

## Trustee Website Committee Report February 2016

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There have only been one major event that has happened this month with the Trustee website. That is with the Board of Regents finally making a decision to turn the Life-Liner Bulletin into a digital version. As an accommodation, the Trustee website will temporarily house the Bulletins, in a similar manner as the monthly minutes of the Board of Regents.

The committee believes this move to be foolish and premature, because it should be located on the ISO website. However, cost considerations have been the focal point of this move. The committee also believes that confusion is going to prevail with many members as to how they access the documents, because the BOR as decided that the Bulletins will be password protected to comply with the Guidance Code, Article XVI, Section 5, which states:

<p>The International Executive Secretary shall be responsible to publish a monthly Gamblers Anonymous Bulletin and distribute (via US mail, email or other secured means) copies of same to each group in our Fellowship. Number of copies sent to each group shall be set by the Board of Regents.</p>
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The BOR has been put on notice that the Trustee Website Committee will not participate in any requests for access codes and/or other issues that have to do with the Life-Liner Bulletins, as long as they appear on the Trustee website. All such inquires will be directed to the ISO, with a notice on the web page to that effect.

As a secondary issue, both the Phoenix and San Diego conferences had embarked on websites to aid in the facilitation of their respective conferences. These moves were done independent of one another. Although both sites offered tremendous conveniences for the members who were looking to attend, there were numerous violations of the Unity Steps and other issues that became very problematic. Both areas have decided to jettison those sites, so as not to be out of compliance.

The continuing advancements in technology and the desire of areas to streamline the hosting process for international conferences, only points toward more areas that may look to accomplish the same goal. Those who are interested in this topic, should consider making changes to the Hosting an International Conference Booklet with agenda items, so that we may get ahead of the curve, rather than dealing with it from behind.

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