

**INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**St. Louis, Missouri, May 18-19, 2025**

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

Pete reminded everyone to turn in their Board of Regents ballots before the end of the first session.

Pete K. welcomed everyone to the Board of Trustees Spring meeting and reminded us why we are here – to help the compulsive gambler who still suffers.

He asked if anyone had any names for the departed members, to get those to Wendy B.

He went over some housekeeping rules and explained Points of Interest and Points of Order.

Pete also reminded everyone that if they make a motion, to get the motion sheets to KC so she has them for the minutes.

**B) Remembrance of our departed members – Wendy B., Area 1B**

<u>Area</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Name</u>
1	Brad G.	2A	Dave A.	2K	Beau D.
2K	Earl K.	3	Ron S.	3	Berta G.
3	Linda M.	3	Jay J.	3	Diana T.
3B	Paul H.	3D	Dharam K.	5B	Gary
5B	Pierre G.	5B	Lyne N.	6B	Dick H.
6B	Les A.	8	Tom F.	9	Harry K.
10	Ron R.	10	Freddie B.	11	Bob D.
11	Greg C.	13	Barry A.	15	Robert G.
17	Ronny W.	28	Gloria B.		

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

A Day at a Time reading for May 18 was read by Dean W., Area 1A to get us started on the first day.

A Day at a Time reading for May 19 was ready by Carol K., Area 9 to get us started on the second day.

**D) Reading of the ”12 Steps of Unity”**

Mike S. read 12 Steps of Unity, Area 15, to get us started on the first day.

Donna M. read 12 Steps of Unity, Area 8 to get us started on the second day.

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

KC took roll call of all present trustees. We have 59 trustees in the room and 17 overseas absentee ballots for a total of 76, which is under the amount we need for step changes.

**F) Approval of Minutes from Cherry Hill**

Motion as written.

Item passed.

**G) ISO / Lifeliner – KC B.**

KC reported on the state of Lifeliners. There is an average of 197.7 Lifeliners each month. There are 118 trustees with 44 of them being Lifeliners. Our total number of Lifeliners is 353. With 44 of them

being trustees, that's 12.46% of all Lifeliners.

For the 12-month period, we had -9.25% less given from Lifeliners than in the previous 12 months. Our total for this current 12-month period was \$89,917.11.

#### **H) Report from the Board of Regents – Ara H., BOR Chair**

Ara gave his report on the Board of Regents and the International Service Office. In our operating account, we have \$117,450.39. For the fiscal year, which ends in June, we are in the positive of \$5690.76.

One of the most important things, we have welcomed the BOT chair to our monthly meeting. It's been a great experience having the chair (or co-chair) present at our meetings to give reports.

We implemented a Zoom call for the incoming candidates for the Board of Regents. Trustees were invited to attend to learn more about them. Ara expressed some different ways we could have done it to make it better and more well attended. It was a learning experience for all of us. It was the first time it happened.

The ISO website has been moved to a new website and had issues at the beginning. The company we hired did not have expertise in our type of business. We addressed the issues the best we could and found a GA member who could help us out with the website pro-bono and has been helping for several months.

Ara also went over several items of interest that the Board of Regents or the ISO have addressed. Such as Unity Step 7 decisions and pieces of literature that still have the wrong address on it.

There was a lot of open discussion and questions on the website and finances concerning the ISO.

#### **I) Trustee Meeting Report-KC B., IES**

##### **1) Cherry Hill- Fall 2024**

There was a total of 55 registrations for Cherry Hill, collecting \$2750 (not including pre-registrations).

There was a total of \$775 collected from Lifeliners and a total of \$751 collected during the sessions.

#### **J) Committee Reports**

Before starting committee reports, Pete asked every chair of a committee to email him current members of each committee so that we know who is on what committee.

#### **COMMITTEE 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 Chair Liaison – 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.**

There was no report submitted for this committee. Wendy B. was present for questions. Wendy also let us know that Area 1 is researching and getting bids at hotels for an International Conference in the Fall of 2027 to coincide with Gamblers Anonymous 70th anniversary.

### **Digital Strategy Committee**

**Committee Chair – Butch G. – Area 3**

**Committee Co-Chair – Reba L. – Area 8**

**Committee Chair Liaison – Harold A.**

**Mission Statement: The purpose of this committee is to give guidance and suggestions to the Board of Trustees on the most efficient use of digital media in order to share our message with the compulsive gambler who still suffers.**

**With the Trustee What'sApp Group there are currently 94 members, 21 Past Trustees, 16 members outside of North America 57 Current Trustees.**

**There are 117 Current Trustees in total, 44 current Trustees are not part of this group.**

**Item 21 on the agenda is a result of a discussion started on the App:**

**Since the Trustee WhatsApp Group is a communications tool, proving to be very effective, what should happen when a topic is brought up that is outside of the limited scope of the group? Not every Trustee is a member of the WhatsApp group.**

**Something needs to be discussed by the whole group because they may affect Gamblers Anonymous as a whole. For example: A Trustee from an International location asked for advice about the actions of a Trustee in the United States that was causing problems within their area. What should be done? How do we**

**communicate what is happening to other Trustees or the Executive Committee?**

**This Trustee within the United States has an official position within the Board of Trustees, besides being a Trustee. He was mentioned by name. This issue has International, local and Gamblers Anonymous as a whole opportunities.**

**Most of the discussions are questions on what should happen within the rooms and how to handle different situations.**

**The committee is researching other apps that can be used with the same effectiveness as the WhatsApp currently is such as telegram and others.**

**It is recommended by the committee, that all members of the Board of Trustees use the WhatsApp program, including the Executive Board. Even though we would like all members to be part of the Trustees WhatsApp group, we realize that they do not have to, but most communications are done through the app including committee communications, it is highly recommended that everyone does.**

**Report was submitted online. Butch G. was present for questions. This committee is open to new members.**

### **Pressure Relief Committee – Standing Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Bruce W. - Area 1**

**Committee Co-Chair- Alvin F. – Area 1**

**Committee Chair Liaison – 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.**

**The following is the PRGM committee report for the Fall of 2024 and Spring of 2025.**

**The committee has met on multiple occasions and discussed & implemented numerous goals**

**while deciding the following courses of action going forward:**

**1. A new Mission Statement is in process**

**2. The promotion of Pressure Relief at each local inter-group and individual meeting level**

**has been occurring**

3. Members share their experiences with Pressure Relief at their meetings has been occurring
  4. The use of Zoom while conducting PRGM has been implemented nationwide
  5. The use of spreadsheets to be provided in conjunction with the PRGM workbook has been occurring as always
  6. The suggestions of a moratorium approach while conducting PRGM have been disseminated
  7. Integration and training of females to run Pressure Relief through workshops and at meetings has taken place
  8. Training workshops for Pressure Relief have been occurring nationwide
  9. International outreach for Pressure Relief is happening
- This committee is vibrant and active. We look forward to executing the above measures and continuing to provide service.

Report was submitted online. Dean W. was present to make remarks about report and answer questions. We need a current trustee in one of the two chair positions. Pilar L. will be the new chair of this committee.

**Prison Committee – Canada – Standing Committee:**

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

**Co-Chair – Aldo I. - Area 4**

**Committee Chair Liaison – 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 submitted.

**Prison Committee, US – Standing Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Ed G. - Area 10**

**Committee Chair Liaison – 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.**

**1.Lino Lakes: Active. Monthly meetings Volunteer run.**

**2.Grafton: Suspended. See Below**

**3.London: Weekly. Prisoner run. 30-40 attendees.**

**1. Lino Lakes, MN allows GA volunteers to enter and have a meeting only monthly right now as a pilot project.**

**2. Grafton, Ohio- A GA member asked to head up visits to Grafton for the meetings. Upon approaching the staff to start the necessary paperwork, was informed that due to staffing cut and lack of sustained interest by the prisoners, the meeting has been suspended. All attempts to restart under the guidance of GA membership were rejected.**

**3. London, Ohio- Very active meeting run by prisoners. Arranged for me to visit in early February 2025 to observe the meeting and encourage prisoners involved. Over 120 prisoners from all 12 Step programs and may addicts not in recovery attended. Turned into an impromptu interactive lead.**

**Information Requests**

**Four prisoners reached out for literature. One requested meetings in St. Cloud, MN as his release was in March from a Maryland prison. A woman in a Henderson, TX facility, and**

one man in a Covington, LA facility. A 4th was a military prisoner from the Annex in Leavenworth, KS looking to start a meeting. Each received prisoner literature from Israel and a letter from me directly answering their questions.

Report submitted online. Ed G. gave verbal report and was present to answer any questions.

**Public Relations Committee – Standing Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Cindi C. - Area 8**

**Committee Chair Liaison – Harold A.**

**Mission Statement: Communicate information relating to the existence of Gamblers Anonymous meetings to outsiders. Spread the awareness of the Gamblers Anonymous Program with others when requested.**

Report submitted too late. Cindi C. was present to go over the report and answer questions. Cindi will also be stepping down as the chair of this committee.

**Virtual Meeting Committee**

**Committee Chair – Patrick G. - Area 9**

**Committee Co-Chair- Butch G. – Area 3A**

**Committee Chair Liaison – Harold A.**

**Mission Statement: To develop guidelines for regularly scheduled video online G.A. meetings, including but limited to how to start a meeting, technical requirements, and suggested meeting formats.**

The committee has worked for the past 2 years changing the guidance code and making new rules and procedures where needed to implement the usage of digital media to host online trustee meetings. Every effort was made to ensure the same ‘feeling’ of a physical meeting within the online trustee meeting. Several “test” online meeting were held to make sure that the system we are recommending will work for our needs. With every meeting changes were immediately noticed until our final meeting was held on March 1 with everyone attending and participating realizing that the format will work. There were 32 participants who were on that particular meeting, 26 were Trustees the others were committee members 1 Trustee was from Iran, 3 from the Philippines, 2 from South America. Since this is a new format for our program as a whole, we need to remind everyone that this process is a fluid one. We will need to adapt where we find procedures will not work and be able to make ones that will. For example we found that the system will recognize people who have their hand up in order, but the host only “sees” a few participants not everyone at the same time, so we need “monitors” who can communicate with the host to recognize the participants in the proper order.

With the Rules and Procedures that the Committee has recommended, it was intentional that nothing was named as far as system, App, program etc. That will allow our program to change out any part of the program as long as a single majority vote of the B.O.T. happens. If something is not specifically listed in the Rules and Procedures for Digital Trustee Meeting but otherwise listed in the Rules and Procedures for Trustee Meetings then the later will apply.

The committee is recommending the following:

**Zoom Business (10 certificates @ 21.99 per month billed annually) \$2,638.80**

**Election Buddy (Voting App Premium 30 motions per meeting \$ 397.00**

**Translation App \$ 600.00**

**Total Annually \$3,635.80**

Report submitted online. Butch G. was present to answer questions and go over the report.

**Website Meeting Audit Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Ed G. Area 10**

**Committee Chair Liaison – Harold A.**

**Mission Statement: To assist the International Service Office with maintaining an accurate and current listing of active group meetings by providing the following:**

- 1. Create a Master (unpublished) list of all known and verified active meetings and a means of contacting a trusted servant from the same.**
- 2. Provide a central point of contact to provide meeting additions, closures, and changes to**

provide Intergroups, Trustees, and ISO web administrator with timely and accurate information,

3. Provide ISO web admin with a periodic, consolidated list of changes that occurred within that period.

4. Provide an Email address where updates can be sent that is exclusive for this purpose. GA.MeetingAuditCommittee@gmail.com

5. To the extent possible, verify groups not represented or underrepresented by an Intergroup/Service Board.

1. Thank you to all who submitted complete and partial meeting lists in your areas. To date, I have received lists and updates for Areas 2H,3,5B,6B,7,8,8A,8C,9 10,13B, and 14. Area 4 reached out but has yet to supply a list. I encourage you all to submit updates , in addition to jason@gamblersAnonymous.org, to; GA.MeetingAuditCommittee@gmail.com.

To date, over 300 meetings have been verified and added to the unpublished master meeting list for ISO use and cross reference with more ready to add as time permits.

2. Many of you have noticed some retrograde in the meetings listed on the Web site upon release of the new page. The reason for which was at some point, the website developers needed a list to populate the new listings and any changes and additions after that point were added to the pile awaiting corrections once the new page became operational. This list is quite large and Jason will be making these changes when his other duties permit. He respectfully requests your patience in this matter. I am making these changes to the master list as I become aware of them.

3. A SPECIAL Thank you to the trustees who have made it their personal project to reach out to remote meetings within their area to get updated information, especially since Covid caused many closures, moves, and membership.

Report submitted online. Ed G. was present to go over the report and answer questions.

### **COMMITTEES WITH STEVE F. AS CO-CHAIR LIAISON**

#### **Chronological History Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Andy D. - Area 18**

**Committee Chair Liaison – Steve F.**

**Mission Statement: To write the history of Gamblers Anonymous.**

As a starting point, we are using the book Preserving our Past, for the Future which was written for the 50th anniversary in 2007. The book has 532 pages and a wealth of information. Unfortunately, there are errors. We believe most are in the “general history” section.

We are currently trying to confirm details about the first meeting in each state. Responses from trustees are slow. Hopefully it is because they are checking details. We are willing to follow up if the trustees prefer us to contact longer-term members directly (with permission from the longer-term members).

We are sorting documents in the ISO archives (23 boxes filled randomly). We need to sort them into date order before we can ascertain if they are relevant.

We are progressing but slowly.

Report submitted online. Andy D. was present to answer questions and go over the report.

#### **Group Removal Merit Panel Committee**

**Committee Chair – Cheryl R. – Area 2E**

**Committee Chair Liaison – Steve F.**

**Mission Statement: To guide groups and Intergroups on how to address the issue of non-adherence to the Guidance Code and/or other Trustee decisions per Article VII, Section 1 and Article VIII, Section 1A of the Guidance Code.**

No report submitted. There’s been nothing from this committee for several trustee meetings. After speaking with Pete, we decided we will disband this committee.

**Hotline Implementation Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Andy G.- Area 13B**

**Committee Chair Liaison – Steve F.**

**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.**

**Since the Fall 2024 BOT Meeting in Cherry Hill, NJ the committee has held two (2) quarterly meetings – January 21, 2025, and April 16, 2025. Highlights from those meetings are as follows:**

**To date there are 18 area hotlines, consisting of approximately 225 volunteers, that have moved onto the National Hotline. These areas include:**

- **Area 2 Northern California**
- **Area 2B Greater Sacramento**
- **Area 2G Oregon and Vancouver, Washington**
- **Area 2H Western Washington**
- **Area 2K Southern Alberta**
- **Area 6 Southern Florida**
- **Area 6A Pensacola, Panama City, Central & Northern Florida**
- **Area 6B West Coast of Florida**
- **Area 7 Louisiana, Mississippi and Lower Coast of Alabama**
- **Area 8 Illinois and Northern Indiana**
- **Area 8B Nebraska, W. Iowa, Kansas, Kansas City and W. Missouri**
- **Area 10 Northern and Central Ohio, Erie, New Castle and Warren Pennsylvania**
- **Area 11 Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire**
- **Area 12 New Jersey and Northern Pennsylvania**
- **Area 13B Southern New Jersey**
- **Area 14 Long Island, NY**
- **Area 16 Syracuse, Rochester NY**
- **Area 16A Western NY**

**The following areas have expressed an interest in migrating to National:**

- **Area 2F Idaho and Eastern Washington**
- **Area 3A San Diego, CA**
- **Area 8A Eastern Iowa, Southern Minnesota, parts of Wisconsin**

**We continue to receive very positive feedback from areas migrating to the National Hotline. Specifically, areas have commented about the transparency of the migration process, the ease of migrating areas to National and the reduction of area hotline coordinators workload. Area volunteer changes and reporting are now done by the Hotline Committee System Administrator, Scott S. He has done an outstanding job of facilitating area migrations and generating area monthly reports. One of our main goals for moving local areas to National was to help areas reduce the costs they were paying to**

**Ring Central. Several areas who migrated to National have reported monies paid to Ring Central are now being donated to ISO. The migration effort has been a win/win for both the local hotline areas and ISO.**

Report submitted online.

**International Relations Committee – Standing Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Ara H. – Area 1**

**Co-Chair – Igor K. – Area 3**

**Committee Liaison Chair – Steve F.**

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

We as a committee have helped out the international community in many areas, starting with the updates of the website. With the new website we had to make sure the meetings were correct and accurate. Russia and India were one of the first countries to reach out and tell us that there were updates that needed to be done. Our Russian speaking IRC member was able to update these groups and the virtual ones too. India was nice enough send us updates too. Isreal reached out asking to get permission to translate more of our GA approved literature when we found out they had translated UK books, so the committee explained to be a GA approved group they must use our literature. The website had five meetings, and they told us they have 24 groups now. So, I sent out a new group form and waiting for them to filled out for all the groups. Also, there were inquiries about gammon. Iran contacted me with their new trustee; they had two spots approved but only one trustee. Now they have two. We received questions about starting meetings and being official from Peru which I tried helping them out. Also, we had calls for help with finances and getting to virtual meetings that we had to explain that we cannot help financially but support their access to groups and recovery. They calls came from many countries such as Indonesia and South Africa. Our GA brothers and sisters from Spain Argentina and Mexico have taken the task to translate the new version of the Blue Book, the process took over a year and has now been published and is available through the ISO. Mexico has purchased the first 200 and will soon be ordering more. The committee members from Mexico are constantly updating the website and helping where needed. Our IRC member from Argentina has been busy at work helping Chile and other countries and they are having a convention this year along with Spain. Mexico had one last year.

Finally, our IRC member has been helping Russia has also assisted in trying to answer emails from Turkey who have not followed up. He has also been helping GA virtual meeting that speak Russian in Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Belarus, Azerbaijan. He has also helped Russian speaking individuals from Canada, Poland and Germany.

We look forward to continuing this important task of helping the international GA community as we grow.

Report was submitted online. Ara H. was present to answer questions and go over the report.

**Literature Committee – Standing Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Roxanne D., Area 3D**

**Committee Liaison Chair – Steve F.**

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

No report submitted. This committee needs a new chair person. Roxanne D. volunteered. Other volunteers for this committee were Beth Z., Area 2, and Paulette T., Area 6B. Renee G. from Minnesota requested to be on this committee. If you'd like to be on the committee, contact Roxanne.

**Spanish Literature Committee**

**Committee Chair - Julian F. - Area 3F**

**Committee Liaison Chair – Steve F.**

**Mission Statement: To unify the literature translation efforts with all the Spanish speaking areas in our G.A. fellowship that are authorized to translate and print G.A. approved**

literature such that all areas that use the same language will coordinate a revision of existing translated literature that meets all area requirements.

The last revision and update completed by our Spanish Literature Committee was for "Working the Steps" booklet in December of 2024. We had also started working on the revision of the Spanish GA Red Book (A New Beginning). But we stopped the work on it because the English GA Red Book that we were using as a reference, was very outdated. We plan to resume work on it after the English GA Red Book is brought up to date.

We have now as of April 15, 2025, started working on updating our Spanish booklet for the "Group Handbook".

Report submitted online. Julian F. was present to answer questions and go over the report. This committee is open to volunteers. Steve D., Area 3, volunteered.

### **COMMITTEES WITH PETE K. AS CO-CHAIR LIAISON**

#### **Fourth Step Inventory Review**

**Committee Chair – Renee G. – Area 8A**

**Committee Co-Chair – Mary W. – Area 8**

**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.**

**The mission of the Fourth Step Inventory Revision Committee is to 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. At the 2019 Board of Trustees meeting in Louisville the BOT authorized a committee to create a new GA 4th Step guide. Our committee has diligently met twice a month via zoom and is now happy to say that we have reached the next step in our process which is to share this document draft with a group of GA Beta Readers who are being asked to look it over and give feedback.**

**We hope to then present the new GA 4th step Guide as a New Literature agenda item to be accepted at the Fall 2025 BOT meeting.**

Report submitted online. Joleen L. gave the report. Mary W. volunteered to be Co-Chair of this committee.

#### **Daily Quotes and Topics Committee**

**Committee Chair – Andy R. – Area 12**

**Committee Chair Liaison – Pete K.**

**Mission Statement: N/A**

No report submitted.

#### **Future Conference Committee**

**Committee Chair – Bill B. – Area 6**

**Committee Co-Chair – Steve C.- Area 6**

**Committee Chair Liaison – Pete K.**

**Mission Statement: FUTURE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT**

**The Future Conference Committee (“FCC”) will develop a proposal for instituting an International Conference every 5 years with the first conference to be held in 2027 to coincide with the 70th Anniversary of the founding of Gamblers Anonymous**

**The FCC will consider other areas of research that are related and develop proposals, as warranted.**

Report submitted online. Rob P. was present to answer any questions and go over report. The Mission Statement was also voted on in a later item on this agenda.

### **Hosting an International Conference Review Committee**

**Committee Chair – Cindi C. – Area 8**

**Committee Chair Liaison – Pete K.**

**Mission Statement: Update “Hosting an International Conference” pamphlet and submit it to the BOT for approval.**

No report submitted. Cindi will be stepping down as the chair for this committee.

### **Telephone Conference Call Committee**

**Committee Chair – Jeanne B. – Area 8A**

**Committee Co-Chair- Greg M. – Area 13**

**Committee Chair Liaison – 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.**

**We have a request for our BOT sisters and brothers: The committee urgently needs 2 to 3 more GA members who are interested in expanding their service work by serving as meeting Admins for the U.S. meetings. Our current admin staff is wonderful and dedicated; however, we are currently being spread a little thin on some weeks. This is an amazing opportunity for a GA member to really deepen their recovery experience! The clean time requirement is two years and a new meeting admin would need to be familiar with the most basic computer/online practices. No one, however, needs to be an expert. Please have interested members send an email to [weeklycalhelp@gmail.com](mailto:weeklycalhelp@gmail.com)**

**The Telephone Conference Call Committee and meeting administrators currently host 2 U.S. meetings per week: Wednesdays from 9-11 PM Eastern and Fridays from 3:00-4:00 PM Eastern. The phone number is 264-807-9601; the participant code is 9131957#**

**The Wednesday night meeting is a comment meeting.**

**Those who are new to the program and claim a desire to stop gambling are read the 20 Questions during the regular meeting, either in the main room or in a newcomers room. At the Friday afternoon meeting, newcomers are welcomed and read the 20 Questions following the meeting. The meetings each see between 1 and up to 5 newcomers per week.**

**Members with 90 days or more of clean time are encouraged to make comments sharing their experience, strength, and hope with the newcomer.**

**Attendance at the Wednesday night meeting ranges between 35-50 callers per meeting. On Fridays the range is from 20-35 callers. Attendees range from newcomers up to those who have 40 or more years of clean time. There has been a slight drop in attendance on the Wednesday night call with attendance at the lower end of the scale cited above.**

**The importance of attending a physical meeting if at all possible is stressed at each meeting. It is stated that telephone conference calls are not meant to replace physical meetings.**

**The U.S. meetings use the same email address for all meetings: [weeklycalhelp@gmail.com](mailto:weeklycalhelp@gmail.com)**

**We receive an average of between 3 and 10 requests for assistance or information per week.**

**The Canada-wide meeting continues to meet three times per week. Canadian meetings are held on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday.**

**Moderators for these meetings have been trained by members of the Telephone Conference Call committee and their formats have been approved.**

**Information about the US and Canada meetings are listed on the GA website. The reboot of the website did have an incorrect access code for the US meetings, which was remedied after bringing it to the attention of the ISO.**

**We are willing to train any person who is interested! Please send an email to: [weeklycalhelp@gmail.com](mailto:weeklycalhelp@gmail.com)**

**Please think of members in your Area who might be interested in this opportunity and have them get in touch!**

Report submitted online.

**Trustee Removal Merit Panel – Standing Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Andy G. – Area 13B**

**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 a whole, as provided for by the Guidance Code under Article VIII, Section 4. There is a specific document entitled 'Trustee Removal Procedures' available to all members for reference. The panel will consist of 5 GA members, selected from 5 geographical regions, along with 1 backup Trustee for each area.**

No report submitted.

**Trustee Website Committee – Standing Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Butch G. – Area 3A**

**Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.**

**Mission Statement:**

- 1) – To oversee the Trustee website.**
- 2) – To periodically review all websites that infer or imply membership or representation of the Fellowship or Corporation of Gamblers Anonymous and evaluate the websites for compliance with approved Local Area Website Guidelines. Trustees and area trusted servants will be made aware of any deficiencies that need to be corrected. Websites from outside entities are not included.**
- 3) – 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.**

**Not too much new with the website. Been nice and quiet with the site up 100% of the time since the last trustee meeting. All new Trustees have been added to the e-mail lists for distributions. If interested in either the Admin role, or updating memorial submissions on the trustee website, please contact the admin. Renee and Butch continue to do an awesome job of adding to the website as they are able. Much appreciation for their efforts! The Trustee Line is rarely being used any more as discussions have moved to the social app. If you are a committee chair, please do not hesitate to check your committee's webpage for updates, and do not hesitate to send changes, big or small. Also, I can add any documents to your page for downloads.**

**Committee members continuing to contribute and editing the website:**

**Renee G Trustee Line            Butch G Rolling Agenda, New social media admin**

**Doug K Admin                    OPEN Memorial page updates**

**SHORT TERM GOALS:**

- 1. Keep the existing website up and running, essentially maintaining the site as needed**
- 2. The admin position is open to a new GA member; training provided!**

**LONG TERM GOALS: (rolled over from previous trustee meetings)**

- 1. Find new members to volunteer for the website.**
- 2. Outlining all the roles others have in helping to maintain the site, encouraging others to help, as able**
- 3. Maintain trustee mail lists, current and past.**
- 4. Provide information to trustees about the process of forming the agenda**
- 5. Respond to all inquiries that come into the website, forward as needed**

Report submitted online. Butch G. was present to answer questions and go over report.

K) Agenda Items

## **RULES AND PROCEDURES**

### **1. RULES AND PROCEDURES**

**Combo Book Changes – Addition**

**Combo Book Changes during the years XXX0 and XXX5 will be submitted during the Spring Conference only.**

**Butch G – Area 3A – Digital Strategy Committee**

Motion as written.

Item passed.

This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

### **2. RULES AND PROCEDURES**

**Change existing rules and procedures – Lifeliners #9**

**Current Version: – Trustee Guidelines**

**Present #9. Be a Lifeliner and encourage group and membership to support the International Service Office through Lifeliners and Group contributions.**

**Proposed Version: – Trustee Guidelines #9. Being a Lifeliner, a monthly automatic donation program, is available to all in the Gamblers Anonymous Fellowship to assist in supporting our International Service Office.**

**Supporting Data-Unity Step 3- The only requirement for Gamblers Anonymous membership is a desire to stop gambling.**

**Blue Book page 76**

**We want to make it clear that our individual presence is valued more than our money.**

**Diane A. – Area 8A – Eastern Iowa, Southern Minnesota and Bay City, River Falls, and New Richmond, Wisconsin**

Motion as written.

Item ruled out of order.

This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

### **3. RULES AND PROCEDURES**

**Add new rules and procedures**

**Current Version: – None**

**Proposed Version: – Any changes to the By-laws shall require only one passing vote of the Board of Trustees.**

**Dean W. for John C. – Area 1A – Orange County, California**

Motion as written.

Item Passed.

This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

### **4. RULES AND PROCEDURES**

**Add new rules and procedures – Digitizing of Literature:**

**Current Version: – None**

**Proposed Version: – The Literature Committee and the Digital Strategy Committee shall coordinate to digitize all approved or appropriate Gamblers Anonymous literature and always ensure its availability, besides the current activities that are being made by the International Service Office (I.S.O.). The only authorized means of worldwide distribution of digital Gamblers Anonymous literature shall be through the International Service Office (I.S.O.), except where otherwise approved by the Board of Trustees.**

**Luis O – Area 28 – Mexico**

Motion as written

Item ruled out of order.

This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

Item number 5 was mislocated in the agenda, it will be heard under new literature. After lunch, we'll start with agenda item 6.

There was a tie for two of the Board of Regents candidates. There will be a tiebreaking vote after the lunch break.

Item 5 was heard after item 73 and before 74.

## **5. GUIDANCE CODE**

**Add the word “digital” within the Guidance Code – Article VII- Section 5.**

**Current Version: – All Gamblers Anonymous literature, books, and service pins should be purchased from Gamblers Anonymous through the International Service Office (I.S.O.) except when otherwise approved by the Board of Trustees. Copying of any GA approved literature is prohibited, unless specifically designated for that purpose. Such designation will be listed on the item(s), where applicable.**

**Proposed Version: – All physical and/or digital Gamblers Anonymous literature, books, and service pins must be purchased from Gamblers Anonymous through the International Service Office (I.S.O.), except where otherwise approved by the Board of Trustees. Copying any literature approved by the Board of Trustees is prohibited unless explicitly authorized. Such authorization must be included within the respective literature.**

**Butch G for Luis O – Area 28 – Mexico**

Item Passed. Needs a second vote.

1st Vote.

For 73 Against 2 Abstain 3

This item chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair.

## **ITEMS UP FOR SECOND VOTE**

### **6. CURRENT LITERATURE – GUIDANCE CODE CHANGE**

**Guidance Code – Article VIII – Board of Trustees – Section 6A:**

**Add the words “either physical or virtual “at the end of the section to allow for online trustee meetings.**

**Current Version: – Current Trustees who cannot physically attend a Trustee meeting can only be represented by submitting an absentee ballot. The Board of Trustees will designate the voting provisions of absentee ballots. Proxies will not be allowed for any aspect of any Trustee meetings, physical or otherwise.**

**Proposed Version: – Trustees who cannot physically attend a Trustee meeting can only be represented by submitting an absentee ballot. The Board of Trustees will designate the voting provisions of absentee ballots. Proxies will not be allowed for any aspect of any Trustee meetings, either physical or virtual or otherwise.**

**Butch G – Digital Meeting Committee**

Item passed second vote.

For 79 Against 3 Abstain 3

2nd Vote

This item chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair.

### **7. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Guidance Code – Article VIII – Board of Trustees – Section 9:**

**Add the words “either physical or virtual “at the end of the section to allow for online trustee meetings.**

**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 the physical or verified virtual presence of 2/3 of the eligible voting members of the Board of Trustees at two (2) consecutive meetings either physical or virtual meetings.**

**Butch G – Digital Meeting Committee**

Item passed second vote.

2nd Vote

For 74 Against 3 Abstain 4

This item chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair.

## **8. CURRENT LITERATURE**

### **Guidance Code Change**

**Guidance Code – Article VIII – Board of Trustees – Section 11: Remove the word “physical after the word consecutive and add the words after the word meetings “either physical or virtual,” to allow for online trustee meetings**

**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 Page 8 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 Page 8 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 at two (2) consecutive meetings, either physical or virtual, 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.**

**Butch G – Digital Meeting Committee**

Item passed second vote.

2nd Vote

For 80 Against 4 Abstain 1

This item chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair.

## **9. CURRENT LITERATURE**

### **Guidance Code Change**

**Article IX – Officers of the Board of Trustees – Section 2: Add the words “either physical or virtual” after the word meeting, in the section talking about an election for a new #2 Co-Chair will be held at the next Board of Trustees meeting**

**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, either physical or virtual, to fill the resultant open position on the Executive Board.**

**Butch G – Digital Meeting Committee**

Item passed second vote.

For 82 Against 3 Abstain 1

2nd Vote

This item chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair.

## **10. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Guidance Code Change Article XVII – Area Location of Trustees**

**To remove the word physical before “Trustee meeting” to allow for online Trustee meetings.**

**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 for 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 either physical or virtual, 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.**

**Butch G – Digital Meeting Committee**

Item passed second vote.

For 82 Against 4 Abstain 1

2nd Vote

This item chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair.

## **11. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Guidance Code Change**

**Article XVIII – Election of Trustees – Section 7:**

**To remove the word physical before the word meeting and add the words Board of Trustees to allow for online trustee meetings.**

**Current Version: – Election for the Chair of the Board of Trustees and any other officer of the Board of Trustees will take place at the first physical meeting in the odd year.**

**Current trusted servants carry on until trusted servants are elected.**

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

**Butch G – Digital Meeting Committee**

Item passed second vote.

For 80 Against 4 Abstain 1

2nd Vote

This item chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair.

## **12. CURRENT LITERATURE – Other Existing Literature**

**Working the Steps Pamphlet – Step 4. Page 7. Paragraph 1. Sentence 3  
“sponsor or equivalent”**

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

**Proposed Version: Then acquire a sponsor or equivalent to guide and accompany you through the remaining steps.**

**Doug E – Area 3A – San Diego California**

Motion as written.

Amended motion #3 from Cherry Hill passed.

Item passed second vote under third amendment to original motion “Then acquire a sponsor or trusted servant to guide and accompany you through the remaining steps.” 2nd Vote

This item chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair.

### **TABLED FROM CHERRY HILL**

*This item was left off of the agenda and has been added.*

#### **78. STEP CHANGE – ITEM #21 IN CHERRY HILL**

**Combo Book, Unity Step #11, page 7.**

**Remove the words, “press, radio, films, television, and internet” and replace with “all public media”**

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

**Proposed Version: Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of all public media.**

Not enough present to vote on this step change. This item will go away for now but can be added to the next agenda in the Fall.

This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

#### **13. RULES AND PROCEDURES– Item #1 in Cherry Hill**

**Trustee Meeting**

**Create a new category for Trustee Meetings – Digital Trustee Meeting**

**Current Version: – None**

**Proposed Version: – Create a new category outlining the Rules and Procedures for a Digital Trustee Meeting.**

**Butch G – Digital Meeting Committee**

Motion as written.

Time was extended on this item.

Motion to table.

Item was not tabled.

Motion to refer back to the committee for rewriting.

This item referred back to the committee.

This item chaired by Harold A., 2nd Co-Chair.

#### **14. CURRENT LITERATURE – Guidance Code Item #35 in Cherry Hill Guidance Code Article XI, new section 9**

**Add Section 9:**

**Any area outside the United States may form a Board of Directors in order to comply with the current laws of each country. The function, structure and objectives of this Board of Directors will be based on the guidelines of the Board of Regents detailed in the Guidance Code.**

**The term of service of the Directors will be two years.**

**The members who make up said Council must comply with the legal requirements in force in each country and have at least two years of abstinence and regular attendance (by their own admission).**

**Any Director is automatically removed from service for gambling on his own admission.**

**Members must establish an address no more than 100 km (62 miles) from the R.S.O.**

**The Chair of the Board of Directors undertakes to call a monthly meeting, verify with members designated for this purpose a review of a monthly balance of the R.S.O. The Board of Directors will have the obligation to send the meeting minutes to the I.S.O., the RSO and all the groups in the area of membership.**

**Current Version: – None**

**Proposed Version: – Guide Code – Article XI – Add Section 9:**

**Any area outside the United States may form a Board of Directors in order to comply with the current laws of each country. The function, structure and objectives of this Board of Directors will be based on the guidelines of the Board of Regents detailed in the Guidance Code.**

**The term of service of the Directors will be two years.**

**The members who make up said Council must comply with the legal requirements in force in each country and have at least two years of abstinence and regular attendance (by their own admission).**

**Any Director is automatically removed from service for gambling on his own admission. Members must establish an address no more than 100 km (62 miles) from the R.S.O.**

**The Chair of the Board of Directors undertakes to call a monthly meeting, verify with members designated for this purpose a review of a monthly balance of the R.S.O. The Board of Directors will have the obligation to send the meeting minutes to the I.S.O., the RSO and all the groups in the area of membership.**

**Ara H on behalf of Leo R – Area 1 – Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii Motion as written.**

Amended motion. “Any area outside of the United States that operates a Regional Service Office may form a Board of Directors in order to comply with the current laws of each country. The function, structure, and objectives of this Board of Directors will be based on the guidelines of the Board of Regents detailed in the Guidance Code.

The terms of service of Directors will be two years. The members who make up said Board of Directors must comply with the legal requirements in each county and have at least two years of abstinence and regular attendance (by their own admission).

Any Director is automatically removed from service for gambling on his own admission.

Members must establish an address no more than 100 km (62 miles) from the R.S.O. The Chair of the Board of Directors undertakes to call a monthly meeting, verify with members designated for this purpose a review of the monthly balance of the R.S.O. The Board of Directors will have the obligation to send the meeting minutes to the I.S.O., the R.S.O., and all the groups in the area of membership.”

Amended motion passed.

Item passed first vote.

For 73 Against 2 Abstain 3

1st Vote.

This item chaired by Harold A., 2nd Co-Chair.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **CONFERENCE BIDS**

#### **15. – Fall 2025 Conference**

The 2025 Fall BOT meeting will be held in Denver, Colorado on Sunday November 2 and Monday, November 3, 2025. The flyer will be available soon along with the hotel information.

This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

#### **16. – Spring 2026 Conference**

There were no bids for this conference. Therefore, it will be a Board of Trustees meeting only. More information will be announced at a later date.

This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

### **17. – Fall 2026 Conference**

The Fall 2026 Conference is still open for bids  
This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **18. TRUSTEE ALLOCATION**

**The Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous of Area 20, Uruguay requests to have a trustee reinstated for our Area.**

**Martha G. for Ana C. – Past Trustee – Uruguay**

Motion as written.

Item passed.

This item chaired by Harold A., 2nd Co-Chair.

### **19. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

**Discuss Unity Step 7**

**Ara H – Area 1 – Central California, Los Angeles Area, Hawaii**

Discussion only.

This item chaired by Harold A., 2nd Co-Chair.

### **20. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

**Request to obtain permission for the following literature to be translated into Farsi:**

**Blue book new version, Combo book, Gold embossed serenity prayer, Towards recovery in prison, Suggestions for a successful 90-day room, G.A group study book on the unity steps, G.A coin, MP3 audio files, stop and think cards, G.A key chain- praying hands, Fourth step inventory moral book, Pressure relief group meeting flyer, G.A intergroup handbook, GA treasury guideline example, Sponsorship booklet, Gamblers anonymous suggestions for new member retention, Short term group sponsorship, HANDBOOK FOR JUDICIARY, LAWYERS, COUNSELORS, ETC, HAVE I QUIT THE FELLOWSHIP?, PUBLIC RELATIONS FLYER (PLEASE READ DESCRIPTION), HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, LET IT STAY HERE – CARD, PRESSURE RELIEF WORKBOOK, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT GAMBLING – BOOKLET, PUBLIC RELATIONS FACT SHEET, YOUNG GAMBLERS IN RECOVERY, DAILY INVENTORY OF MY BEHAVIOR, GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS THE SPONSOR-SPONSEE RELATIONSHIP: HOW IT WORKS, STEP MEETING HANDBOOK BOOKLET, THE PRESSURE GROUP MEETING HANDBOOK, LET’S HOST A MINI CONFERENCE!, YOUR FIRST MEETING, THE STOCK MARKET, RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS AND GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS, A NEWCOMER ASKS?, SLOGANS OF THE PROGRAM, GAMBLER’S ANONYMOUS MEDALLIONS, G.A. GOLD PLATED BAR PINS (5,10,15,20,25,30,35,40,45,50, 55 AND 60), STEP ONE RECOVERY WORKBOOK, G.A. GOLD PLATED ONE YEAR PIN, G.A. SUGGESTIONS FOR COPING WITH URGES TO GAMBLE, THE FIRST FORTY YEARS, YELLOW WRISTBAND, PLEASE SEE DESCRIPTION., INFORMATION PACKET**

**Ara H. for Ali. A – Area 37 – Iran**

Motion as written

Item passed.

This item chaired by Harold A., 2nd Co-Chair.

### **21. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

**Since the Trustee WhatsApp Group is a communications tool, proving to be very effective, what should happen when a topic is brought up that is outside of the limited scope of the group? Not every Trustee is a member of the WhatsApp group.**

**Some things need to be discussed by the whole group because they may affect Gamblers**

**Anonymous as a whole. For example: A Trustee from an International location asked for advice about the actions of a Trustee in the United States that was causing problems within their area. What should be done? How do we communicate what is happening to other Trustees or the Executive Committee? This Trustee within the United States has an official position within the Board of Trustees, besides being a Trustee. He was mentioned by name. This issue has International, local and Gamblers Anonymous as a whole opportunity.**

**Butch G. – Area 3A – Digital Strategy Committee Chair**

Discussion only.

This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

## **22. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

**If a member only attends a Step Meeting every week, can those meetings be used as the 39-week requirement for recognition? The step meeting does not read the Combo Book, does not go over the 20 questions nor reads the Unity Steps. We have several people who only attend that meeting, and some have never attended any other meeting.**

**David L. – Area 2B – Greater Sacramento California**

Discussion only.

This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

## **23. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

**Area 29, 29A and 29B (Trustees of Russia) would like to issue tokens and medals themselves due to the length of time and expense to import them from the ISO. The last time they ordered tokens it took over 1/2 year for the tokens to arrive. They have used people who were traveling to the United States to purchase items from the ISO and bring them back to Russia.**

**Butch G for Oleg L – Area 29A – St. Petersburg and Surrounding Areas, Russia**

Discussion only.

This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

## **24. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

**Sponsor/Sponsee Relationship – Qualifications to be a sponsor.**

**Should the qualifications to be a sponsor be more clearly defined in our literature?**

**Currently there is no “clean time” reference, only the wording “sustained abstinence”.**

**We have had an instance where a person who has been in the program for a long time but now continues to gamble feels qualified to be a sponsor even though he frequently has a new clean date.**

**Paulette T. – Area 6B – Florida West Coast**

Discussion only.

This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

## **25. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

**The approval of designated Gamblers Anonymous Literature to be posted on Gamblers Anonymous websites in a pdf format or other electronic file format.**

**Walter G. – Area 12 – New Jersey Eastern Pennsylvania**

Motion as written.

Amended motion correcting “websites” to “website.” Amended to read: “The approval of designated Gamblers Anonymous Literature to be posted on Gamblers Anonymous website in pdf format or other electronic file format.”

Item failed.

This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

## **26. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

**I believe the Gamblers Anonymous fellowship needs to create a budget for the Public Relations committee. This budget would be used to designate certain GA approved**

**literature to be available in PDF and digital form, free of charge to the fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous.**

**Questions welcome.**

**Diane A. – Area 8A – Eastern Iowa, Southern Minnesota and Bay City, River Falls, and New Richmond, Wisconsin**

Item withdrawn.

## **27. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

**Revisit Rules and Procedures Agenda item #3. The combo book is the primary piece of literature in the GA program that all members can relate to. It is the most widely used and owned physical tool of the program. The 5-year rule to accept changes on the agenda on only years that end in a 5 or 0 barely passed at 45 for and 44 against. It is recommended that the 5-year rule be reduced to a 2-year rule with updates accepted on the even years.**

**Roxanne D – Area 3D – Arizona and New Mexico**

Discussion only.

This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

## **28. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

**Recommend that a bi-annual excel spreadsheet be created and maintained that reflects the total fees reimbursed by each Intergroup to their trustees for travel expenses as it relates to BOT in person meetings that is available for viewing to all members of the GA program.**

**Roxanne D – Area 3D – Arizona and New Mexico**

Item withdrawn.

## **29. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

**Short report and discussion to follow on the “Day of Sharing 2024 Twelve Step Anonymous Fellowships.**

**Harold A. – 2nd Co-Chair**

Harold gave report on this topic.

A trustee thought it was out of order, chair ruled it in order.

This item chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair.

## **30. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

**The Digital Strategy Committee recommends that digital Trustee meetings be broken into two meetings to be held on two consecutive days, Administrative/Old business and on the second day new business. This is to prevent 12-hour computer / zoom meetings.**

**Butch G – Digital Strategy Committee Chair**

Discussion only.

This item chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair.

There were several items that needed to be added to the agenda. They will be numbered appropriately in the order they were added.

## **81. ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

1. Ara H., Area 1
2. Bob W., Area 1B
3. James C., Area 1B
4. Jackie C., Area 3
5. Joe C., Area 1B
6. JoJo B., Area 1
7. Marc L., Area 3D
8. Richard C., Area 2K
9. Wendy B., Area 1A

## **82. ELECTION OF CHAIR OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Pete K., Area 13B, was re-elected as Chair of the Board of Trustees

### **83. ELECTION OF 1<sup>ST</sup> CO-CHAIR OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Steve F., Area 1, was re-elected as 1st Co-Chair of the Board of Trustees.

### **84. ELECTION OF 2<sup>ND</sup> CO-CHAIR OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Cindi C., Area 8, was elected as 2nd Co-Chair of the Board of Trustees. Pete reminded Cindi that she must resign from her position as trustee at the end of the meetings tomorrow as well as resign from being chair of any committee.

### **31. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

#### **Definition of Relationship between Gam-Anon and Gamblers Anonymous**

**Gamblers Anonymous Relationship with Gam-Anon Is one of respect for each other's programs. We are separate organizations and do not share in each other's corporate, legal, financial, and program identities. These organizations work together on International Conferences, Mini-Conferences, Combined Meetings and other events, for the mutual benefit of the compulsive gambler and those affected by the compulsive gambler.**

**Dean W. for John C. – Area 1A – Orange County, California**

Item withdrawn.

### **32. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

**Approve as designated Gamblers Anonymous literature to be posted on Gamblers Anonymous websites: 20 Questions Booklet – Are you a Compulsive Gambler?**

**Questions and Answers about the Problem of Compulsive Gambling and the Gamblers Anonymous Recovery Program. Suggestions for Coping with Urges to Gamble pamphlet.**

**Walter G. – Area 12 – New Jersey Eastern Pennsylvania**

Motion as written.

Amended motion to correct “websites” to “website.” Amended to read: “Approve as designated Gamblers Anonymous literature to be posted on Gamblers Anonymous website: 20 Questions Booklet – Are you a Compulsive Gambler? Questions and Answers about the Problem of Compulsive Gambling and the Gamblers Anonymous Recovery Program. Suggestions for Coping with Urges to Gamble pamphlet.

Item passed.

This item chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair.

### **33. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

**Approve as designated Gamblers Anonymous literature to be posted on Gamblers Anonymous websites: Gamblers Anonymous Step 1 Recovery Workbook. Gamblers Anonymous Working the Steps pamphlet. Gamblers Anonymous 12 Step Unity booklet. Gamblers Anonymous Group Study Book on the Unity Steps.**

**Walter G. – Area 12 – New Jersey Eastern Pennsylvania**

Motion as written.

Amended motion to correct “websites” to “website.” Amended to read: “Approve as designated Gamblers Anonymous literature to be posted on Gamblers Anonymous website: Gamblers Anonymous Step 1 Recovery Workbook. Gamblers Anonymous Working the Steps pamphlet. Gamblers Anonymous 12 Step Unity booklet. Gamblers Anonymous Group Study Book on the Unity Steps.

Item passed.

This item chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair.

### **34. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

**Approve as designated Gamblers Anonymous literature to be posted on Gamblers Anonymous websites: Gamblers Anonymous Combo Book. Young Gamblers in Recovery pamphlet.**

**Walter G. – Area 12 – New Jersey Eastern Pennsylvania**

Motion as written.

Amended motion to correct “websites” to “website.” Amended to read: “Approve as designated Gamblers Anonymous literature to be posted on Gamblers Anonymous websites: Gamblers Anonymous Combo Book. Young Gamblers in Recovery pamphlet.”

Item passed.

This item chaired by Harold A., 2nd Co-Chair.

These items were added to the agenda.

**79. DISCUSSION ITEM**

**Is handing out GA literature at a casino a violation of our Unity Program or detrimental to GA as a whole?**

Discussion only.

This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

**80. DISCUSSION ITEM**

**Recommend forming a Quality Control Committee for the Trustee Website. The committee’s principal aim would be to certify and retain accurate information regarding published content, such as changes to reference material, updated literature, and the addition or removal of committee members, for example. The committee would offer recommendations to the BOT based on its findings of discrepancies and provide options for amending the present content posted on the website.**

Discussion only.

This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

**LITERATURE CHANGES**

**35. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Combo Book – 20 Questions – Page 16 Number 12**

**Current Version: – #12 Were you reluctant to use “gambling money” for normal expenditures?**

**Proposed Version: – #12 Were you reluctant to use “gambling money” to pay bills or other normal expenses?**

**Mike A – Area 6C – North Carolina**

Motion as written.

Item failed majority.

This item chaired by Harold A., 2nd Co-Chair.

**36. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Combo Book – Page 3, last paragraph. Add a sentence at the end of the last paragraph**

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

**Proposed Version: – Therefore, in order to lead normal happy lives, we try to practice, to the best of our ability, certain principles in our daily affairs. We develop these principles by practicing the Twelve Steps.**

**Roxanne D for Kevin K – Area 3D – Arizona and New Mexico**

Motion as written.

Amended motion to add “of recovery” at the end of the last sentence. “Therefore, in order to lead normal happy lives, we try to practice, to the best of our ability, certain principles in our daily affairs. We develop these principles by practicing the Twelve Steps of Recovery.”

Item failed majority.

This item chaired by Harold A., 2nd Co-Chair.

### **37. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Combo Book – Pg. 11 What is the dream world of a compulsive gambler? 5th line, remove words quite philanthropic, add words extremely generous. All other words remain the same**

**Current Version: – What is the dream world of a compulsive gamblers?**

**This is another common characteristic of compulsive gamblers. A lot of time is spent dreaming of the great and wonderful things they are going to do as soon as they make the big win. They often see themselves as quite philanthropic and charming people who will provide family and friends with expensive cars, and other luxuries.**

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

**Pathetically, however, there never seems to be a big enough winning to make even the smallest dream come true. When compulsive gamblers succeed, they gamble to dream still greater dreams. When failing, they gamble in reckless desperation and the depths of their misery are fathomless as their dream world comes crashing down.**

**Sadly, they will struggle back, dream more dreams and of course suffer more misery. No one can convince them that their greatest schemes will not someday come true. They believe they will, for without this dream world, life for them would not be tolerable.**

**Proposed Version: What is the dream world of a compulsive gambler?**

**This is another common characteristic of compulsive gamblers. A lot of time is spent dreaming of the great and wonderful things they are going to do as soon as they make the big win. They often see themselves as extremely generous and charming people who will provide family and friends with expensive cars, and other luxuries.**

**Compulsive gamblers picture themselves leading extravagant lifestyles made possible by the huge sums of money they will accrue from their gambling. Large homes, designer clothes, and expensive vacations are a few of the wonderful things that are**

**just around the corner after a big win is finally made.**

**Pathetically, however, there never seems to be a big enough winning to make even the smallest dream come true. When compulsive gamblers succeed, they gamble to dream still greater dreams. When failing, they gamble in reckless desperation and the depths of their misery are fathomless as their dream world comes crashing down.**

**Sadly, they will struggle back, dream more dreams and of course suffer more misery. No one can convince them that their greatest schemes will not someday come true. They believe they will, for without this dream world, life for them would not be tolerable.**

**Mike A for Deborah N – Area 6C – North and South Carolina**

**Motion as written.**

**Item failed majority.**

**This item chaired by Harold A., 2nd Co-Chair.**

### **38. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Combo Book – Page 13, under “Can a Compulsive Gambler Ever Gamble Normally Again”, second paragraph, second sentence. “After abstaining a few months some of our members have tried some small bet experimentation, always with disastrous results”.**

**Change to add “or years” after “a few months”.**

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

**Proposed Version: – After abstaining a few months or years some of our members have tried some small bet experimentation, always with disastrous results.**

**Kira G. for Eli L – Area 2H – Western Washington, North of Longview to the Canadian Border and West of the Cascade Mountains**

**Motion as written.**

**Amended motion to correct “for a few months or years” to “for a period of time” Amended to read: “After abstaining for a period of time some of our members have tried some small bet**

experimentation, always with disastrous results.”

Item passed first vote.

1st Vote.

Needs second vote.

This item chaired by Harold A., 2nd Co-Chair.

#### **39. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Other Existing Literature – GA A New Beginning (Red Book) – Page 12, under paragraph marked ISO change last few words from “over 30 years” to “many years.”**

**Current Version: – This is a world-wide service and has been so for over 30 years**

**Proposed Version: – This is a world-wide service and has been so for many years.**

**Ara H – Area 1 Past Trustee – Central California, Los Angeles Area, Hawaii**

Motion as written.

Item passed first vote.

1st Vote

Needs second vote.

This item chaired by Harold A., 2nd Co-Chair.

This item was added to the agenda.

#### **74. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Other Existing Literature GA A New Beginning page 15, heading for first paragraph Change National to International**

**Current Version: – National Conference**

**Proposed Version: – International Conference**

**Ara H – Area 1 – Central California, Los Angeles Area, Hawaii**

Motion as written.

Item passed first vote.

1st Vote.

Needs second vote.

This item chaired by Harold A., 2nd Co-Chair.

#### **40. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Combo Book – Page 15, Twenty Questions, #10 – Add “or use credit cards” after borrowing**

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

**Proposed Version: – Did you ever borrow or use credit cards to finance your gambling?**

**Mitch M. for Stuart B – Area 14 – Long Island, New York**

Motion as written.

Item failed majority.

This item chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair.

#### **41. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Combo Book – Page 13 Last sentence – Change the word “risking” to “experiencing”**

**Current Version: – To gamble, risking progressive deterioration or not to gamble, and develop a better way of life.**

**Proposed Version: – To gamble experiencing progressive deterioration and develop a better way of life**

**Jim C for Ralph D. – Area 6A – Pensacola, Panama City, Central and Northern Florida**

Motion as written.

Item failed majority.

This item chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair.

#### **42. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Guidance Code – Article VI Section 1 – Add: Those elected or appointed to act as a trusted servant, regardless of position or title, may not enact any action that conflicts with the principles and guidelines contained within the Guidance Code.**

**Current Version: – No one is more important more important in this Fellowship than the individual member. He or she has no ruler or superior, but he or she may select a person or group of persons to represent him or her and his or her rights in this Fellowship.**

**Proposed Version: – No one is more important in this Fellowship than the individual member. He or she has no ruler or superior, but he or she may select a person or group of persons to represent him or her and his or her rights in this Fellowship. Those elected or appointed to act as a trusted servant, regardless of position or title, may not enact any action that conflicts with the principles and guidelines contained within the Guidance Code.**

**Ed G. – Area 10 – Central and Northern Ohio (Excluding Toledo) and Erie, New Castle and Warren Pennsylvania.**

Motion as written.

Item passed first vote. Needs second vote.

1st Vote.

For 60 Against 9 Abstain 4

This item chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair.

#### **43. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Combo Book – Page 17. Item #1. – ADD: When you work the program of recovery.**

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

**Proposed Version: – 1. Attend as many meetings as possible per week. MEETINGS MAKE IT. When you work the program of recovery.**

**Richard C. for Steve L – Area 2K – Southern Alberta, Canada**

Motion as written.

Amended motion to remove the period before the last sentence and lower the W to lower case.

Amended motion to read: “Attend as many meetings as possible per week. MEETINGS MAKE IT when you work the program of recovery.”

Item failed majority.

This item chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair.

#### **44. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Combo Book – Page 17. Item #5 – Change the first word from Read to Work**

**Current Version: – Read the RECOVERY and UNITY steps often and continuously review the Twenty Questions. Follow the steps in your daily affairs. These steps are the basis for the entire Gamblers Anonymous Program and practicing them is the key to your growth. GET INVOLVED AND BE OF SERVICE. If you have any questions, ask them of your Trusted Servants and Sponsors.**

**Proposed Version: – Work the RECOVERY and UNITY steps often and continuously review the Twenty Questions. Follow the steps in your daily affairs. These steps are the basis for the entire Gamblers Anonymous Program and practicing them is the key to your growth. GET INVOLVED AND BE OF SERVICE. If you have any questions, ask them of your Trusted Servants and Sponsors.**

**Roxanne D for Kevin K – Area 3D – Arizona and New Mexico**

Motion as written.

Item failed majority.

This item chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair.

#### **45. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Combo Book – Page 15. Question #9 – Change “until all” your money was gone?” to “until all of the money you had brought with you was gone.”**

**Current Version: – Did you often gamble until all of your money was gone?**

**Proposed Version: – Did you often gamble until all of the money you had with you is gone?**

**Robert A for Pat P – Area 17 – Connecticut and Western Massachusetts**

Item withdrawn.

#### **46. COMMITTEE RELATED**

**Future Conference Committee – Change a committee mission statement**

**Current Version: – FUTURE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT**

**The Future Conference Committee (“FCC”) will develop a proposal for instituting an International Conference every 5 years with the first conference to be held in 2027 to coincide with the 70th Anniversary of the founding of Gamblers Anonymous**

**The FCC will consider other areas of research that are related and develop proposals, as warranted.**

**Proposed Version: – Same as Above**

**Rob P. for Bill B – Area 6 – South Florida**

Motion as written.

Item passed.

This item chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair.

#### **47. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Other Existing Literature – Blue – Gamblers Anonymous The Sponsor-Sponsee**

**Relationship: HOW it works Page 9 under “What attributes should a sponsor possess? Add a sentence (in its own paragraph) at the end of the last paragraph**

**Current Version: – Keep an open mind and use the checklists above as a guide to acquire or develop the qualities you may still lack before you decide to sponsor someone. For example, if you do not already have a sponsor yourself, perhaps you should consider getting one before you become one. If you have not yet worked the 12 steps, perhaps you should start.**

**Proposed Version: – Keep an open mind and use the checklists above as a guide to acquire or develop the qualities you may still lack before you decide to sponsor someone. For example, if you do not already have a sponsor yourself, perhaps you should consider getting one before you become one. If you have not yet worked the 12 steps, perhaps you should start. The primary purpose of a sponsor is to take their sponsee through the 12 steps of recovery, guide them through Page 17 and lead by example.**

**Roxanne D for Kevin K – Area 3D – Arizona and New Mexico**

Item withdrawn.

#### **48. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Combo Book – Page 16 – Question 18 Change the wording from Present to Past tense.**

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

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

**Billy C for Yves G – Area 11 – Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire**

Motion as written.

Item failed majority.

This item chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair.

#### **49. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Combo Book – Page 9 – Middle under How does someone stop gambling through the gamblers anonymous program ADD the word courage**

**Current Version: – HONESTY, OPEN-MINDEDNESS, AND WILLINGNESS are the key words in our recovery.**

**Proposed Version: – COURAGE, HONESTY, OPEN-MINDEDNESS, AND**

**WILLINGNESS** are the key words in our recovery.

**Joe B – Area 15 – New York City and Surrounding Areas**

Motion as written.

Item failed majority.

This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

#### **50. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Guidance Code – Article VIII Section 22 – Change the wait period from 2 years to 3 months.**

**Current Version: – With the exception of items coming from the BOT committee, upon the defeat of a motion in its final form, any similar motion may not be brought up for a vote for a period of two (2) years.**

**Proposed Version: – With the exception of items coming from the BOT committee, upon the defeat of a motion in its final form, any similar motion may not be brought up for three (3) months.**

**Diane A. – Area 8A – Eastern Iowa, Southern Minnesota, and Bay City, River Falls, and New Richmond, Wisconsin**

Motion as written

Item failed two-thirds.

This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

#### **51. COMMITTEE RELATED**

**FUTURE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE (“FCC”)**

**That the FCC recommends that an in person International Conference be scheduled every 5 years to coincide with the Anniversary of Gamblers Anonymous with the first “Anniversary” conference to be held in 2027 and with future International Conferences to be held every 5 years (2032, 2037...). Local Intergroups will be the designated hosts with the bidding process to follow current BOT Guidelines. This does not preclude any area for bidding to host a conference at any other time.**

**Rob P for Bill B – Area 6 – South Florida**

Motion as written.

Item ruled out of order.

This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

#### **52. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Combo Book – Page 17 – Number 1 End of sentence is in bold type. Add the word **MAKERS** to Meetings make it on page 17 number 1 to read:**

**MEETING MAKERS MAKE IT**

**Current Version: – MEETINGS MAKE IT**

**Proposed Version: – Add the word **MAKERS** to Meetings make it **MEETING MAKERS MAKE IT****

**Steve H for Bob F – Area 6 – Southern Florida**

No discussion.

This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

#### **53. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Combo Book – Page 17 – Item #3 – Add the following sentence prior to the ending statement: **Don’t access online or mobile betting platforms.****

**Current Version: – Don’t test or tempt yourself. Don’t associate with acquaintances who gamble. Don’t go in or near gambling establishments. **DON’T GAMBLE FOR ANYTHING.****

**Proposed Version: – Don’t test or tempt yourself. Don’t associate with acquaintances who gamble. Don’t go in or near gambling establishments. Don’t access online or mobile betting platforms. **DON’T GAMBLE FOR ANYTHING****

**Eric F. – Area 1 – Central CA, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii**

Motion as written.

Item passed first vote.

1st Vote

Needs second vote.

This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

#### **54. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Other Existing Literature – Stop and Think card – Ad on the bottom of the card on both the front and back our website not changing any information on the card but just simply adding [www.gamblersanonymous.org](http://www.gamblersanonymous.org) which has all the information they need including hotline numbers and all meetings**

**Current version: – Current Stop and Think card as it is front and back**

**Proposed Version: – [www.gamblersanonymous.org](http://www.gamblersanonymous.org) to the bottom of each side**

**Anthony K. – Area 10 – Central and Northern Ohio (Excluding Toledo) and Erie, New Castle, and Warren Pennsylvania**

Motion as written.

Item passed first vote.

1st Vote.

Needs second vote.

This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

#### **55. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Combo Book – Page 14 In the third sentence after the question, add “but is not limited to”**

**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, the stock market, commodities, options, buying or playing lottery tickets, raffle tickets, flipping a coin or entering the office sports 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 but is not limited to internet gambling, the stock market, commodities, options, buying or playing lottery tickets, raffle tickets, flipping a coin or entering the office sports pool.**

**Carl D for Monique G – Area 16 – Eastern Upstate New York**

Motion as written.

Item passed first vote.

1st Vote.

Needs second vote.

This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

#### **56. STEP CHANGE**

**Combo Book – Page 7 Section 10 – wording**

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

**Proposed Version: – Gamblers Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues to avoid public controversy except in matters of Gambling.**

**Rob S for Bob E – Area 14 – Long Island, New York**

Motion to table.

Item tabled.

This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

## **57. STEP CHANGE**

**Combo Book – Page 7 Section 11 – wording**

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

**Proposed Version: – Our public relations policy is based on attraction and promotion as we maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, television and Internet.**

**Rob S for Bob E – Area 14 – Long Island, New York**

Motion to table.

Item tabled.

This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

## **58. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Combo Book Page 17 - First line wording Linked to change in Sponsorship Manual**

**Current Version: – GET A SPONSOR**

**Proposed Version: – GET A SPONSOR OR SPONSOR GROUP**

**Rob S – Area 14 – Long Island, New York**

Motion as written.

Item failed majority.

This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

## **59. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Combo Book Page 14 “Gambling” wording**

**Current Version: – Sentence 2 Any betting or wagering**

**Proposed Version: – Any betting, wagering or involvement in gambling activity,**

**Rob S – Area 14 – Long Island, New York**

Motion as written.

Item failed majority.

This item chaired by Harold A., 2nd Co-Chair.

## **60. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Other Existing Literature – Gamblers Anonymous Sponsorship Manual – Page 1 – Reference that a sponsor is one person.**

**Current Version: – Paragraph one “more experienced member**

**Proposed Version: – “more experienced member or members”**

**Rob S – Area 14 – Long Island, New York**

Motion as written.

Item failed majority.

This item chaired by Harold A., 2nd Co-Chair.

## **61. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Combo Book – Page 10 fourth paragraph. Change in verbiage**

**Current Version: – The compulsive gambler is willing to do anything (often of an anti-social nature) to maintain the image he or she wants others to see.**

**Proposed Version: – The compulsive gambler is willing to do anything (often of an anti-social nature) to maintain the image that they want others to see.**

**Mike S – Area 15 – New York City and Surrounding Areas**

Motion as written.

There was a challenge that this should be out of order. The challenge did not stand, and this item is in order.

Item passed first vote.

1st Vote.

Needs second vote.

This item chaired by Harold A., 2nd Co-Chair.

#### **62. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Combo Book – Page 13, fourth paragraph – Change in verbiage.**

**Current Version: – Once a person has crossed the invisible line into irresponsible uncontrolled gambling, he or she never seems to regain control.**

**Proposed Version: – Once a person has crossed the invisible line into irresponsible uncontrolled gambling, they never seem to regain control.**

**Mike S – Area 15 – New York City and Surrounding Areas**

Item ruled out of order due to two-year rule.

This item chaired by Harold A., 2nd Co-Chair.

#### **63. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Combo Book – Page 13, third paragraph – Change in verbiage.**

**Current Version: – Sooner or later he or she falls back into the same old destructive pattern.**

**Proposed Version: – Sooner or later, they fall back into the same old destructive pattern.**

**Mike S – Area 15 – New York City and Surrounding Areas**

Item ruled out of order due to two-year rule.

This item chaired by Harold A., 2nd Co-Chair.

#### **64. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Combo Book – Page 2 Third paragraph – Change in verbiage.**

**Current Version: – No one likes to think they are different from their fellows.**

**Proposed Version: – No one likes to think they are different from others in their community.**

**Mike S – Area 15 – New York City and Surrounding Areas**

Motion as written.

Item failed majority.

This item chaired by Harold A., 2nd Co-Chair.

#### **65. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Combo Book – Page 2, First paragraph – Change in verbiage.**

**Current Version: – Gamblers Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women...**

**Proposed Version: – Gamblers Anonymous is a fellowship of people...**

**Mike S – Area 15 – New York City and Surrounding Areas**

Item ruled out of order due to two-year rule.

This item chaired by Harold A., 2nd Co-Chair.

#### **66. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Step Change – Combo Book – Page 5 Step 11 – Change in verbiage.**

**Current Version: – Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood him, praying only for knowledge of his will for us and the power to carry that out.**

**Proposed Version: – Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood them, praying only for knowledge of their will for us and the power to carry that out.**

**Mike S – Area 15 – New York City and Surrounding Areas**

Item withdrawn.

#### **67. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Combo Book – Page 8, Third paragraph – Change in verbiage.**

**Current Version: – The compulsive gambler needs to be willing to accept the fact that he or she is in the grip of a progressive illness...**

**Proposed Version: – The compulsive gambler needs to be willing to accept the fact that they are in the grip of a progressive illness...**

**Mike S – Area 15 – New York City and Surrounding Areas**

Motion as written.

Item passed first vote.

1st Vote.

Needs second vote.

This item chaired by Harold A., 2nd Co-Chair.

#### **68. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Combo Book – Page 9, First paragraph – Change in verbiage.**

**Current Version: – Also, in Gamblers Anonymous, a compulsive gambler is described as a person whose gambling has caused growing and continuing problems in any department of his or her life.**

**Proposed Version: – Also, in Gamblers Anonymous, a compulsive gambler is described as a person whose gambling has caused growing and continuing problems in any department of their life.**

**Mike S – Area 15 – New York City and Surrounding Areas**

Motion as written.

Item passed first vote.

1st Vote.

Needs second vote.

This item chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair.

#### **69. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Combo Book – Page 10, Second paragraph – Change in verbiage.**

**Current Version: – A compulsive gambler finds he or she is emotionally comfortable only when “in action”.**

**Proposed Version: – A compulsive gambler finds they are emotionally comfortable only when “in action”.**

**Mike S – Area 15 – New York City and Surrounding Areas**

Item ruled out of order due to two-year rule.

This item chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair.

#### **70. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Combo Book – Page 10 Fourth paragraph – Change in verbiage.**

**Current Version: – The compulsive gambler is willing to do anything (often of an anti-social nature) to maintain the image he or she wants others to see.**

**Proposed Version: – The compulsive gambler is willing to do anything (often of an anti-social nature) to maintain the image that they want others to see.**

**Mike S – Area 15 – New York City and Surrounding Areas**

Motion as written.

Item ruled out of order due to being duplicate.

This item chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair.

#### **71. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Combo Book – Page 14, first paragraph, under the question of Does this mean I can’t even participate in a little penny ante game or a world series pool? Add the words slot machine in the last sentence**

**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, slot machines, buying or playing lottery tickets, raffle tickets, flipping a coin, fantasy sports or entering the office sport pool.**

**Roxanne D for Amy S – Area 3D – Arizona and New Mexico**

Item withdrawn.

## **72. NEW LITERATURE**

**GA Promises 1st Merit Vote**

**Current Version: – None**

**Proposed Version: – See Related Attachment**

**Barbara L for Gabelfaast – Area 8E – Wisconsin**

Discussion on the promises. Committee created to develop a set of GA promises. The name of the committee will be GA Promises Committee. Volunteers for this committee were: Barbara L., Area 8E who will serve as Chair; Jerry T, Area 5; Andy D., Area 18; Dean W., Area 1A; Jeff R., Area 8E; Butch G., Area 3A; Valerie D., Area 1A; Marc C., Area 5B; Adrien R., Area 5B; Paul G., Area 3B; Steve D., Area 3; Leslie F., Area 3.

This item chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair.

## **73. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Other Existing Literature – Trustee Guidelines #9 Make the statement a request not a demand.**

**Current Version: – Be a Lifeliner and encourage group and membership to support the International Service Office through Lifeliners and Group contributions.**

**Proposed Version: – Being a Lifeliner, a monthly automatic donation program, is available to all in the Gamblers Anonymous Fellowship to assist in supporting our International Service Office.**

**Diane A. – Area 8A – Eastern Iowa, Southern Minnesota and Bay City, River Falls, and New Richmond, Wisconsin**

Item withdrawn

## **74. STEP CHANGE**

**CURRENT LITERATURE – Combo Book – Page 7 Item 9 – Wording**

**Current Version: – Gamblers Anonymous, as such, ought never be organized: but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.**

**Proposed Version: – Gamblers Anonymous “must be organized and” we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.**

**Rob S for Bob E – Area 14 – Long Island, New York**

Motion to table.

Item tabled.

This item chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair.

## **76. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Combo Book – Page 17 Item 8 – Bold & Cap WILL.**

**Current Version: – 8. 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: – 8. 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.**

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

Motion as written.

Item passed first vote.

1st Vote.

Needs second vote.

This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

**77. CURRENT LITERATURE**

**Combo Book – Page 15 Question 1 – Add “or life” after the word school.**

**Current Version: – 1. Did you ever lose time from work or school due to gambling?**

**Proposed Version: – 1. Did you ever lose time from work, school or life due to gambling?**

**Jim C for Ralph D. – Area 6A – Pensacola, Panama City, Central and Northern Florida**

Motion as written.

Item failed majority.

This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

Before closing the meeting, Pete reminded all Committee Chairs to email him the names of all people on their committee.

The meeting was closed on May 19, 2025. The Fall Board of Trustees meeting information will be on the Trustee Website soon.

Respectfully submitted,

*KCB.*

KC B.,  
International Executive Secretary

***ROLL CALL***

<b>Area</b>	<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Sessions</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Sessions</b>
1	Eric F.	4	10A	Jeff H.	Absent*
1	Julia G.	Absent	10A	Loreane S.	Absent*
1	Pilar L.	4	10B	Creig E.	4
1A	Dean W.	4	10B	David G.	4
1B	Ira B.	4	11	Billy C.	4
2	Beth Z.	4	11	Jodi P.	4
2	Tita M.	Absent	12	Andy R.	4
2	Yvette C.	Absent	12	Trevor S.	4
2A	Paul N.	4*	12	Walter G.	4
2B	David L.	4	13	Greg M.	4
2B	Jeffery P.	Absent	13	Marla J.	4
2G	Chris M.	4	13	Mike M.	Absent
2G	Kevin M.	2	13A	Amanda A.	Absent*
2H	Kira H.	4	13A	Anne E.	Absent*
2H	Stephanie H.	4	13B	Andy G.	Absent*
2J	Patricia D.	4*	13B	Ron P.	Absent*
2K	Steve L.	4*	14	Mitch M.	4
3	Igor K.	Absent*	14	Peter C.	4
3	Jeff B.	4	14	Rob S.	4
3	Leslie F.	4	14	Stuart B.	Absent*
3	Michael CA	4	15	Alan J.	Absent
3	Rob P.	4	15	Joe B.	4
3	Steve D.	4	15	Joey P.	Absent*
3A	Butch G.	4	15	Mark D.	Absent*
3A	Doug E.	4	15	Mike S.	4
3A	Howard R.	Absent	15	Stanley C.	Absent

3B	Paul G.	4	16	Carl D.	4
3B	Ron G.	Absent	16	Wayne C.	Absent
3C	Paula C.	4	16A	Dan W.	Absent*
3D	Roxanne D.	4	17	Bob B.	4
3D	Ryan P.	4	17	Robert A.	4
3F	Julian F.	4	18	Andy D.	4
4	Debbie R.	4	18	Mane T.	Absent
5	Jerry T.	4	18A	Mark C.	Absent
5B	Adrien R.	4	18A	Michael L.	Absent
5B	Marc C.	4	18B	Anne B.	Absent
6	Steve C.	Absent*	18 B	Philomena V.	Absent
6	Steve H.	Absent*	19	Alberto S.	Absent
6A	Jim C.	4	19	Carlos R.	4*
6B	Jim H.	4	19	Elena D.	4*
6B	Paulette T.	4	21	Antonio P.	4*
6C	Mike A.	4	21	Francisco S.	4*
6C	Tom K.	Absent*	22	Andrew B.	Absent
7	Bill N.	4	23	Joao Carlos	4*
7	Stephen S.	4	23A	Clecio S.	4*
7A	Chris W.	Absent	25	Umberto A.	Absent
7A	Marinella N.	Absent*	28	Hector T.	4*
8	Cindi C.	4	28	Luis O.	4*
8	Dianna R.	3	28	Marymar V.	4*
8	Donna M.	4	29	Konstantin U.	4*
8	Mary W.	4	29A	Oleg I.	4*
8A	Diane A.	4	29B	Eduard U.	4*
8A	Joleen L.	4	33	Janneth S.	Absent
8E	Barbara L.	4	33	Juan R.	4*
8E	Jeff R.	4	34	Liliana S.	4*
9	Carol K.	4	37	Ali A.	4*
9A	Patricia D.	4*	37	AmirHosein K.	4*
10	Anthony K.	4	38	Jay E.	Absent
10	Ed G.	4	38A	Reagan P.	4*

**\*Absentee ballot received**

Chair B.O.T.	Pete K.	4
1st Co-Chair –	Steve F.	4
2nd Co-Chair –	Harold A.	4
Chair B.O.R. –	Ara H.	4
I.E.S. -	KC B.	4