2, Northern California

Item withdrawn.

This item chaired by Harold A.

65) 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

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, 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. 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

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, 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 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.

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

Motion to amend wording to read “Change wording referring to gambling: Gambling, for the compulsive gambler, is defined as follows: Any betting or wagering, for self or others 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.”

Motion to accept above.

For 0 Against 50

Item fails.

This item was chaired by Martha G.

66) COMMITTEE RELATED - Guidance Code Audit

Guidance Code, Article VII, Groups Sections 1, 1A, 2, 3, 6, 8

Section 1-Remove the word “only” after the word use and replace it with “as a guide” Section 2-Remove section 2, Section 1A renamed to Section 2, Section 3 first sentence remove the word “is” and replace with “should be” self-governing, then add “using the unity steps as their guidelines and refer to the group handbook.” Remove “only if a new room.” Section 6 add at the end of the sentence “who desires to stop gambling”. Section 8 in the last sentence removes the word “must” and add “may”.

Current Version:

Section 1: Whenever two or more persons with a desire to stop gambling meet together on a regular, weekly scheduled basis to discuss their gambling problems, they will be known as a group, only if they commit themselves to follow Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code and limit their use, display, and distribution to only approved and appropriate Gamblers Anonymous literature. They are also to notify the International Service Office (I.S.O.) of their existence. Failure to comply with Guidance Code will result in the meeting no longer being recognized as part of Gamblers Anonymous and such meetings will be removed from the International Service Office directory of meetings.

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.

Section 2: No new group will be qualified to vote on any issues affecting Gamblers Anonymous as a whole until they have conducted regular weekly meetings for a three (3) month period.

Section 3: Each group is self-governing however, by tradition each group should elect a SECRETARY- TREASURER (can be the same person, only if a new room), PRESSURE RELIEF GROUP CHAIRMAN, GROUP REPRESENTATIVE, PUBLIC RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE, who will assume the workload necessary to keep the group together and in operation. A member can only be TREASURER for one (1) room at a time. It is suggested that group trusted servants be elected for a three (3), four (4), or six (6) month

period, to be decided by each individual group. It is further suggested that no secretary, treasurer, group representative, pressure relief group chairman, or public relations representative be elected that has not abstained from gambling for at least six (6) months unless it is a brand-new group. All positions should be rotated at the end of each term. This suggestion is based on experience.

Section 6: Only members of Gamblers Anonymous may be trusted servants of groups or Intergroups.

Section 8: Gamblers Anonymous appropriate literature is limited to local area member telephone lists, meeting and direction lists, flyers regarding events sponsored by the local rooms(s), Intergroup(s), the surrounding area(s), or conference committees. Other appropriate material must be designated as such by the Board of Trustees.

Proposed Version:

Section 1: 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, used as a guide, if they commit themselves to follow Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code and limit their use, display, and distribution to only approved and appropriate Gamblers Anonymous literature. They are also to notify the International Service Office (I.S.O.) of their existence. Failure to comply with Guidance Code will result in the meeting no longer being recognized as part of Gamblers Anonymous and such meetings will be removed from the International Service Office directory of meetings.

Section 2:

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.

Section 3:

Each group should be self-governing using the unity steps as their guidelines and refer to the group handbook, however, by tradition each group should elect a SECRETARY- TREASURER, PRESSURE RELIEF GROUP CHAIRMAN, GROUP REPRESENTATIVE, PUBLIC RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE, who will assume the workload necessary to keep the group together and in operation. A member can only be TREASURER for one (1) room at a time. It is suggested that group trusted servants be elected for a three (3), four (4), or six (6) month period, to be decided by each individual group. It is further suggested that no secretary, treasurer, group representative, pressure relief group chairman, or public relations representative be elected that has not abstained from gambling for at least six (6) months unless it is a brand-new group. All positions should be rotated at the end of each term. This suggestion is based on experience.

Section 6: Only members of Gamblers Anonymous may be trusted servants of groups or Intergroups who desire to stop gambling.

Section 8: Gamblers Anonymous appropriate literature is limited to local area member telephone lists, meeting and direction lists, flyers regarding events sponsored by the local rooms(s), Intergroup(s), the surrounding area(s), or conference committees. Other

appropriate material may be designated as such by the Board of Trustees.
Anita R., Area 1B, Inland Empire, Palm Springs, & San Bernardino, California
Item withdrawn.

This item chaired by Martha G.

67) COMMITTEE RELATED - Guidance Code

Article XVI – International Executive Secretary of I.S.O. Section 2, remove “or other acts on his/her part that are detrimental to Gamblers Anonymous as a whole”.

Current: 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.

Propose: 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. 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.

Anita R., Area 1B, Inland Empire, Palm Springs, & San Bernardino, California
Item withdrawn.

This item chaired by Martha G.

68) COMMITTEE RELATED - Guidance Code

Article XX – Amendments Section 1 remove “notify each member of the” add after shall “included the change in the minutes to the Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents. Remove very last sentence, “and in each group of such change” Section 3 remove “and a current copy (including all and any amendments or replacements) shall be made available during office hours for inspection by any member.”

Current Version: Section 1:

The Guidance Code may be amended by the Board of Trustees by a two-thirds (2/3) majority at two (2) consecutive Board of Trustees meetings with at least a

quorum present at each voting. Within thirty (30) days after an amendment is adopted, the International Executive Secretary shall notify each member of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Regents, and each group of such change.

Section 3:

An up-to-date permanent file of the Guidance Code shall be maintained by the International Executive Secretary of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) and a current copy (including all and any amendments or replacements) shall be made available during office hours for inspection by any member.

Proposed: Section 1:

The Guidance Code may be amended by the Board of Trustees by a two-thirds (2/3) majority at two (2) consecutive Board of Trustees meetings with at least a quorum present at each voting. Within thirty (30) days after an amendment is adopted, the International Executive Secretary shall include the change in the minutes to the Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents.

Section 3:

An up-to-date permanent file of the Guidance Code shall be maintained by the International Service Office (I.S.O.). The guidance code will be available to view on the trustee website.

Anita R., Area 1B, Inland Empire, Palm Springs, & San Bernardino, California
Item withdrawn.

69) COMMITTEE RELATED - Guidance Code

Article III – Objects, Section 1 – Separating Section 1: into 2 subparagraphs Section 1 & Section 1A. add “1. To stop gambling. 2. To help other gamblers do the same to Section 1. Section 1A remove “contact” and replace it with “be available to”

Current Version: Section 1: The specific and primary purposes for which this Fellowship is formed are as follows:

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

Proposed Version: Section 1: The specific and primary purposes for which this Fellowship is formed are as follows:

1) To stop gambling. 2) To help other gamblers do the same.

Section 1A:

2) To be available to compulsive gamblers no matter where they may be and help them overcome a gambling problem.

3) To carry the message of Gamblers Anonymous to the compulsive gambler who still suffers, through the medium of personal contact, telephone, mail, newspapers, films, radio, television, houses of worship, charitable organizations, service clubs, Internet, and by whatever dignified method that is approved by the Board of Trustees within the framework of the Unity Program.

4) To distribute Gamblers Anonymous literature to compulsive gamblers and to any person, organization, or institution which desires some.

5) To encourage interest and knowledge of the activities and program of Gamblers Anonymous with the peace officers, educational institutions, penal institutions, judges, probation officers, parole officers, doctors, newspapers, motion picture companies, radio broadcasting companies, television broadcasting companies, houses of worship, charitable organizations, and service clubs of the world.

Anita R., Area 1B, Inland Empire, Palm Springs, & San Bernardino, California
Item withdrawn.

70) Current Literature – Guidance Code

Article VII, Section 4 – Page 6 (Occurs toward the end of the first sentence.)

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, 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.

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, presentation of medallions, and for all successive anniversaries. Date of abstinence starts from your first meeting after your last bet.

Alvin F., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii – for Ed E.

Motion to accept above as written.

For 40 Against 23

Failed two-thirds.

There was some discussion and confusion on the count, so a roll call vote was called for.

Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote
1	Alvin F.	Y	3A	Karen T.*	Y	9A	Patricia D.*	Y	16	Carl D.	Y
1	Hugh G.*	Y	3D	Jim L.	Y	10	Ed G.	Y	16	Wayne C.	N
1	Bruce W.	Y	3D	Pam M.	Y	10B	Gary B.	Y	16A	Dan L.	N
1A	Dean W.	Y	3F	Julian F.*	N	10B	Steve B.	Y	17	Ron W.*	Y

1A	Jack R.	Y	4	Debbie R.	Y	11	Jeff H.*	Y	18	Andy D.*	N
1B	Anita R.	Y	5	Sean N.	Y	12	Ted S.	N	18	Steve A.*	Y
1B	Laura M.*	N	5B	Adrien R.	N	12	Walter G.	Y	18A	Yvonne R.	N
2	Beth Z.	N	6	Steven C.	N	13	John B.	Y	18B	Dot R.*	A
2	Jared H.*	A	6	Steven H.	Y	13	Marla J.	Y	18B	John H.*	A
2	Tita M.	N	6A	Mike R.*	Y	13	Scott S.	Y	19	Carlos R.*	Y
2	Chris N.	N	6A	Alan A.	Y	13A	Nan V.	Y	19	Gustavo J.*	Y
2A	Paul N.	A	6B	Ron B.	Y	13A	Rick L.	Y	21	Angel B.*	N
2B	Charlene L.	Y	6B	Tom C.*	N	13B	Andy G.	Y	21	Juan B.*	N
2E	Debra B.	Y	6C	Tom K.	Y	13B	Craig F.	Y	28	Marymar V.*	Y
2G	Connie M.	Y	6C	Mike A.	Y	14	Ira C.	Y	29	Konstantin U.*	Y
2G	Pam B.*	Y	7	Iris D.	A	14	Stuart B.	Y	33	Moises H.*	Y
2H	Cindy M.*	N	8	Bob C.*	A	14	Maury C.	Y	36	Odie B.*	A
2H	Doris S.*	N	8	Cindi M.	Y	14	Mitch M.*	Y			
2K	Steve L.*	Y	8	Pamela E.	Y	15	Alan J.	Y			
3	Mark S.	N	8	Reba L.	Y	15	Jim G.*	A			
3	Zeny K.	N	8A	Renee G.	Y	15	Joe B.	N			
3A	Butch G.	Y	9	Janet S.*	Y	15	Jesse C.	N			
3A	Hugo V.	Y	9	Patrick G.	Y	15	Stan C.	N			

*Absentee ballot sent in.

For 56 Against 22 Abstain 8

Item passes.

1st Vote

This item was chaired by Martha G.

71) Current Literature

Committee Related – Guidance Code Guidance Code Article XIII – Board of Regents Section 4: Last sentence remove the word “physical”, Section 6: Remove the second sentence completely. Section 7: First sentence add a “s” on record to “record’s”

Current Version:

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.

Section 6: Five (5) members of the Board of Regents shall constitute a quorum. Only a written proxy shall be counted in determining the number present for the purpose of a quorum.

Section 7: It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Regents to annually employ a certified public accountant who is not a member of Gamblers Anonymous to examine the books and record of our International Service Office (I.S.O.) and to advise the Board of Trustees and International Executive Secretary of the results of the audit and the audit published in the next International Service Office (I.S.O.) Bulletin.

Section 8: Any expenditures by the Board of Regents will be limited to \$2,500.00, except for approved Gamblers Anonymous literature and normal operating expenses as outlined in the Annual Budget for a particular Fiscal year. Any other item must first be approved by a majority vote by the Board of Trustees. If the Board of Regents as a fiduciary determines there is an emergency situation, the Board of Regents may act without the approval of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees time to notify the Board of Regents regarding the Budget is sixty (60) days.

Proposed Version:

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 meeting.

Section 6: Five (5) members of the Board of Regents shall constitute a quorum.

Section 7: It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Regents to annually employ a certified public accountant who is not a member of Gamblers Anonymous to examine the books and records of our International Service Office (I.S.O.) and to advise the Board of Trustees and International Executive Secretary of the results of the audit and the audit published in the next International Service Office (I.S.O.) Bulletin.

Section 8: Any expenditures by the Board of Regents will be limited to \$2,500.00, except for approved Gamblers Anonymous literature and normal operating expenses as outlined in the Annual Budget for a particular Fiscal year. Any other item must first be approved by a majority vote by the Board of Trustees. If the Board of Regents as a fiduciary determines there is an emergency situation, the Board of Regents may act without the approval of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Regents time to notify the Board of Trustees regarding the Budget is sixty (60) days.

Anita R., Area 1B, Inland Empire, Palm Springs, & San Bernardino, California
Item withdrawn.

At the beginning of the Fourth Session, the Chair let everyone know that it is estimated that there are 48 Trustees who are Lifeliners. This is less than half of our total Trustees.

72) Current Literature

Article XXI – Guidance Code

Add Article XXI Section 1. No Gamblers Anonymous membership, of a member, a group, or an intergroup should be excluded or removed from Gamblers Anonymous if they meet the only requirement for membership and if they are meeting Gamblers Anonymous' primary purpose. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop gambling. Our primary purpose is to stop gambling and to help other compulsive gamblers do the same. Gamblers Anonymous fellowship will always be available to a member, a group, or an intergroup and not compromise the primary purpose of the fellowship.

Current Version: None

Proposed Version: Article XXI – Guidance Code

No Gamblers Anonymous membership, of a member, a group, or an intergroup should be excluded or removed from Gamblers Anonymous if they meet the only requirement for membership and if they are meeting Gamblers Anonymous' primary purpose. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop gambling. Our primary purpose is to stop gambling and to help other compulsive gamblers do the same. Gamblers Anonymous fellowship will always be available to a member, a group, or an intergroup and not compromise the primary purpose of the fellowship.

Walter G., Area 12, New Jersey, and Northern Pennsylvania

Motion to accept above as written.

If this motion conflicts with the definition of a group, this item will be out of order.

No conflict was found. The motion is in order.

For 22 Against 55

Item failed.

This item was chaired by Harold A.

TRUSTEE ALLOCATION

73) Trustee Allocation

Queensland Australia Area 18B has previously had two Trustee Allotments. However, one has been removed perhaps due to votes not being completed as required. We are asking for that second Trustee Allotment for Area 18B be added back reinstated.

Dot R., Area 18B, Queensland, Australia

Item withdrawn.

74) Trustee Allocation

St. Petersburg Russia is asking to become a recognized area, and they are asking for one Trustee.

Ara H., Area 1, Los Angeles, California

Martha G. presented for Ara.

Motion to accept above as written.

Item passes.

St. Petersburg will be Area 29A and will have one trustee allocated.

This item was chaired by Harold A.

75) Trustee Allocation

Volga area of Russia is asking to become a recognized area, and they are asking for one Trustee.

Ara H., Area 1, Los Angeles, California

Martha G. presented for Ara.

Motion to accept above as written.

Item passes.

Volga, Russia will be Area 29B and have one trustee allocated.

This item was chaired by Harold A.

76) Trustee Allocation

I am requesting that the number of Trustees for Area 10A be increased from 1 to 2. For a number of years Area 10A had 2 trustees – James P. and Norm B. James P. fell ill a number of years ago and passed away. It is my understanding that a replacement Trustee was never elected so following a number of “missed” Trustee meeting votes this Trustee position was eliminated. When I replaced Norm B as the Trustee for Area 10A last year the agenda list had been closed so I could not request this at last year’s Florida meeting.

Therefore, I would like to have this request placed on the agenda list for the upcoming May meeting. We do have an individual within our Area who has expressed an interest in filling this position.

Jeffrey H., Area 10A, Pennsylvania

Pete K. presented this item for Jeffrey H.

Item passed, giving Area 10A a second trustee allocation.

This item was chaired by Harold A.

COMBO BOOK

77) 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 sports pool.

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

Motion to accept above as written.

Item failed.

This item was chaired by Martha G.

78) Current Literature

Combo Book

Page 17, Number 5. “Get involved and be of service” is in regular print today. I would like to have this sentence be Capitalized and Made Bold.

Current Version: Get involved and be of service.

Proposed Version: GET INVOLVED AND BE OF SERVICE.

Tom K., Area 6C, South and North Carolina – for Bob K.

Motion to accept above as written.

Item passes.

1st Vote

This item was chaired by Martha G.

79) Current Literature

Combo Book

Page 17. #8 Highlight in BOLD and capitalize the word “regularly”.

Current Version: BE PATIENT! The days and weeks will pass soon enough, and as you regularly attend meetings, abstain from gambling, and follow the guidelines on this page, you will experience continued recovery.

Proposed Version: BE PATIENT! The days and weeks will pass soon enough, and as you REGULARLY attend meetings, abstain from gambling, and follow the guidelines on this page, you will experience continued recovery.

Jeffrey H., Area 10A, Pennsylvania

This item was withdrawn.

This item was chaired by Martha G.

80) Current Literature

Combo Book

Page 16, the bottom of the page

Change “most compulsive gamblers will answer yes to at least seven of these questions” to “You can answer yes to only one or all twenty of these questions. Welcome to Gamblers Anonymous.”

Current Version: Most compulsive gamblers will answer yes to at least seven of these questions.

Proposed Version: You can answer yes to only one or all twenty of these questions. Welcome to Gamblers Anonymous.

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

Motion to accept above as written.

Item failed.

This item was chaired by Martha G.

81) Current Literature

Combo Book, Page 15, 20 Questions.

Number 10 Add wording to the question to clarify

Current Version: Did you ever borrow to finance your gambling?
Proposed Version: Did you ever borrow to finance your gambling (including the use of credit cards)?

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

Motion to accept above as written.

Item failed.

This item was chaired by Martha G.

OTHER LITERATURE

82) Other Literature

Sharing Recovery Through Gamblers Anonymous (GA Big Book)

From time to time we meet people in GA who have difficulty reading or who may be illiterate. There is an organization in the US that creates audiobooks for blind people and people with other disabilities, who are unable to read or have difficulty reading.

Below is a link to the audiobook they have created of the GA Big Book:

<https://learningally.org/BookDetails/BookID/HQ566>

A member of our city has been in contact with the organization via email and phone. They cannot supply the audio file to anyone outside the US. Is it possible for the Board of Trustees to approach the organization and ask for access to the audio file for members both in the US and overseas?

Current Version: Printed version

Proposed Version: Audiobook access

John H., Area 18B, Queensland, Australia

Item ruled out of order.

This item was chaired by Pete K.

83) Other Literature

Hosting an International Conference

This would be a policy change as well as a wording change. Currently, seed money for an International Conference is \$1,000.00. Costs have increased significantly and a hotel commitment of \$35,000 is a probability. If the conference is more than a year out, collecting monies for registration isn't likely immediately.

Current Version: Handling cash flow/seed money is sometimes needed by the hosting area and up to \$1,000.00 is available from ISO.

Proposed Version: Handling cash flow/seed money is sometimes needed by the hosting area and up to \$3,000.00 is available from ISO.

Cindi M., Area 8, Chicagoland, Illinois

Motion to accept above as written.

Item passes.

1st Vote

This item was chaired by Martha G.

84) Other Literature

Hosting an International Booklet

Page 7, paragraph b), the second paragraph

Add the following words to this sentence in the manual... liability insurance and communicable disease insurance (if available)

A Force Majeure clause in the event of an Act of God or natural disaster, like hurricane, earthquake, terrorism, etc., is also important in the contract.

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 an Act of God or natural disaster, like hurricane, earthquake, terrorism, etc., liability insurance, and communicable disease insurance (if available), must be in the contract. Signed contracts for the types of insurance purchased must be forwarded to the Conference Oversight Committee no later than 60 days after the 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.

Dean W., Area 1A, Orange County, California

This item was withdrawn.

ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA

85) Discussion item

Discuss making the gamblersanonymous.org website more user friendly with respect to accessing meetings.

Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii

This item presented by Harold A.

Discussion only.

A committee will be formed, a digital committee that will look into focusing on an app and website, as well as our digital footprint. Volunteers for this committee are Stuart B., Area 14,

Reba L., Area 8, Butch G., Area 3A. Reba L. will be Chair and Butch G. will be Co-Chair. Harold will be the liaison for this committee. They were charged with coming up with a mission statement for the fall agenda. It will be known as the Digital Committee. This item chaired by Pete K.

86) Second vote item – To designate the attached Dealing with Abuse and/or Harassment flyer as approved literature. See attachment.

Gagik G., Area 1, Los Angeles, California

Pete K. presented for Gagik.

Time was extended on this item after it expired.

Item failed.

Gagik will no longer serve as chair of this committee. If members of committee are not willing to serve as chair, the committee will be disbanded.

This item chaired by Pete K.

87) Area 29, Russia, asks that we coordinate the independent production of plastic and metal key rings as well as medals in English.

Konstantin U., Area 29, Moscow, Russia

Pete K. presented this item.

Motion to accept above as written.

Item fails.

CLOSING REMARKS

The Trustee term is ending and all trustees who know they are not returning stood up and the Chair thanked them for their service to the fellowship. Trustee elections, per the Guidance Code, should have been completed by now. All Trustees need to register on the Trustee Website, whether newly elected or not. There was one more item to vote on.

88) The Virtual Meeting Committee submitted their mission statement for approval.

Presented by Patrick G., Area 9

Motion to approve as written

Item passes.

This item chaired by Pete K.

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at 11:36 am on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. The collection for the four (4) sessions was \$826.00.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

KCB.

KC B.,
International Executive Secretary

ROLL CALL

AREA	TRUSTEE	SESSIONS	AREA	TRUSTEE	SESSIONS	AREA	TRUSTEE	SESSIONS
1	Alvin F.	4	6	JoAnne B.	Absent	13B	Andy G.	4
	Hugh G.	Absent*		Steven C.	4		Craig F.	4
	Bruce W.	4		Steven H.	4	14	Ira C.	4
1A	Dean W.	4	6A	Mike R.	Absent*		Stuart B.	4
	Jack R.	4		Alan A.	4		Maury C.	4
1B	Anita R.	4	6B	Ron B.	4		Mitch M.	Absent*
	Laura M.	Absent*		Tom C.	Absent*	15	Alan J.	4
2	Beth Z.	4	6C	Tom K.	4		Jim G.	Absent*
	Jared H.	Absent*		Mike A.	4		Joe B.	4
	Chris N.	4	7	Iris D.	4		Jesse C.	4
	Tita M.	4	7A	King A.	Absent		Mildred N.	Absent
2A	Paul N.	4		Marque P.	Absent		Stan C.	4
2B	Charlene L.	4	7C	Jim G.	Absent	16	Carl D.	4
	James B.	Absent	8	Bob C.	Absent*		Wayne C.	4
2E	Debra E.	4		Cindi M.	4	16A	Dan L.	4
2G	Connie M.	4		Pam E.	Absent*	17	Ron W.	Absent*
	Pam B.	Absent*		Reba L.	4	18	Andy D.	4*
2H	Cindy M.	Absent*	8A	Renee G.	4		Steve A.	4*
	Doris S.	Absent*	9	Janet S.	Absent*		Michelle M.	Absent
2K	Steve L.	Absent*		Patrick G.	4			
3	Kirk L.	Absent	9A	Patricia D.	Absent*	18A	Mark C.	Absent
	Mark S.	4	10	Ed G.	4		Yvonne R.	4*
	Zeny K.	4	10A	Jeff H.	Absent	18B	Dot R.	4*
	Rob P.	Absent	10B	Gary B.	4		John H.	4*
3A	Butch G.	4		Steve B.	4	19	Gustavo J.	4*
	Hugo V.	4	11	Jeff H.	Absent*		Carlos R.	4*
	Karen T.	Absent*		John L.	Absent	21	Angel B.	4*
3B	Ron G.	Absent	12	John F.	4		Juan B.	4*
3C	Mike S.	Absent		Ted S.	4	22	Andrew B.	Absent
3D	Jim L.	4		Walter G.	4	28	Hector T.	Absent
	Pat M.	4	13	John B.	4		Marymar V.	4*
3F	Julian F.	Absent*		Marla J.	4	29	Konstantin	4*
4	Debbie R.	4		Scott S.	4	33	Moises H.	4*
4	Richard F.	Absent	13A	Nan V.	4		Dario C.	Absent
5	Sean N.	4		Rick L.	4	36	Odie B.	4*
5B	Adrien R.	4						

*Absentee ballot received

Chair B.O.T. – Pete K. 4
 1st Co-Chair BOT – Harold A. 4
 2nd Co-Chair BOT – Martha G. 4
 B.O.R. – Cathy F. 4

