GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS
INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
2026 Spring Meeting Agenda
Houston, Texas – May 17th and 18th 2026

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

Pete welcomed everyone and asked that all phones be put on silent or vibrate. Gave a reminder we're all compulsive gamblers and to try not to take things personally. Remember why we're here.

He reminded all to get to the microphone if they have something to say about an agenda item. Points of Information are for questions, not comments.

Pete asked for anyone who was attending their first Board of Trustees meeting and asked them to introduce themselves. Several members introduced themselves.

B) Remembrance of departed members.

Walter G. read the names of our departed members

Area 2H	Rose O.	Area 10	John A.
Area 2K	Paul D.	Area 10	Terry T.
Area 3	Frank J.	Area 11	Bill M.
Area 3	Gladys C.	Area 11	Bob R.
Area 3	Heather K.	Area 11	Domenic C.
Area 3	Irene K.	Area 11	Teresa P.
Area 5B	Fauster JF.	Area 12	Lou F.
Area 5B	Jacqueline L.	Area 13	Carl D.
Area 5B	Jean-Marie V.	Area 13	Jeff D.
Area 5B	Mireille Z.	Area 13	Perry S.
Area 7	Al S.	Area 13	Ron C.
Area 7	Lorraine C.	Area 13	Walt Z.
Area 8A	Jay	Area 19	Monica P.

C) Reading from "A Day at a Time Book"
Roxanne D. read the reading from A Day at a Time.

D) Reading of the 12 Steps of Unity
Steve L. read the 12 Steps of Unity

E) Roll Call – Wendy B.
Wendy B. took attendance

F) Approval of minutes from Denver
Motion as written.
Item approved.
This item chaired by Pete K.

G) ISO/Lifeliner – Wendy B.
There was a total of $85, 617.86 donated in the period of April 2025 to March 2026. This was a negative 4.01% difference from same period of April 2024 to March 2025 with $89,199.12. The total difference was -$3581.26.

There was a total of 353 Lifeliners with 50 of the 117 trustees being Lifeliners.

H) **Report from the Board of Regents** – Wendy B.
Wendy went over the information from the ISO. She explained about the donations outside of GA members being rescinded so the office is not accepting these types of donations. She mentioned about the website committee, which will be discussed during committee reports.

There was a short discussion on the new material for the possible new pins. A show of hands was taken on who wants to stay with the old type pins and those who want to go with the new pins.

I) **Trustee Meeting Report** – Wendy B.
There was a total of $1,241 collected during the sessions. $330 in session 1; $307 in session 2; $280 in session 3; and $324 in the last session.

Several current and new Lifeliners gave in Denver for a total of $1336 in Lifeliner donations.

$3650 was collected for registration.

$2,605 was collected from Groups for Gratitude Week; $1,000 from Group Donations; and one Intergroup donation at $125.

Rules and Procedures were presented before the committee reports

J) Committee Reports

Committees with Cindi C. as Co-Chair Liaison

Conference Oversight and Assistance Committee-Standing Committee
Committee Chair – Harold A. – Area 1A
Co-Chair – Jeff R., Area 8E
Committee Liaison Chair – Cindi C.
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.
After a slow start through February 2026, the Area 1 International Conference Committee (ICC), with encouragement and direction from the Trustee Conference Oversight and Assistance Committee (COAC) Chair and Co-Chair, has beefed up its efforts to assure it is organized and timely going forward. The ICC has since made solid
progress in organizing the 2027 International Conference in LA.
The ICC has:

- **established the core leadership and structure**
- **been meeting regularly on a monthly basis and will continue to meet once or twice monthly going forward**
- **selected the official theme for the conference as "70 Years of Miracles."**
- **opened a conference bank account and necessary co-signers are being added**
- **established committees to support the major components of the conference**
- **active and ongoing volunteer recruitment with a form distributed to Area 1 membership and posted on the LA Intergroup website**
- **further outreach for volunteers planned**
- **developed a Registration Form and it is nearing finalization**
- **a flyer promoting Area 1 member registration being developed for distribution**

The COAC is requesting that, going forward, the ICC:

- **provide the COAC with monthly progress reports and meeting minutes**
- **establish a comprehensive plan to ensure more outreach for volunteers**
- **monitor the progress of the current committees thru regular reporting to the ICC**
- **ensure the committee structure is completed and**
- **establish a more comprehensive plan to ensure conference announcement outreach progress**

Report submitted online.
Jeff R. and Harold A. were available for questions and comments.

Digital Strategy Committee
Committee Chair – Butch G. – Area 3
Committee Co-Chair – Mike S. – Area 15
Committee Liaison Chair – Cindi C
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.
Since the Denver meeting, Digital Strategy Committee has largely focused on continuation/expansion of items presented in Denver:
Master Literature File – In working with IES in updating the MLF based upon approved changes in Denver, it was noted that ISO/the IES did not have access to editable source copies of approved GA literature; as a result, applying changes was cumbersome and difficult. Working closely with the Literature Committee, the issue has been resolved – at this point, ISO/IES has editable (MS Word format) copies of all approved GA literature, which will more readily allow for implementation of approved literature changes moving forward.
As well, the Master Literature File has been updated to include digital source files (where previously scanned copies had been required), as well including copies of literature with approved changes from the Denver BoT meeting.
Digital Code of Conduct – Based upon the approved motion in Denver, the DSC began development of the framework for a Digital Code of Conduct. However, based upon a review of how expansive such a document would ultimately need to be to properly serve the fellowship in addressing all forms of digital engagement, the effort was discontinued; instead, the DSC plans to support the formation of a new committee which (if approved), would include multiple Trustees, Regents, and Committees, for the sake of developing a comprehensive Digital Guidance Code.
Social media – The DSC has continued collaboration with the PR committee in development and framing of social media for the purpose of GA outreach and attraction. The social media test with 13 areas was a success in every measurable way. There remain questions regarding approval pathways and requirements, which served as the motivation for an agenda item identifying social media as GA-appropriate literature. It is the recommendation of the DSC that this motion be approved by the BoT, in recognition of the fact that any content shared in digital space (including social media) may impact other groups or Gamblers Anonymous as a whole.
Report submitted online.
Butch G. was available for comments and questions.

<u>Pressure Relief Committee – Standing Committee</u>
Committee Chair – Pilar L. – Area 1
Committee Co-Chair – Harold A. – Area 1A
Committee Liaison Chair – Cindi C.
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.
Mission Statement:
To provide Leadership and Support throughout Gambler's 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 strengthen and empower members, groups and Gambler's Anonymous as a whole and will aid in the member's recovery.
The following is the PRGM committee report for the Spring 2026.
The committee met to further discuss numerous topics presented in the last committee report:
1. Undertaking a research project to better understand PRGM promotion and utilization across our areas
2. Establishing a main Point Of Contact for every area, for direct communication and creating a referral list
3. Discuss creating a flyer for the purpose of promoting PRGMs at each local intergroup and meeting level
4. Discuss creating zoom PRGM guidelines
5. Discuss creating digital PRGM forms
6. Discuss creating 2 slide decks for wide distribution "What is a PRGM" and "How does a PRGM work"
The committee created and sent out an email to all trustees requesting contact information for the main person in their area who does pressure relief to begin creating the referral list.
Those responses have begun coming in to the committee email account. The committee has begun to organize that data. Next, the committee will begin an outreach/research campaign, contacting all of the POCs in order to learn more about PRGMs in each area and how the committee can help.
The committee also responded to several email requests for more PRGM information and put several members in contact with PRGM conductors who help people through zoom.
Report submitted online.
Pilar L. was present for questions and comments.

<u>Prison Committee – Canada – Standing Committee</u>
Committee Chair –
Co-Chair –
Committee Liaison Chair – Cindi C.
Mission Statement: To provide telephone, email, and an in-person resource (as feasible) to the Trustees or their designees for the purpose of assisting when a prisoner or institutional staff member is requesting to start an "inside" meeting, or an Intergroup and its committee are outreaching to prisons, jails, etc. Also, to compile in the ISO office an unpublished JIP meeting directory as a much-needed resource for federal, state, and local judges, defense attorneys, prosecutors, probation and parole officers, and clinicians.
This committee has not been active. Pete asked for volunteers to take over chair positions. We will see what occurs in Chicago, it could be disbanded unless someone volunteers.

<u>Prison Committee – US – Standing Committee</u>
Committee Chair – Ed G. – Area 10
Committee Liaison Chair – Cindi C.
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.
Since the last conference in Denver, two prison starter kits were requested and mailed out for the following Facilities.
Branchville Indiana Correctional Facility
Medina, Ohio County Jail
In addition, two prisoners wrote ISO requesting information and were followed up with letters from this committee.
2. London Correctional Facility in London, Ohio was visited by me in February where approximately ninety prisoners attended. To things were accomplished during this visit worth noting:
A. Two members of the Thursday Columbus meeting have started the process of attending the Friday Morning meetings within the facility. With the help of the prison staff, they discovered and corrected the bottleneck that occurred in the process.
B. The Prisoners themselves started two meetings within the walls for themselves using the GA literature to model their program. They named these “anger anonymous” (Anger Management) and “hustlers anonymous” (tailored for drug dealers.)
3. Cuyahoga County, Ohio Jail once again is moving forward. After a glitch in the clearance process, two GA members were finally authorized to proceed with the orientation training. Just within the last few days, the Assistant Warden informed us that there were some minor changes in the schedule and scheduling is soon to happen. Upon completion of the six sessions and 20 hours of training, they along with me will activate these meetings. While I can start them immediately, I personally am not able to commit to weekly meetings alone, but willing to help with the rotation.
4. Attended with the Public Affairs Committee Chair the Ohio Problem Gambling Conference in February in Columbus, OH. Using NETWORKING, he and I both accomplished some terrific things for GA in the State of Ohio. We have found that these events are well attended by professionals who can directly impact on the viability and health of GA within our communities.
5. We are aware of many GA members who, to one degree or another, attend and participate individually in the above-mentioned events in their area. These members can GREATLY ASSIST GA directly by sharing our contact information at these events with whom they find interested. To assist in these events that I cannot attend directly, I have some business cards printed that can be distributed at these events.
Report submitted online.

Ed G. was present for questions and comments.

<u>Public Relations Committee – Standing Committee</u>
Committee Chair – Anthony K. – Area 10
Committee Liaison Chair – Cindi C.
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.
As a committee we have had multiple meetings discussing how to spread awareness that GA does exist. Between the current PR committee members and others in the fellowship, most, if not all, requests to speak to someone were fulfilled.
The trend in many interview requests focused on the rise in sports betting and now the rise in the prediction markets.
Our main goal is to get them to use a website link or hotline number. In some instances they cannot do that but will always mention Gamblers Anonymous so at least people become aware that we exist. Listed below are just a few of the many interview requests we have received.
USA Today
Bloomberg
CNN
Axios
The Guardian
WVIA News
ESPN
New York Times
Akron Beacon Journal
Many different high schools and Universities
It's very important that we maintain our anonymity across press, radio, films, television and the internet. When Gamblers Anonymous is mentioned we should NEVER give our last name, show our face, or say where we live or work. There are many reasons, but here are 2 examples. The first is something one of our founders did and the other is from our literature. Jim W. appeared on a show with another A.A. member, and both had paper sacks over their heads with cut-outs for their eyes, ears and mouths. As our literature states, compulsive gambling is an emotional illness. Part of that illness is selfishness and a self-centered ego. If any one of us, celebrity or not, were to speak for Gamblers Anonymous at a public level two things might happen. First, if that person were to relapse, our image as a Fellowship would be impacted. Second, the ego-feeding created by such a representation may easily put that individual's recovery in great jeopardy.
A subcommittee was formed to update the Young Gamblers In Recovery literature. The last update was almost 20 years ago and with all the newer younger members joining, a few different ideas have been discussed. We have been getting feedback from members in the fellowship and hope to provide more updates in Chicago.
The PR committee and the Digital Oversight Committee collaborated to create AI generated awareness videos that local intergroups would run on various social media sites. Once approved by the BOT, these videos will be usable by local

intergroups on various social media platforms.
Most committee members received the new Awareness Pamphlet and have been distributing it in many different places.
I attended the Ohio Problem Gambling Conference this year, made many contacts, and was able to distribute our literature widely. We are currently in multiple casinos in Ohio, alongside the other responsible gaming literature they have available. Multiple treatment centers and counsellors have also taken the pamphlet to distribute or make available in their offices. Attending the PGNO conference truly opened my eyes to what more can be done to make people aware that we exist. Networking and collaborating with others willing to distribute our literature can attract members to the rooms. From what I have seen they might not go to the GA website to spend money distributing our literature; however, if we provide it, most are willing to take and distribute it. I never ask them to replace our literature with other literature; I simply ask if they will INCLUDE ours as well so people are made aware that GA exists. Local intergroups can purchase pamphlets and reach out to get them distributed as widely as possible.
I have traveled a lot to attend meetings and conferences in other areas. I bring literature to each location to make them aware of what we are doing, hoping the local intergroup will then purchase and distribute it.
We have had a very active committee and have tried to make outsiders aware that GA exists. Going forward we will continue to focus on our current efforts and try to disseminate information about our existence.
Report submitted online.
Anthony K. was present for questions and comments.

<u>Virtual Meeting Committee</u>
Committee Chair – Butch G. – Area 3A
Committee Co-Chair- Luis O. – Area 28
Committee Liaison Chair – Cindi C.
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.
Since the Denver meeting, the Virtual Meeting Committee has been actively working across several key areas in preparation for the implementation of Virtual Trustee Meetings.
Registration & Payment Tracking. The Committee has been developing a framework for a Virtual Trustee Meeting Registration Database, including a dedicated registration/sign-up page, a system for verifying Trustee payments in coordination with the Board of Regents and ISO, and a participant identifier system that would distinguish between attendance levels (attendee, past Trustee, current Trustee, and Executive Committee member), with potential provisions for identifying participants requiring translation access.
Platform & Technology Infrastructure. The Committee has reviewed requirements for virtual meeting platform hosting, including the need for dedicated email accounts and Multi-Factor Authentication provisions for Zoom host accounts. Discussion has also focused on the implementation of

Election Buddy for virtual voting, including billing provisions, vote tabulation reporting protocols, and confirmation that confidentiality requirements for elections (e.g., Regent and Executive Committee elections) can be met. Similarly, the Committee has reviewed the Wordly and BoostLingo translation platforms, including operator access, billing provisions, and protocols for ensuring that foreign Trustees have meaningful opportunity to participate in discussion prior to votes being called.
Budget: Zoom $2,500.00 Election Buddy $800.00 Translation $650.00 Annual cost per Trustee $125.00. Zoom Costs are on an annual subscription. Election buddy and translation costs are for a set number of transactions which may increase or decrease depending on the number of transactions per meeting. After the first year of subscription the cost per trustee will be adjusted according to actual costs.
Meeting Engagement & Documents. Work is underway on digital tools to support active meeting sessions, including document accessibility within the Zoom environment, a fillable digital motion form, and a Robert's Rules icon template, with attention to visibility and real-time communication of floor actions to the meeting chair.
Moderator Structure. The Committee is developing a draft Moderator Proposal outlining a pool of up to twelve moderators (potentially more) covering premeeting support, platform access assistance, Executive Board liaison functions, active session monitoring, document handling, and translation support.
Governance Review. The Committee has begun reviewing the Guidance Code and Rules & Procedures to identify provisions that may require clarification as Virtual Trustee Meetings are implemented. One noted example: the current Guidance Code provision permitting absentee voting as qualifying attendance for foreign Trustees applies to physical meetings only and will need to be clearly communicated.
Trustee Website. The Committee is also working to ensure that the Trustee Website's Virtual Trustee Meeting support page is kept current as protocols are finalized, and is identifying a primary manager for maintaining that page on an ongoing basis.
Report submitted online.
Butch G. was present for questions and comments.

<u>Website Meeting Audit Committee</u>
Committee Chair – Ed G. Area 10
Committee Liaison Chair – Cindi C.
Mission Statement: To assist the International Service Office with maintaining an accurate and current listing of active group meetings by providing the following:
Create a Master (unpublished) list of all known and verified active meetings and a means of contacting a trusted servant from the same.
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.
Provide ISO web admin with a periodically consolidated list of changes that

occurred within that period.
Provide an Email address where updates can be sent that are exclusive for this purpose. **GA.MeetingAuditCommittee@gmail.com**
To the extent possible, verify groups not represented or underrepresented by an Intergroup/Service Board.
1. As documented in the last committee report, the purpose and scope of this committee was to support and participate in updating and keeping updated the meeting lists on the GA website.
2. Several obstacles have and continue to prevent any effective application of the time and efforts of this committee to any tangible results.
3. These issues stagnated progress and at one point, a former trustee suggested I reach out to Mike S., the chair of the Website Committee, discuss issues and compare notes. As a result of this conversation, it became apparent that the obstacles run far deeper than those observed by this committee. They involve the processes and systems that the current GA website operate under.
4. I was invited to the Website Committee meeting where I was "read in" on their current efforts to date, their plans, and their issues they are experiencing.
5. Initially it was my intention to just shut this committee down and rack the experiment up under the "good try" list of failures. HOWEVER
6. As the website committee suggested that the time, effort, and files produced by the audit committee could be used in their holistic rework of the website. I agreed to join forces with them and offer to the extent possible, my passions to the larger cause of creating a strong, viable, and useful GA website.
Therefore, I am formally requesting that this MEETING AUDIT COMMITTEE be dissolved, and our previous work be made available to the WEBSITE COMMITTEE as they progress in their work.
Report submitted online.
Ed G. was present for questions and comments.
This committee has been disbanded and all work completed will be made available to the Trustee/Regent Website Committee.

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 has been 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.
For 5 years our committee diligently met twice a month via zoom to create and review this new GA Fourth Step Inventory Guide. In 2025 we sent out draft copies to some Beta readers, considered their feedback and implemented suggestions where we could. At the Fall 2025 BOT meeting in Denver the agenda item to approve this new piece of GA literature passed its first vote.
The Committee is proud to present an agenda item for the Spring BOT meeting in Houston for its second vote to approve the new 4th Step Inventory Guide. We feel this supports the continued growth and development of our GA literature and reflects GA's ongoing commitment to providing clear, accessible and useful materials to all our members.
We believe this resource can be part of expanding our Program's catalog of quality literature to support members in their recovery and to further strengthen the unity and purpose of our fellowship.
Upon receiving the second vote for approval the committee chair will communicate with Literature committee and ISO staff for next steps for printing.
This concludes the work of this committee.
Report submitted online.
This committee will continue until each step is completed.
Renee G. was present for questions and comments.

<u>**Daily Quotes and Topics Committee**</u>
Committee Chair – Andy R. – Area 12
Committee Chair Liaison – Pete K.
Mission Statement: N/A
No report submitted.

<u>**Future Conference Committee**</u>
Committee Chair – Bill B. – Area 6
Committee Co-Chair – Steve C. – Area 6
Committee Chair Liaison – Pete K.
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.
This committee has been disbanded.

<u>**Joint Trustees/Regents Website Committee**</u>
Committee Chair – Harold A., Area 1A
Committee Co-Chairs: Rob S. – Area 14 and Ara H. – Area 1
Committee Chair Liaison – Pete K.
Mission Statement: pending
The Trustee-Regent Website Committee, over the course of multiple meetings since its inception at the Denver BoT meeting, has worked extensively towards

fulfilling the mission statement approved by the committee (and herein submitted for BoT approval for the Houston conference):

The Trustee-Regent ISO Website Committee, comprised of members of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents of Gamblers Anonymous, is dedicated to enhancing the accessibility, usability, and clarity of information on GamblersAnonymous.org in advancing its service as a vital expression of Step 12.

Through thoughtful collaboration, open communication, and shared stewardship, this committee strives to ensure that the website reflects the spirit, principles, and purpose of the program - offering hope, guidance, and support to the fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous, and to the compulsive gambler who still suffers. Our mission is to create a trusted, welcoming digital presence that strengthens our fellowship, upholds our traditions, and supports recovery worldwide.

The following report summarizes the website development priorities as identified by the Committee. The goal of these priorities is to improve the accessibility, visibility, and effectiveness of the Gamblers Anonymous website as a resource for individuals seeking recovery and for members of the Fellowship worldwide. The recommendations focus on enhancing meeting accessibility, strengthening digital outreach, improving user engagement, and ensuring the website reflects the international scope of Gamblers Anonymous.

The priorities are organized according to Tier classifications, reflecting the urgency and anticipated timeline for committee action.

This report also includes the following supplemental document, provided for Trustee consideration:

- **Exhibit One: "The Case For Change" - Discussion of the importance of the upgrades being presented by this Committee.**

TIER ONE - Near-Term Priorities ("Top 3" Committee Focus Areas)

Comprehensive Restructuring of the GA Meeting Directory (Improve & Simplify)

The highest priority is a full modernization of the Gamblers Anonymous meeting directory to improve usability, accuracy, and accessibility for individuals seeking meetings. The meeting directory needs to be easy to use, easy to update, and easy for visitors – especially newcomers – to quickly find a meeting.

Key initiatives include:

- **Creating a simple online form that allows authorized members to submit new meetings or update existing ones, with final review and approval by ISO before being added to the directory.**

- **Reviewing and updating all existing meetings to ensure the information is accurate, complete, and current.**
- **Presenting all meeting information in a clear and consistent format, including helpful details such as building name and links to Intergroup or RSO websites.**
- **Making it easier to search for meetings by allowing users to filter by location (city, state, country), day, time, and type (in-person or virtual).**
- **Improving how virtual meetings are listed, so users can quickly find the next available meeting regardless of where they live.**
- **Including all GA telephone meetings, not just a limited subset currently listed.**
- **Providing clear and helpful time references, so users understand when meetings occur in their local time.**

The overall goal is to ensure that anyone seeking help can quickly and confidently find a meeting without confusion or frustration.

Critical Next Steps: It is important to note that once the development of the GA Meeting Directory and Infrastructure is complete, the committee will invest significant efforts in auditing the ~3100 meetings currently listed in the website's database. While the committee will be working closely with the developer who implements the upgrades to facilitate this auditing process, the auditing itself will be executed solely by committee members, inclusive of a host of considerations which have been identified during due diligence to this point:

1. **Identifying meetings listed in the directory that are no longer active.**
2. **Identifying meetings with outdated or incorrect information.**
3. **Identifying meetings that need additional information to align with the new web-based meeting entry form, noting that the updated Meeting Directory will display considerably more detailed information than is currently shown.**
4. **Identifying active meetings which are not represented in the Meeting Directory.**
5. **Populating the directory with all existing Gamblers Anonymous Phone Meetings, which are currently not listed on the website at all.**

The Committee is also happy to report that Ed G (Area 10) came aboard in April, and will be rolling his Website Audit Committee into the Trustee-Regent ISO Website Committee, for the sake of facilitating this audit effort and to help develop standardized guidelines to help ensure that the meeting directory can be maintained in a current and accurate manner.

It is important that this audit cannot be completed by one person alone, and that the Committee will be heavily reliant on Trustees and local Intergroups/RSO's to

provide current meeting information in a format which aligns with the new standard for the website. The Committee requests support from the entire Fellowship in this regard, given the enormity of the undertaking and the logistics associated with implementation:

- **There are currently 82 Areas (Intergroups and RSOs): 57 in North America and 25 outside the NA area. Of those, 18 have no Trustees currently allocated, and an additional 4–5 have no active trustee despite allocation. It is unclear in some of those cases whether an established Intergroup, RSO, or local GA area website with a maintained meeting schedule even exists.**
- **For each area, we would need current meeting schedules that include all of the information noted in the new web-based meeting entry form – this will require meaningful support from RSO's and Intergroups in gathering more data than they may currently keep on file.**

The magnitude of this effort cannot be overstated, and this Committee genuinely hopes that the Trustees and local Intergroup/RSO Trusted Servants will be able to make a committed effort to support this auditing process, understanding the critical nature of providing meaningful, current, accurate meeting information to anyone who may find their way to the site.

Strengthening Digital Visibility and Website Engagement

Currently, gamblersanonymous.org does not appear within the top 20-25 results for any search related to gambling addiction/recovery. The Gamblers Anonymous website should be one of the first and most helpful resources people see when searching online for help with a gambling problem. Once visitors arrive, the site should feel welcoming, clear, and supportive, and make it easy to take the next step toward attending a meeting.

Key improvements include:

- **Updating website content (use of specific keywords which commonly appear in searches related to gambling addiction and related topics) so it appears more prominently in online search results, helping more people find GA when they need it.**

- **Keeping the homepage fresh and engaging, with regularly updated content such as member experiences, recovery stories, and highlights from GA literature.**

- **Providing clear links to local GA websites, helping visitors connect with meetings and resources in their area.**

- **Improving the overall look and readability of the site, using clear headings, simple formatting, and an easy-to-follow layout, in addition to more** aesthetically engaging color palettes (in lieu of the high contrast color contrasts with monochromatic background).

- Including supportive messages and relatable examples that help visitors feel understood and less alone in their struggles. Include language which directly engages different forms of compulsive gambling (including but not limited to casinos, track races, sports wagering, lotto, online gambling, predictive/polymarket speculation, stock market/cryptocurrency speculation, etc.), reinforcing the central message that "you are not alone".
- Adding a world map feature that allows users to find GA resources in their region and connect to local Intergroup or RSO websites (anticipated "Day 2" feature as questions of Intergroups/RSO's without an active site are considered and means of resolution explored).
- Displaying a live list of upcoming virtual meetings directly on the homepage, highlighting meetings starting soon (anticipated "Day 2" feature, insofar as implementation of this feature will rely upon completion of the Meeting Restructuring efforts noted above, in addition to completion of a detailed audit of the current meeting database to verify accuracy and alignment with updated meeting directory information).
- Ensuring the entire website works well on mobile devices, since many users will access the site from their phones.

These improvements are intended to make the website more visible, more welcoming, and more helpful for individuals taking their first step toward recovery.

Enhancement of the GA Store

The GA Store should better explain the purpose and value of Gamblers Anonymous literature and materials, helping members and visitors understand how these resources support recovery.

Recommended improvements include:

- Higher quality product imagery.
- More detailed descriptions explaining the recovery value and purpose of literature and materials.

These upgrades will help members and visitors better understand the resources available to support recovery.

TIER TWO - Medium–Long Term Priorities

International Accessibility and Global Integration

As an international fellowship, all website enhancements should reflect and support the worldwide nature of Gamblers Anonymous.

Future improvements should include:

- **Ensuring all new website features are adaptable to international areas outside the United States.**

The goal is to ensure that anyone, anywhere in the world, can easily find and connect with Gamblers Anonymous.

Develop Email Communication and Member Outreach Tools

The website should provide a way for visitors to stay connected to Gamblers Anonymous after their initial visit, especially for those who may not yet be ready to attend a meeting.

Key improvements include:

- **Allowing visitors to sign up for GA emails through a simple and secure process.**
- **Sharing helpful content through email, such as:**
  - **The LifeLine Bulletin**
  - **Periodic recovery messages**
  - **Short excerpts from GA literature**
- **Ensuring that all communications are thoughtful, respectful, and aligned with GA principles, with content reviewed by appropriate committee members.**

These efforts will help provide ongoing encouragement and connection for individuals seeking recovery.

Educational Video Content

The website may benefit from the addition of video/media resources, such as presentations of the Gamblers Anonymous "20 Questions" themes, social media outreach initiatives, podcasts, and other media content, providing an accessible introduction to the program for newcomers.

Report submitted online.
Harold A. and Mike S. were present for questions and comments.

<u>Telephone Conference Call Committee</u>
Committee Chair – Greg M. – Area 13
Committee Chair Liaison – Pete K.

Mission Statement:
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.

1) **To formulate, implement and maintain rules and procedures covering all aspects of the telephone conference call meetings, with Board of Trustee approval.**
2) **To be responsible for coordinating the Gamblers Anonymous members who will administrate the individual telephone conference call meetings.**
3) **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.**
4) **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.**

Our Committee would like to clear up a misconception that has been circulating concerning the cost of our Telephone Conference Call Meeting. The platform that is used for the calls is ENTIRELY FREE.

There is no cost to Gamblers Anonymous nor to the members who call in.

We cannot stress enough that we strongly urge every Trustee to attend at least one of our meetings. The recovery that is happening each week is palpable. The attendees are compulsive gamblers who are hungry for recovery and who are experiencing recovery in this setting. Many of our meeting attendees are new in recovery. There are also attendees who have been attending telephone conference call meetings and maintaining freedom from gambling for several years! We find their dedication to recovery and their hunger for the Fellowship of the GA program inspiring!

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. At the Friday afternoon meeting, newcomers are welcomed and read the 20 Questions following the meeting. Members with 90 days or more of clean time are encouraged to make comments sharing their experience, strength, and hope with the newcomer. At a recent Wednesday night meeting, 7 newcomers joined the Fellowship, which was remarkable and shows the desire that is out there to find help.

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. We have seen recently a slight increase in our numbers.

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:
weeklycallhelp@gmail.com
We receive an average of between 3 and 10 requests for assistance or information per week. The committee 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. We are willing to train anyone who is interested. The time commitment could be as little as 2 meetings per month. Please have interested members send an email to
weeklycalhelp@gmail.com
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.
We are willing to train any person who is interested! Please send an email to:
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.
Greg M. was present for questions and comments.

<u>Trustee Removal Merit Panel – Standing Committee</u>
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.

<u>Trustee Website Committee – Standing Committee</u>
Committee Chair – Butch G. – Area 3A
Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.
Mission Statement:
To oversee the Trustee website.
To periodically review all websites that infer or imply membership or

representation of the Fellowship or Corporation of Gamblers Anonymous and evaluate the websites for compliance with approved Local Area Website Guidelines. Trustees and area trusted servants will be made aware of any deficiencies that need to be corrected. Websites from outside entities are not included.
To review new designs, features, enhancements and any other changes that would be demonstrated to the Board of Trustees for approval and deployment to any website approved by the Board of Trustees.
No Report submitted.

Committees with Steve F. as Co-Chair Liaison

Chronological History Committee
Committee Chair – Andy D. - Area 18
Committee Liaison Chair – Steve F.
Mission Statement: To write the history of Gamblers Anonymous.
As previously stated, we have split the project into two books. We are concentrating on updating and correcting information from pages 119 to 425 (first meeting in each country, US state, Canadian province and Australian state) from the 2027 50th anniversary book *Preserving Our Past, For The Future*.
We hoped to have this available for the October BoT meeting but think this is unlikely. If it is not ready for October, we will try to have it ready for the 2027 70th anniversary committee to include in their conference book. It will then be submitted for approval at the 2028 spring BoT meeting.
Report submitted online.
Andy D. was present for questions and comments.

GA Promises Committee
Committee Chair – Barbara L. – Area 8E
Committee Liaison Chair – Steve F.
Mission Statement: pending
Overview
The Gamblers Anonymous Promises Committee continues its work in developing a meaningful and unified text that reflects the "Promises" of the Gamblers Anonymous Program.
The goal is to create a set of Assurances that clearly communicate to every member what the program offers through active participation and recovery.
Mission Statement
To construct a version of the recovery "Promises" as Gamblers Anonymous Assurances, conceptualizing the life changes we have encountered in working the Gamblers Anonymous Program of Recovery.
Purpose and Objectives
The committee is focused on drafting language that:
► Reflects the real-life experiences of members in recovery
► Communicates hope, growth, and transformation
► Serves as a reminder to all members of the benefits of working the program
► Aligns with the principles and traditions of Gamblers Anonymous

Meeting Activity
2025: Several virtual meetings were held throughout the year
One in-person meeting took place during the Denver Trustee Meeting
2026: Seven virtual meetings have been conducted to date
For each virtual meeting, a formal agenda and reminder were distributed in advance to ensure structure, participation, and continuity of work.
Progress and Committee Work
The committee has engaged in ongoing discussions, drafts, and revisions aimed at developing language that resonates with the Gamblers Anonymous fellowship. Emphasis has been placed on clarity, inclusivity, and staying true to the spirit of recovery as experienced by members.
Conclusion
The committee has two first drafts of a GA Assurances document and will continue our work to refine them into a coherent inspirational message.
Report submitted online.

<u>**Hotline Implementation Committee**</u>
Committee Chair – Andy G. – Area 13B
Committee Co-Chair – Ron B. – Area 6B
Committee Liaison Chair – 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 2025 BOT Meeting in Denver, CO, the committee has held two (2) quarterly meetings – December 10, 2025 and March 9, 2026. Highlights from those meetings are as follows:
• Two more areas have migrated to the National Hotline since the last BOT Meeting.
Area 1A Orange County, CA
Area 10A West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania & Steubenville, Ohio
• We continue to reach out to areas that have not made a commitment to migrate to National. West of the Mississippi, with the exception of Kansas City and the West Coast, is not participating and North and South Carolina are still undecided.
• Scott has worked with Area Hotline Coordinators to update their area volunteer information. Updated information can be found on Hotline Implementation –

TrusteeWebsite.com.
• Next scheduled Hotline Implementation Committee meeting is June 9, 2026 at 8:30 pm est.
Report submitted online.

<u>International Relations Committee</u>
Committee 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.
Igor stepped down as Chair for this committee.
OVERVIEW
Since the Fall BOT Meeting, the International Relations Committee has continued to strengthen communication among Areas, assist emerging fellowships, support translation efforts, and expanding outreach to compulsive gamblers worldwide.
The IRC has continued to experience increased international engagement across Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Southeast Asia, and East Asia. Activity has included new country development, meeting registrations, virtual fellowship growth, literature and translation inquiries, website corrections, governance-related questions, and ongoing mentorship of emerging fellowships.
During this reporting period, the IRC also held three Zoom meetings to coordinate ongoing efforts, share updates, and support communication among committee members. The committee remains focused on GA's primary purpose — to carry its message to the compulsive gambler who still suffers.
The IRC would also like to express its sincere gratitude to all members who contribute their time and effort to help carry the message to the compulsive gambler who still suffers.
CONTACT WITH AREAS AND INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY
Indonesia (Bali): The first GA meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2026. Preambles have been translated into Bahasa Indonesia. The New Group Starter Kit was sent. Registration and translation guidance are ongoing.
Turkey: A decision was made to integrate into the international GA fellowship. Language barriers are being addressed through translation tools, and guidance on registration and meeting format has been provided.
China: A small virtual fellowship is developing, with members active across multiple cities. Meetings are conducted online, and Step work is underway. Registration has been postponed to focus on recovery.
Philippines: A concern was raised regarding the use of the GA name by a group not affiliated with Area 38A. The matter has been referred to the Area Trustee.
South Korea (Osan Air Base): Information on virtual meetings was provided in response to an inquiry.
Austria: An inquiry was received from an individual seeking access to online GA meetings. English-speaking
meetings were acceptable, and virtual meeting information was provided.
Portugal: An inquiry was received from a GA member in recovery seeking access to meetings. The individual reported nearly two years without gambling and requested

participation despite limited English proficiency.
Information on virtual meetings was provided.
Bangladesh (Dhaka): An individual reached out following recent gambling losses, expressing a strong desire to
stop gambling and requested access to online meetings. Information on virtual meetings was provided.
Spain (Barcelona): An individual reached out for the first time seeking help for gambling addiction, noting limited Spanish language ability. Information on virtual meetings in English was provided.
Bahamas: A compulsive gambler seeking assistance was directed to the ISO website for local meetings and was also provided with additional Zoom meeting options in English.
Thailand (Jomtien / Pattaya): Inquiries were received regarding meeting access and local support. Challenges were noted, including limited contact information, lack of Thai-language literature or website content, and incomplete meeting location details.
United Arab Emirates (Dubai): An in-person meeting was registered and listed on the ISO website. The Starter Package was returned due to customs issues.
Russia (Rostov-on-Don): Meetings have been officially listed on the ISO website.
Peru: Meeting listings were reviewed and corrected, including clarification of virtual versus in-person meetings and formats.
Egypt: All inquiries were provided with links to virtual GA meetings.
Kenya: An individual seeking GA support was provided with virtual meeting information.
Cameroon: An individual expressed interest in raising awareness about the dangers of compulsive gambling and requested educational materials. The individual was also connected with a compulsive gambler from Cape Town and a GA member from France.

TRANSLATION PROGRESS

Ukraine, Turkey, Indonesia, India: Formal requests have been submitted to translate GA literature into these languages, pending BOT review.
Vietnamese language: An inquiry was received; however, no approved GA literature is currently available.
Chinese language: The translation process has been explained; no formal request has been submitted.
United Arab Emirates: It was clarified that ISO store materials are the only approved GA literature.

REPRESENTATION & AFFILIATION CONCERNS

Philippines: A concern was raised regarding the use of the GA name by a group not affiliated with Area 38A. The matter has been referred to the Area Trustee.
Czech Republic: A disagreement between GA groups regarding hybrid meetings was brought forward. Concerns included anonymity, meeting integrity, and national impact.
Brazil: An academic inquiry was received requesting assistance in distributing research materials to GA members and was forwarded to Area Trustees.

AREAS WITHOUT ELECTED TRUSTEES

There are currently seven Areas without elected trustees. The IRC proposes reaching out to each to better understand the reasons elections have not been held and to support full representation on the BOT.
FUTURE FOCUS AND PLANS
Continue to expand GA outreach in emerging regions, particularly Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and Africa.
Support the development of virtual-first fellowships where in-person meetings are not yet established.
Address increasing demand for translation into additional languages.
Improve communication and coordination regarding literature inventory and planning.
Continue mentoring new groups and strengthening international connections.
Report submitted online.
Igor K. was present for questions and comments.

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.
Project Summary: Literature Digitalization & Review
Conversion Progress
At the request of the Digital Strategy Committee, the committee has been converting legacy PDF source files into editable formats to eliminate the need for manual retyping.
- **Total Requests: 20 pieces of literature**
- **Completed: 16 documents successfully converted to editable formats.**
- **In Progress: 2 documents currently undergoing conversion.**
- **On Hold: 1 document currently on hold pending outcome of Board of Trustee vote**
- **N/A: 1 document identified as non-source material; no conversion required.**

Editorial Updates
The Literature Committee has completed a series of formatting, grammar, and structural revisions of the last publication of the Combo Book. These updates will be implemented in the next scheduled printing.
Six-Month Outlook
Our primary focus will shift to a systematic review of all current literature, prioritizing documents by their oldest revision dates. This review includes:
- **Correcting typographical, grammatical, and structural errors.**
- **Identifying outdated verbiage to be submitted to the Board of Trustees for amended publication approval.**

Membership
The committee remains open to new members and encourages those interested in contributing to our editorial process to join.

Report submitted online.
Roxanne D. was present for questions and comments.
Committee is open to new members.

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.
No report submitted.

K) Action and Discussion Items

RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. **RULES AND PROCEDURES**
Change in existing Rules and Procedures
Section 7.06(c) (indicating a time limit of five minutes for Committee Reports) directly contradicts Section 33.01(b)1 (indicating a time limit of fifteen minutes for Committee Reports). The proposed version changes Section 7.06(c) to align with Section 33.01(b)1.
Current Version: – Committee reports are given a maximum of 5 minutes. Committee chairmen are required to submit their committee reports to the Trustee website no later than 2 weeks before the beginning of the Trustee meeting to give the Trustees time to study the work and formulate their opinions for discussion.
Proposed Version: – Committee reports are given a maximum of 15 minutes. Committee chairmen are required to submit their committee reports to the Trustee website no later than 2 weeks before the beginning of the Trustee meeting to give the Trustees time to study the work and formulate their opinions for discussion.
Mike S., Area 15 – New York City & Surrounding Areas
This item was withdrawn.
This item chaired by Pete K., Chair.

2. **RULES AND PROCEDURES**
Add New Rules and Procedures Under Section 7.04
Committee Members (a) add 1.) Trustees may serve on no more than three committees simultaneously. This limitation is intended to prevent overcommitment and to promote broader participation among trustees in committee work. Limiting committee assignments helps ensure that trustees are able to actively contribute to the committees on which they serve while also providing opportunities for other trustees to participate in committee

activities.
Current Version: None
Proposed Version:
Section 7.04 Committee members

a) **Although volunteers are asked for at the formation of the committee, members may be added at any time.**

1.) **Trustees may serve on no more than three committees simultaneously. This limitation is intended to prevent overcommitment and to promote broader participation among trustees in committee work. Limiting committee assignments helps ensure that trustees are able to actively contribute to the committees on which they serve while also providing opportunities for other trustees to participate in committee activities.**

b) **Eligibility**
   1) **Committee members must meet the same requirements as those members wishing to be Trustees.**

c) **Removals**
   1) **If the committee chair is unable to get the cooperation of any member, either through participation, sharing the workload or communication, the committee chair will have option to have that member removed from the committee. Removal may also be carried out if the committee member no longer meets the requirements of being a Trustee.**

Walter G – Area 12 – New Jersey and Northeastern Pennsylvania
Motion as written.
Item failed majority.
This item chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair.

3. **RULES AND PROCEDURES**

Add new rules and procedures
Add New Rule to Article VII. Committees Section 7.01 Add 2) A Trustee may serve as a Committee Chair or Co-Chair on no more than one committee at a time. This limitation is intended to prevent overcommitment and to promote broader participation among trustees in leadership roles. Limiting chair and co-chair positions helps ensure that trustees are able to effectively fulfill their leadership responsibilities while also providing opportunities for other trustees to participate in committee leadership and activities.
Current Version: None
Proposed Version: Article VII. Committee's Section 7.01
The Chairman of the B.O.T, establishes committees to do the necessary and ongoing work of the B.O.T, in between B.O.T, meetings. Each committee will have a Chair Liaison to oversee the committee. The liaison will either be the Chair of the B.O.T. or one of the Co-Chairs.
Committee chair
1. Assignment The Chairman of the BOT will assign all committee chairs. It will be the Chairman's discretion to either appoint someone with or without requests for someone to volunteer for the position. A committee chair must be

a GA member and does not have to be a Trustee. If the designated committee chair is not a current Trustee, then a current Trustee must be appointed as a committee co-chair. If the Chairman is unsuccessful in fulfilling the above requirements before the current session is over, then the committee will not be formed.
2. Trustees may serve as a Committee Chair or Co-Chair on no more than one committee at a time. This limitation is intended to prevent overcommitment and to promote broader participation among trustees in leadership roles. Limiting chair and co-chair positions helps ensure that trustees are able to effectively fulfill their leadership responsibilities while also providing opportunities for other trustees to participate in committee leadership and activities.
Walter G – Area 12 – New Jersey and North Eastern Pennsylvania
Motion as written.
This item failed majority.
This item chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair

4. **RULES AND PROCEDURES**
Article XXXIV Trustee Meetings Only Add Section 34.02
Current Version – None
Proposed Version – If more than one location proposes to hold a Trustee meeting only, the decision will be made by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees. The majority vote will consist of 50% + 1 of all eligible voting Trustees; absentee ballots are not eligible if the item is brought up at the meeting.
Butch G – Committee Chair – Virtual Meeting Committee
This item was ruled out of order.
There was a challenge of the chair's decision.
A vote showed chair was in order.
This item was chaired by Pete K., Chair

ITEMS UP FOR SECOND VOTE

5. **NEW LITERATURE (attachment)**
Item 36 in Denver
Approve new literature from a committee
Committee: Fourth Step Inventory Review
Current Version: None
Proposed Version: Gamblers Anonymous Fourth Step Guide
Renee G., Area 8A – Minnesota
This item passed. 2nd vote.
This item chaired by Cindi C., 2nd Co-Chair

6. **LITERATURE CHANGE**
Item 39 in Denver
Guidance Code – Article IV – Declaration Principles to Maintain Unity
11. 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.
Roxanne D – Area 3D – Arizona and New Mexico
Discussion only.
This item chaired by Cindi C., 2nd Co-Chair

TABLED FROM DENVER

7. **Current Literature**
Change in All GA Literature
Remove physical address from the back page of all literature
Current Version:
GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE
OFFICE
1306 Monte Vista Avenue, Suite 5
Upland, CA 91786
PHONE: (909) 931-9056
FAX: (909) 931-9059
WEBSITE: www.gamblersanonymous.org
E-MAIL: isomain@gamblersanonymous.org
Proposed Version:
GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE
OFFICE
PHONE: (909) 931-9056
FAX: (909) 931-9059
WEBSITE: www.gamblersanonymous.org
E-MAIL: isomain@gamblersanonymous.org
Paulette T. – Area 6B – West Coast of Florida
Motion to switch the website and email placement and then add a QR code to the bottom.
The order of information is Phone, Fax, E-Mail, Website, QR Code.
Item passed. 1st Vote.
Needs 2nd vote.
This item was chaired by Cindi C., 2nd Co-Chair

NEW BUSINESS

CONFERENCE BIDS

8. **Spring 2027 Conference**

The Spring 2027 Conference is open for bids
This will be a Board of Trustees meeting only.
There was discussion that Area 12 is working on something for Newark, NJ. More information will be given at a later date.
Andy R. presented information on this. There are two hotels that bid for it. Hotels are affordable. Weekend of April 2-5, 2027, would be the dates looked at. There is a possibility of a mini conference as well.
This item was chaired by Cindi C., 2nd Co-Chair

9. **Spring 2027 Conference**
   The Virtual Meeting Committee would like to hold a Virtual Trustee Meeting for the Spring 2027 Trustee Meeting.
   Butch G., Committee Chair – Virtual Meeting Committee
   No discussion.
   This item was chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair

10. **Fall 2027 Conference**
    The Los Angeles Intergroup to host an International Conference in the Fall of 2027, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Gamblers Anonymous.
    Guy H. presented information on this and a flier was distributed.
    The hotel won't make reservations until 1 year before the conference. However, Area 1 was told that if you call them, they will put you on a waiting list and contact you the minute that reservations can be accepted.
    This item was chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair

Discussion / Literature Changes / New Literature

GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

11. **GENERAL DISCUSSION**
    Definition of Relationship between Gamblers Anonymous Relationship and Gam-Anon. We are separate, cooperating, self-supporting, organizations and do not share in each other's corporate, legal, financial, or program identities. These organizations respect each other's programs and 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., Area 1A – Orange County, California
    Item ruled out of order. This already exists in our Group Handbook.
    This item was chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair

12. **GENERAL DISCUSSION**
    Discuss whether setting up tables in or near gambling establishments violates our Unity Program and page 17 of the combo book.
    Cindi C. for Colette A., Area 8 – Chicagoland
    Discussion only.

This item was chaired by Pete K., Chair

Item 33 was presented before moving on

LITERATURE CHANGES

13. GUIDANCE CODE
Article VII – Groups, Article X – Intergroup Guidelines – Section 10 – Item 4
Add requirements on reporting from the Intergroup Treasurer.
Current Version: – Duties of the TREASURER are to collect, record and prepare for disbursement all funds collected from the groups, to prepare monthly statement of finances, to see that pins and literature are available to groups upon request and should be one of two signatures required on checks.
Proposed Version: – Duties of the TREASURER are to collect, record and prepare for disbursement all funds collected from the groups, to prepare monthly statement of finances. It shall be mandatory for all Gamblers Anonymous Intergroups to disclose their financial standing at every meeting. This disclosure must include the opening treasury balance, total donations/collections received, any disbursements or debts incurred, and the final closing balance to ensure full transparency for all group members. To see that pins and literature are available to groups upon request and should be one of two signatures required on checks.
Joey P., Area 15 – New York City and Surrounding Areas
Motion as written.
Item failed two-thirds. 58 For 29 Against
This item was chaired by Pete K., Chair

14. GUIDANCE CODE
Article VI – Groups – Section 3
Add requirements on reporting from the group/room Treasurer.
Each group is self-governing however, by tradition each group should elect a SECRETARYTREASURER (can be the same person, only if a new room), PRESSURE RELIEF GROUP CHAIRMAN, GROUP REPRESENTATIVE, PUBLIC RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE, … It is suggested that the following be added to the end of section 3 It shall be mandatory for all Gamblers Anonymous rooms to disclose their financial standing at every meeting. This disclosure must include the opening treasury balance, total donations/collections received during the week or meeting, any disbursements or debts incurred, and the final closing balance to ensure full transparency for all group members.
Current Version: – Each group is self-governing however, by tradition each group should elect a SECRETARYTREASURER (can be the same person, only if a new room), PRESSURE RELIEF GROUP CHAIRMAN, GROUP REPRESENTATIVE, PUBLIC RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE, who will assume the workload necessary to keep the group together and in operation. A member can only be TREASURER for one (1) room at a time. It is suggested

that group trusted servants be elected for a three (3), four (4) or six (6) month period, to be decided by each individual group. It is further suggested that no secretary, treasurer, group representative, pressure relief group chairman, or public relations representative be elected that has not abstained from gambling for at least six (6) months, unless it is a brand-new group. All positions should be rotated at the end of each term. This suggestion is based upon experience.

Proposed Version: – Each group is self-governing however, by tradition each group should elect a SECRETARYTREASURER (can be the same person, only if a new room), PRESSURE RELIEF GROUP CHAIRMAN, GROUP REPRESENTATIVE, PUBLIC RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE, who will assume the workload necessary to keep the group together and in operation. A member can only be TREASURER for one (1) room at a time. It is suggested that group trusted servants be elected for a three (3), four (4) or six (6) month period, to be decided by each individual group. It is further suggested that no secretary, treasurer, group representative, pressure relief group chairman, or public relations representative be elected that has not abstained from gambling for at least six (6) months, unless it is a brand-new group. All positions should be rotated at the end of each term. This suggestion is based upon experience. It shall be mandatory for all Gamblers Anonymous groups/rooms to disclose their financial standing at every meeting. This disclosure must include the opening treasury balance, total donations/collections received during the week or meeting, any disbursements or debts incurred, and the final closing balance to ensure full transparency for all group members.

Joey P., Area 15 – New York City and Surrounding Areas

Motion as written.

Item passed 62 For 22 Against 1st Vote

Needs 2nd vote.

This item was chaired by Pete K., Chair

15. CURRENT LITERATURE

Other Existing Literature – G.A. Information Packet – Page 3 – bottom of the page – item #3

Change verbiage to stay in compliance with Rules and Procedures Pleasanton 19.04

Current Version:

#3 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:

#3 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.

Roxanne D – Area 3D – Arizona and New Mexico

This item was withdrawn.

16. **CURRENT LITERATURE**
Other Existing Literature – G.A. Information Packet – Page 6, top of the page, bullet #8
Change verbiage to stay in compliance with Rules and Procedures Pleasanton 19.04
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.
Roxanne D – Area 3D – Arizona and New Mexico
This item was withdrawn.

17. **CURRENT LITERATURE**
Other Existing Literature – G.A. Questions and Answers Pamphlet – Page 1 What is the first thing a compulsive gambler ought to do in order to stop gambling. Page 1 How can you tell if you are a compulsive gambler? Change verbiage to stay in compliance with Rules and Procedures – Pleasanton 19.04
Current Version: The compulsive gambler needs to be willing to accept the fact that he or she is in the grip.....a person whose gambling has caused growing and continuing problems in any department of his or her life.
Proposed Version: The compulsive gambler needs to be willing to accept the fact that they are in the grip.. a person whose gambling has caused growing and continuing problems in any department of their life.
Roxanne D – Area 3D – Arizona and New Mexico
This item was withdrawn.

18. **CURRENT LITERATURE**
Other Existing Literature
G.A. "A New Beginning" – (Red Book), 6th Ed Dec 2024
Page 8 of the G.A. Red Book is/was intended to match Page 17 of the Combo Book but has not been updated as the Combo Book has been revised. This change as proposed would modify Page 8 of the Red Book to restore consistency with the Combo Book Page 17 (as updated through the Denver 2025 BoT meeting approved changes).
Current Version: See attachment for current version of the Red Book page 8.
Proposed Version: See attachment for proposed revision.
Mike S. – Area 15 – New York City & Surrounding Areas
This item was withdrawn.

19. **CURRENT LITERATURE**
Other Existing Literature
Gamblers Anonymous Questions and Answers About the Problem of Compulsive Gambling and the G.A. Recovery Program
Page 1, 3rd paragraph, under "What is the first thing a compulsive gambler ought to do in order to stop gambling?"
Change verbiage to stay in compliance with Rules and Procedures –

Pleasanton 19.04
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 and has a desire to get well.
Proposed Version: The compulsive gambler needs to be willing to accept the fact that they are in the grip of a progressive illness and have a desire to get well.
Roxanne D – Area 3D – Arizona and New Mexico
This item was withdrawn.

20. CURRENT LITERATURE
Other Existing Literature
Gamblers Anonymous Questions and Answers About the Problem of Compulsive Gambling and the G.A. Recovery Program
Page 1, 4th paragraph, 2nd sentence, under "How can you tell whether you are a compulsive gambler?"
Change verbiage to stay in compliance with Rules and Procedures Pleasanton 19.04
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.
Roxanne D – Area 3D – Arizona and New Mexico
This item was withdrawn.

21. NEW LITERATURE
Approve new literature – Merit Vote
Current Version: – None
Proposed Version: – Keychain for 18 MONTHS of abstinence.
Eric F. – Area 1 – Central CA, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii
Motion as written.
This item passed. 1st vote.
Needs 2nd vote.
This item was chaired by Cindi C., 2nd Co-Chair

22. APPROPRIATE LITERATURE (attachment)
To categorize digital media as appropriate literature.
To recognize that all forms of digital media are appropriate literature for this organization.
Current Version: – None
Proposed Version: – See Attached
Butch G – Committee Chair – Digital Strategy Committee
No discussion

COMMITTEE RELATED

23. COMMITTEE RELATED

Request a new committee

Gamblers Anonymous has many literature sources which explore the 12 Steps of Recovery in greater detail than the listing of the steps shown in the Combo Book. These sources are often used in step work, at both the individual and group level. However, when it comes to the Unity Program, there isn't nearly as much examination of the Unity Steps. Beyond short chapters in the Blue Book and Red Book, there isn't any GA-approved literature which explores the meaning of the Unity Steps on a deeper level.

The Gamblers Anonymous Group Study Book On The Unity Steps is currently limited to twelve pages of questions related to each Unity Step; the introduction suggests that beyond the Blue Book and Red Book, no other material is needed.

Permission is requested to form a committee which would revise this workbook, to include a detailed examination of each Unity Step which could be used alongside the questions offered as discussion points, similar to how Working The Steps provides detailed information about the Recovery Steps before presenting discussion points and questions.

It is my opinion that the Unity Program is just as important to the health of the Gamblers Anonymous fellowship, as the Recovery Program is to the health of the individual, and that we as an organization should foster a greater awareness and appreciation for the meanings behind the words on pages 6 and 7 of the Combo Book.

Mike S. – Area 15 – New York City & Surrounding Areas

This will be known as the Unity Study Guide Committee.

Chair – Mike S., Area 15

Members: Don A., Area 3A, Roxanne D., Area 3D, Renee G., Area 8A, Jeff R., Area 8E., Mary W., Area 8.

This item was chaired by Cindi C., 2nd Co-Chair and Pete K., Chair

24. COMMITTEE RELATED

Request a new committee

Digital Guidance Code Committee: Committee to be formed for the expressed purpose of drafting a unified Digital Guidance Code for Gamblers Anonymous that sets clear, Fellowship-aligned standards for online engagement (websites, social media, digital publications, virtual meeting infrastructure, and related communications). Upon completion, the Digital Guidance Code would be submitted for Board of Trustee approval, and upon approval/ratification, the Committee would be disbanded.

Mike S. – Area 15 – New York City & Surrounding Areas

Motion as written but add "The use of Ga copyright logos and symbols are protected. They may not be used, copied or reproduced without the written permission of Gamblers Anonymous."

Motion to commit back to committee.

This item has been committed back to the committee.

This item was chaired by Cindi C., 2nd Co-Chair

25. **COMMITTEE RELATED**
Trustee-Regent ISO Website Committee Proposed Committee Mission Statement
Current Version: – None
Proposed Version: – The Trustee-Regent ISO Website Committee, comprised of members of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents of Gamblers Anonymous, is dedicated to enhancing the accessibility, usability, and clarity of information on GamblersAnonymous.org in advancing its service as a vital expression of Step 12.
Through thoughtful collaboration, open communication, and shared stewardship, this committee strives to ensure that the website reflects the spirit, principles, and purpose of the program – offering hope, guidance, and support to the fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous, and to the compulsive gambler who still suffers. Our mission is to create a trusted, welcoming digital presence that strengthens our fellowship, upholds our traditions, and supports recovery worldwide.
Harold A – Committee Chair
Motion as written
This item passed.
This item was chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair

26. **GENERAL DISCUSSION (attachment)**
Provide a comprehensive update on the status and ongoing efforts of Trustee-Regent ISO Website Committee activities, with respect to Tier One priorities identified in the Committee Report.
Mike S., Trustee – Regent ISO Website Committee
Discussion only.
This item chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair

27. **COMMITTEE RELATED**
The GA Promises Committee's proposed mission statement:
To construct a version of the recovery "Promises" as Gamblers Anonymous Assurances, conceptualizing the life changes we have encountered in working the Gamblers Anonymous Program of Recovery.
GA Promises Committee
Motion as written
This item passed.
This item was chaired by Steve F., 1st Co-Chair

INTERNATIONAL AREAS

28. **GENERAL DISCUSSION (attachment)**
The Ural Area, Russia, has formally submitted all required documentation in accordance with the GA Guidance Code, requesting recognition as an official Gamblers Anonymous Area and the allocation of one Trustee seat.
Igor K. – Area 3 – SOUTHERN NEVADA; MESQUITE, NV; ST. GEORGE &

CEDAR CITY, UTAH; BULLHEAD, AZ; AND PAHRUMP, BEATTY, AND OVERTON, NEVADA.
Motion as written
This item passed.
This item was chaired by Pete K., Chair

29. GENERAL DISCUSSION
Ukraine respectfully requests permission to translate and print all GA-approved literature into the Ukrainian language, with the exception of "A Day at a Time." meditation book due to copyright restrictions.
Igor K. – Area 3 – SOUTHERN NEVADA; MESQUITE, NV; ST. GEORGE & CEDAR CITY, UTAH; BULLHEAD, AZ; AND PAHRUMP, BEATTY, AND OVERTON, NEVADA.
Motion as written.
This item passed.
This item was chaired by Cindi C., 2nd Co-Chair

30. GENERAL DISCUSSION
India respectfully requests permission to translate and print all GA-approved literature into the Hindi language, with the exception of "A Day at a Time." meditation book due to copyright restrictions.
Igor K. – Area 3 – SOUTHERN NEVADA; MESQUITE, NV; ST. GEORGE & CEDAR CITY, UTAH; BULLHEAD, AZ; AND PAHRUMP, BEATTY, AND OVERTON, NEVADA.
Motion as written.
This item passed.
This item chaired by Cindi C., 2nd Co-Chair

31. GENERAL DISCUSSION
Turkey respectfully requests permission to translate and print all GA-approved literature into the Turkish language, with the exception of "A Day at a Time." meditation book due to copyright restrictions.
Igor K. – Area 3 – SOUTHERN NEVADA; MESQUITE, NV; ST. GEORGE & CEDAR CITY, UTAH; BULLHEAD, AZ; AND PAHRUMP, BEATTY, AND OVERTON, NEVADA.
Motion as written.
This item passed.
This item chaired by Cindi C., 2nd Co-Chair

32. GENERAL DISCUSSION
Indonesia respectfully requests permission to translate and print all GA-approved literature into the Bahasa Indonesia – language, with the exception of "A Day at a Time." meditation book due to copyright restrictions.
Igor K. – Area 3 – SOUTHERN NEVADA; MESQUITE, NV; ST. GEORGE & CEDAR CITY, UTAH; BULLHEAD, AZ; AND PAHRUMP, BEATTY, AND OVERTON, NEVADA.

Motion as written.
This item passed.
This item was chaired by Cindi C., 2nd Co-Chair

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA

***This item presented after item 12. ***

33. GENERAL DISCUSSION
Should members trust a trustee, their sponsor or any other trusted servant position when it comes to investing money, turning over real estate, or turning over their business to them?
Walter G., Area 12
Discussion only.
This item was chaired by Pete K., Chair

34. GENERAL DISCUSSION
Bulgaria respectfully requests permission to translate and print all GA-approved literature into the Bulgarian language, with the exception of "A Day at a Time." meditation book due to copyright restrictions.
Igor K. – Area 3 – SOUTHERN NEVADA; MESQUITE, NV; ST. GEORGE & CEDAR CITY, UTAH; BULLHEAD, AZ; AND PAHRUMP, BEATTY, AND OVERTON, NEVADA.
Motion as written.
This item passed.
This item was chaired by Pete K., Chair

The meeting was closed on May 17, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

KC B.

KC B.,
International Executive Secretary

ROLL CALL

Area	Trustee	Sessions	Area	Trustee	Sessions
1	Brandon S.	2	10A	Matt S.	2
1	Eric F.	2	10B	Creig E.	2

1	Pilar L.	2	10B	David G.	Absent*
1A	Dean W.	2	11	Jodi P.	Absent*
1B	Ira B.	Absent*	11	Billy C.	Absent*
2	Beth Z.	Absent*	12	Andy R.	2
2	Ray J.	Absent*	12	Trevor S.	2
2	Tita M.	2	12	Walter G.	2
2A	Paul N.	2*	13	Greg M.	2
2B	David L.	2	13	Marla J.	2
2B	Tina S.	2	13	Julius H.	2
2G	Chris M.	Absent	13A	Rick L.	2
2G	Kevin M.	2	13A	Tijuana MT.	2
2H	Kira G.	2	13B	Andy G.	Absent
2H	Stephanie H.	2	13B	Andy R.	Absent*
2J	Patricia D.	2*	14	Mitch M.	2
2K	Steve L.	2	14	Peter C.	Absent*
3	Igor K.	2	14	Rob S.	
3	Jeff B.	Absent*	14	Stuart B.	Absent*
3	Leslie F.	Absent*	15	Alan J.	Absent*
3	Michael CA	2	15	Joe B.	Absent*
3	Rob P.	2	15	Joey P.	2
3	Steve D.	Absent*	15	Mark D.	Absent*
3A	Butch G.	2	15	Mike S.	2
3A	Doug E.	2	15	Stanley C.	2
3A	Howard R.	Absent*	16	Carl D.	2
3B	Paul G.	Absent*	16	Wayne C.	2
3B	Ron G.	Absent	16A	Dan W.	Absent*
3C	Paula C.	Absent	17	Bob B.	Absent
3D	Roxanne D.	2	17	Robert A.	2
3D	Ryan P.	2	18	Andy D.	2
3F	Julian F.	Absent	18	Mane T.	2
4	Debbie R.	Absent	18A	Mark C.	Absent
5	Jerry T.	Absent	18A	Michael L.	Absent
5B	Adrien R.	2	18B	Jamie B.	2*
5B	Marc C.	2	18B	Matt P.	2*
6	Steve C.	Absent*	19	Alberto S.	2*
6	Steve H.	2	19	Carlos R.	2*
6A	Jim C.	Absent*	19	Elena D.	2*
6B	Steve P.	2	20	Marcelo	Absent
6B	Paulette T.	Absent*	21	Antonio P.	2*
6C	Deborah S.	2	21	Francisco S.	2*
6C	Mike A.	2	22	Poobie M.	Absent
7	Bill N.	2	23	Joao Carlos	2*
7	Stephen S.	Absent	23A	Clecio S.	2*
7A	Chris W.	2	25	Umberto A.	Absent
7A	Marinella N.	2	28	Hector T.	2*
8	Dianna R.	Absent*	28	Luis O.	2
8	Donna M.	2	28	Marymar V.	2*
8	Doug K.	2	29	Konstantin U.	2*
8	Mary W.	2	29A	Oleg I.	2*

8A	Diane A.	2	29B	Eduard U.	2*
8A	Joleen L.	2	33	Janneth S.	2*
8E	Barbara L.	2	33	Juan R.	2*
8E	Jeff R.	2	34	Liliana S.	Absent
9	Carol K.	2	37	Ali A.	2*
10	Anthony K.	2	38	Kiev L.	Absent
10	Ed G.	2	38A	Reagan P.	2*
10A	Jeff H.	Absent*			

*** Absentee ballot received**

Chair B.O.T.	Pete K.	2
1st Co-Chair	Steve F.	2
2nd Co-Chair	Cindi C.	2
Chair B.O.R.	Wendy B.	2
I.E.S.	KC B.	0