

AGENDA FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING IN PHILADELPHIA, PA

MAY 7, 1987 AT 2:00 P.M.

A) ROLL CALL

B) INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

C) STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

D) MINUTES OF THE PALM SPRINGS MEETING

E) OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Recovery and unity revision. 2nd vote
- 2) Literature committee proposal. 2nd vote
- 3) Gamblers Anonymous pressure relief forms. 2nd vote (pages 4-9 approved 1-3 back to committee)
- 4) Article IX Section 1; after regular, insert "weekly". 2nd vote
- 5) Article IX Section 3; eliminate "rotating meeting chairman" on lines 3 and 11. 2nd vote
- 6) Article X Section 6; remove from page and renumber the rest of the page. 2nd vote
- 7) Article X Section 9; change to "6/20 of the even year", change to "(2) years, and 6/30 of the next year". The Board of Trustees shall elect a National Executive Secretary of the National Service Office for a 2 year term. The election should take place in the even year at the 1st physical meeting following the Board of Trustees elections. 2nd vote
- 8) Article XI Section 10; nomination to be held July 1st of the even year. 2nd vote
- 9) Article XI Section 15; last word should be conferences. 2nd vote
- 10) Article XIV Section 6; #3 insert "and the National Service Office". 2nd vote
- 11) Article XXII Section 6; eliminate "Amendment motion". 2nd vote
- 12) Article XXIII Section 3; eliminate "very small". 2nd vote
- 13) Article XXIII Section 8; change \$500.00 to \$2500.00. 2nd vote
- 14) Article XXIII Section 8; move entire section to Article XV and make it section 10. 2nd vote
- 15) Article XX Section 1; change "appointed" to "elected" even after each. 2nd vote
- 16) Article XX Section 2; majority of 2/3 of vote cast. 2nd vote
- 17) Article XX Section 2; majority with at least a quorum voting. 2nd vote
- 18) Article XXV Section 1; the Guidance Code may be amended by the Board of Trustees by a 2/3 majority at two consecutive Board of Trustees meetings with at least a quorum present at each voting within 30 days after an amendment is adopted, the National Executive Secretary shall notify each member of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Regents and each group of such change. 2nd vote
- 19) Guidelines for establishing meetings in correctional facilities. (to committee: Tony M., Angelo & Dick R.)
- 20) National Executive Secretary's job at the National Service Office is a full time job. The person elected to this position shall be expected to work at the National Service Office full time. 2nd vote
- 21) Continuation of new "Big Book".
- 22) Results of mail meeting. 2nd vote

F) NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Proposal to audit finances at conferences with watchdog committee or independent audit.

- 2) Every state should have at least one trustee and one alternate.
- 3) Allocate \$ X to open new meetings and divide by the number of members (trustees ?) attending.
- 4) Proposal to ban non-active Gamblers Anonymous members from giving workshops at out of state conferences. Conference Intergroup should first contact Speaker's Intergroup to see if the member is active.
- 5) The nearest trustee or alternate should be responsible for setting up and starting a new meeting. Expenses should be covered by the area (if they can afford) or by a special fund to be paid by the National Service Office.
- 6) Proposal to create a new film to update or replace th "Big Steve" film.
- 7) Review the cost of attending conferences, possibly set a ceiling or a standard.
- 8) Proposal to have standardized return address on correspondence from all future Board of Trustees chairmen.
- 9) Proposal to discontinue pursuit of a new "Blue Book" and stay with the original.
- 10) a) Proposal to have written standardized election procedures for all Board of Trustees members. 1) where there is an Intergroup. 2) where there is not an Intergroup. 3) where the National Service Office secretary runs the election.  
b) Guidelines for the above.
- 11) Include the British Isles as a trustee location.
- 12) Proposed "credit cut-off" letter to be used by new or returning members, (see attatched letter).
- 13) Have the National Service Office pay expenses of the National Executive Secretary to go to out of the way areas to set up new meetings and help the compulsive gambler who cannot get help from any other source.
- 14) If the National Executive Secretary or a member of the Board of Regents is invited to a conference (not the trustee meeting) to give a workshop or explain the function of the National Service Office, or as guest speakers, the expense should be paid by the conference. What is not paid by them should be paid by the National Service Office.
- 15) Proposal to have keys made available by the National Service Office to symbolize abstinence in the program.
- 16) Change the way conferences are picked to avoid stacking the audience and give smaller groups within the area a better chance. Sites should be picked twice a year at the trustees meetings with hotels, prices and steering committees already selected. The Guidance Code (#15) calls for trustees to do the selecting.
- 17) Change step #12 of the recovery program to read: "Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to compulsive gamblers and to practice these principles in all our affairs.
- 18) Proposal to amend the guidelines to have all groups send 20% of their monthly collection to the National Service Office. Groups must have regular meetings and have been in existance for over 6 months. Of course they could send 25% or more.
- 19) Include/assign all states to a trustee area, even if no meeting currently exists. This will make easier the task of opening new meetings.
- 20) Proposal to reimburse "Arkansas trip" to the National Executive Secretary, but no further trips to be considered until a proper discussion by the Board of Trustees on this subject.
- 21) Return the 12 steps of recovery back to their original format leaving "financial" in the 4th step.
- 22) The use of "AA" steps of recovery in our combo book.
- 23) To reinstate the 12 steps of recovery back to their original format.

- 24) What can we do about a book "A Nation of Gamblers". The author claims to be a past director of Gamblers Anonymous and the book includes a chapter on how to gamble.
- 25) To have a brass coin with the Roman numeral II, III, IV, VI, VII, VIII or IX and Gamblers Anonymous on one side with the Serenity Prayer on the other to celebrate "off" year anniversaries. The cost of the coin would be approximately 50¢ to the National Service Office and \$1.00 to groups.
- 26) Should a member be pinned if the pinning was delayed to accomodate other groups and the member gambled in the meantime?
- 27) Pamphlet on anonymity.
- 28) Realignment of trustee areas.

#### G) COMBO BOOK

- 1) Page 17, #4; Live the Gamblers Anonymous program one day at a time, don't try to solve all of your problems at once. (Larry B. to present)
- 2) Page 17, top of the page; delete "particularly the new Gamblers Anonymous member".
- 3) Page 12; after "relieved" insert "Gamblers Anonymous members have found that the best road to financial recovery is through hard work and repayment of our debts. Borrowing and/or the lending of money (bail outs) in Gamblers Anonymous is detrimental to our recovery, and should not take place.
- 4) Footnote to explain that all references to the male gender are for convenience only. This program is for males and females equally.
- 5) Page 17, #5; change the word "read" to "practice".
- 6) Bottom of page 12; "Some other meeting formats are: theme type, head (one speaker), cross comment, cross comment step, anniversary (Gamblers Anonymous), marathon (24 hours), and "mini" conference meeting.
- 7) Page 17, #3; "For the compulsive gambler, the speculating and trading of stock, commodities or options on a regular or daily basis is gambling.
- 8) Page 8, 1st paragraph; delete the 1st sentence and 1/2 of the second sentence. "What is compulsive gambling? Compulsive gambling is an illness, progressive in its nature, which can never be cured, but can be arrested.
- 9) Page 12, 2nd paragraph, 1st sentence; delete the words "seems to be" and insert the word "is".
- 10) Page 17, #1; "Attend as many meetings as possible per week", change it to read this way.
- 11) Page 10; change the top of the page to read: "Here are some of the common characteristics of the compulsive gambler".
- 12) Page 17; spell reevaluation correctly.
- 13) Page 17, #6; correct to say "pressure relief" not "pressure group" as already voted upon.
- 14) Page 17, 8th suggestion; 8) Do not carry large amounts of money on your person. When you do, it is easier to get back into action.
- 15) To move "I sought my soul" to the back cover.
- 16) Page 9; insert the word "openmindedness" between honesty and willingness.

#### H) GUIDANCE CODE

- 1) Article XII, Section 4; clarify to whom the National Executive Secretary is to send copies of the minutes.
- 2) Article XX, Section 9; insert that minutes be sent to "all" trustees within 14 days of the meeting.
- 3) Article II, Section 1; to read: "The Guidance Code of Gamblers Anonymous is not to be construed", (not constructed).
- 4) Article IX, Section 1; change to read: "\*\*to follow Gamblers Anonymous's Guidance Code and limit their use to only approved Gamblers Anonymous literature.
- 5) Article XIII, Section 5, #5; eliminate the words "other Intergroups".

I) ADDENDUM

- 1) Proposal to decrease the time limit between conferences to 60 days.
- 2) To create an 800 phone number for the National Service Office to put on cable TV during free public service announcements.
- 3) Have the National Service Office pay the cost of the National Executive Secretary to go to trustee meetings instead of the current practice of the conference paying. This could reduce the package price.
- 4) Voting on minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting.

J) MAIL MEETING

There were 31 areas out of 32 represented, 49 trustees and alternates responded. The votes were as follows:

	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
PROPOSAL #1) Official vote	19	8	4	31
All votes	29	15	5	49
PROPOSAL #2) Official vote	23	4	4	31
All votes	35	8	6	49
PROPOSAL #3) Official vote	22	7	2	31
All votes	32	14	3	49

K) CLARIFICATIONS

New Business #3) Allocate a set amount (i.e. \$500.00) to establish and open new meetings. If 4 trustees are designated (volunteer ?) to go and do this, divide up to \$500.00 by 4 to reimburse expenses incurred.

Addendum #4) Minutes are being published before approval of the Board of Trustees. Sometimes they are wrong.

New Business #21 & #23) Copy of original steps being mailed separately.

New Business #15) Being sent to all trustees.

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Board of Trustee Meeting May 7-8, 1987 at 2p.m.

- A) Roll call was taken by Irving S., National Executive Secretary.
- B) George J., Chairman of the Board of Trustees, introduced all the new Trustees and Alternates.
- C) Chairman, in his opening statement, asked all Trustees and Alternates to get involved in what is going on, ask questions, and we will try to the best of our ability to work under Robert's Rules.
- D) George asked to approve the minutes of the Palm Springs Trustee meeting in October, 1986. Passed 19-0.
- E) OLD BUSINESS
  - 1) Tabled

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- 2) Second vote passed 22-0-4
- 3) Pages 1-3 passed 2nd vote 26-0  
Pages 4-8 passed 1st vote 27-1
- 4) 2nd vote passed 28-1
- 5) 2nd vote passed 20-4-5
- 6) Passed 2nd vote 25-0
- 7) passed 2nd vote 25-0
- 8) Passed 2nd vote 23-1
- 9) 2nd vote passed 23-0
- 10) 2nd vote passed 21-1-1
- 11) 2nd vote passed 29-0
- 12) 2nd vote passed 24-0
- 13) 2nd vote passed 25-1
- 14) 2nd vote passed 21-0-2
- 15) 2nd vote passed 22-0-1
- 16) 2nd vote passed 23-0-1
- 17) 2nd vote passed 25-0-1
- 18) 2nd vote passed 28-0
- 19) Passed 21-4-0
- 20) 2nd vote passed 28-0
- 21) 1st vote passed 26-0
- 22) #1 2nd vote defeated 16-3  
#2 1st vote passed 18-7  
#3 Defeated 17-10

F) NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Motion defeated 19-4-3
- 2) Defeated 28-1-0
- 3) \$5000 maximum for the year passed 21-5
- 4) Defeated 21-2
- 5) Passed 20-4
- 6) Passed 27-0
- 7) Tabled
- 8) Passed 24-0-1
- 9) Defeated 26-0
- 10) 1st vote passed 24-2
- 11) passed 22-6-1
- 12) Defeated 28-0-1
- 13) Defeated 16-9
- 14) Passed, delete last sentence 27-0
- 15) Passed 21-7
- 16) Passed 26-2-1
- 17) 21-22-23 Taken all four agenda items together defeated  
14-16
- 18) Defeated 26-1
- 19) Passed 26-2
- 20) Pay National Executive Secretary \$600 for Arkansas passed 24-2  
\$600 for Alaska passed 21-4
- 24) Tabled
- 25) Defeated 20-2
- 26) Defeated 30-2
- 27) Defeated 23-1
- 28) Passed 30-0

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G) COMBO BOOK

- 1) 1st vote passed 27-2
- 2) Tabled
- 3) Passed 24-4
- 4) Defeated 26-0
- 5) Defeated 26-0
- 6) Defeated 26-0
- 7) 2nd vote Defeated 23-1
- 8) 1st vote passed 26-1-4
- 9) 1st vote defeated 18-11
- 10) 1st vote passed 23-7-1
- 11) 1st vote defeated 24-2
- 12) Spelling corrected in later combo books
- 13) Taken care of in later combo books
- 14) 1st vote defeated 30-0-1
- 15) 1st vote defeated 29-2
- 16) 1st vote passed 24-3

H) GUIDANCE CODE

- 1) Clarified to whom N.E.S. sends copies of the minutes to passed 18-0-8
- 2) Passed 25-1-0
- 3) Passed 26-0
- 4) 1st vote passed 21-5
- 5) 1st vote defeated 12-10

I) ADDENDUM

- 1) Defeated 22-6
- 2) Tabled
- 3) 1st vote defeated 24-2
- 4) Nothing done-does not belong here

J) MAIL MEETING

Discussed the mail meeting that was sent out by George J., Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Donations collected at the Trustee meeting-\$594

Good and welfare was given by all the Trustees and Alternates.

We will see you all in Cleveland, October 22, 1987.

Irving S., National Executive Secretary.

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Attendance of the Trustee meeting, which was completed in five sessions.

AREA 1

Phil S. 5-

Vince V. 5-

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AREA 2

Dan B. 5-  
Mike G. 5-  
Valerie H. 5-  
Jean B. 5-

AREA 2A

Roger D. 5-

AREA 3

Tony A. 4-

AREA 3A

Abe L. 5-

AREA 4

Hank K. 5-  
Harvey S. 5-

AREA 5

Larry G. 5-

Chairman B.O.R.  
Bill M. 5-

Chairman B.O.T.  
George S. 5-

1st Alternate Chairman  
Jerry R. 5-

2nd Alternate Chairman  
Dan B. 5-

National Executive Secretary  
Irving S. 5-

AREA 6

Harold S. 5-  
Paul A. 4-

AREA 7

Jo Anne S. 5-

AREA 8

Jerry G. 5-  
Don S. 5-

AREA 8A

Stafford K. 3-

AREA 9

Danny M. 5-

AREA 10

Bill G. 5-  
Herman S. 4-

AREA 10A

James P. 5-

AREA 11

Alvin H. 5-  
Dominic C. 5-

AREA 12

Eddie L. 2-  
Matty C. 3-  
Bill G. 5-  
Charles F. 2-

AREA 13

Angelo S. 5-  
Tony M. 4-

AREA 13A

Jack S. 5-  
Dick R. 5-

AREA 14

Lee K. 5-  
Tom S. 4-

AREA 15

Marty D. 5-  
Neil A. 5-  
Sy S. 5-  
Joe S. 5-  
Bill B. 5-  
Jerry R. 5-  
Joe A. 3-  
Norman W. 5-  
Scott A. 5-

AREA 16

Ken G. 5-  
Paul P. 5-

AREA 17

Richard E. 5-  
Ed B. 4-