GAMBLING, for the compulsive gambler is defined as follows: any betting or wagering, for self or others, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or “skill” constitutes gambling.
Call to order: The Chair, Val D., called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

The Chair reminded everyone that recording of this meeting is not permitted.

Roll call was taken by the secretary, Guy H.

Present: Cathy F., Guy H., John C., Valerie D., Zach M., and Israel A., Office Manager
Present by phone: Andre G., Arnie B., Gary M., Jo K., and KC B., International Executive Secretary

Minutes for June 18, 2022:

A correction was noted that the June 2022 minutes referred to approving the “April 2022 Operating Statement” which needed to be changed to the “May 2022 Operating Statement”.

A motion was made to approve the amended minutes as written:

MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED
FOR – 9 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED – 0

Operating Statement for June 2022:

A motion was made to approve the June 2022 Operating Statement as written.

MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED
FOR – 9 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED – 0

OLD BUSINESS

A. Office Manager Report – Israel A.

• Lifeliners – two, FL-2
• New Cans – none
• Group Information requests forms received – none
• Group Information request forms received prior to sending out starter kits – none
• Prison starter kits – none
Venmo and Zelle donations were $898.67: Groups $573.50, 1x Donations $112.17, LL Donations $155.00, I.S.O. Cans Contributions $58.00.

Israel A. contacted the printer with Karen H. and KC B. on a conference call regarding the large order for “Sharing Recovery Though GA.” It was determined that the production for 2,000 books had already proceeded too far to cancel or reduce the number of copies ordered.

B. International Executive Secretary Report – KC B.

- The July bulletin will be sent to the formatter next week after KC gets the Lifeliners donation information from the I.S.O. bookkeeper and the information is proofed. The 2022/2023 budget will be in the bulletin as well.

- The Trustee confidential listing continues to be updated as there are still quite a few areas that have not updated their Trustee information.

- KC made changes to the proposed I.S.O. literature order form that were requested at the June B.O.R. meeting.

- The Cherry Hill B.O.T. minutes will be reviewed to get a list of items that will need 2nd votes and items that were tabled for the next B.O.T. meeting.

- A few updates have been made to the B.O.T. minutes that were sent to current Trustees for review. There have been about 5 updates but nothing that changes the essential content of the minutes. These will be finalized this next week to get them into the bulletin next month.

- KC will also get the updates to the Trustee Website Admin for posting on the Trustee website.

- KC will email the B.O.R. with the finalized minutes as well.

C. By-Laws Committee Report – Valerie D.

- No report currently.

- Val D. asked if the Board wants to continue with the committee and the Board agreed to keep the committee.
• Val D. will step down from the committee and Jo K. will be the new chair.

D. Standing Rules Committee Report – John C.

• Committee did not meet this last month.

• The committee chair reported that research on insurance coverage for the Fall 2022 B.O.T. meeting in Cancun had been done and that the lowest rate would be $600 if this was up for vote.

• A question was raised if the committee chair had reached out to the Conference Oversight committee chair of the B.O.T. about the insurance and he confirmed that he had.

E. Literature Order Form Report – Cathy F.

• Report was submitted by email.

• No further comments were received so the committee chair expects to make a motion later to accept the form for immediate use by the I.S.O.

• A question was raised if the form had been updated to include the years for the Medallions and it was confirmed that the form had been updated appropriately.

F. Bank CD Rollover Report – John C.

• It was reported that the US Bank 3-month CD matured today, July 16th, and the Board has 10 days to make a decision. The current rate will not change, and the term needs to be extended to a year to get a higher rate. It was suggested that we roll over the CD for 3 months.

G. ERC (Employee Retention Credit) Follow-Up – Cathy F.

• It was reported that the firm that performs the I.S.O. audits, ADP, should be able to perform this filing for the corporation and that we will need to provide tax information to determine if the credit can be received. ADP will charge $150. Auditors coming to I.S.O. on August 30th.

• The Chair asked for information on the deadlines so we can decide if we should move forward.
The Board was reminded that this is a tax credit only, but we need to figure out if it’s worth the effort.

H. Approve Bill from Web-Developer – Israel A.

- It was reported that our Web Developer, KCS Marketing, had submitted 4 invoices for services performed between February 2021 and March 2022 for a total of $2,999.25.
- The Board discussed seeing the details from the Web Developer. Scans of the invoices will be emailed to the B.O.R. members.

A motion was made to approve the expense to our Web Developer.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**
**FOR – 6   AGAINST – 1   ABSTAINED – 2**

Roll Call vote follows:
Andre G. – abstained
Arnie F. – yes
Cathy F. – yes
Gary M. – abstained
Guy H. – yes
Jo K. – no
John C. – yes
Val D. – yes
Zach M. – yes

NEW BUSINESS

A. Review Proposed Literature Order Form Change – Cathy F.

- It was reported that the proposed order form was sent to the Board for a final review and no further comments or feedback had been received.
- A discussion was held about the use of the form by the I.S.O. staff.

A motion was made to accept the proposed Literature Order form as new Literature Order form effective immediately.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**
**FOR – 9   AGAINST – 0   ABSTAINED – 0**
B. Review Proposed Standing Rules Changes – John C.-Tabled until August meeting

- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR UNINSURED B.O.T. MEETINGS.

C. Review And Approve 2022-2023 Budget.

- The Board members emailed their individual questions to Israel last month and these were answered in detail.

- A discussion was held, and issues were raised about if the budget was too optimistic or if it needs to be more realistic regarding potential revenue increases due to more meetings going back to in-person.

- The Board was informed that each line item was reviewed by John C. with Israel and that the amounts are not far off from the actuals.

A motion was made to approve the budget as written.

MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED
FOR – 9 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED – 0

Vote On Signers for The Bank Accounts for Next Term
Guy H. - Accepted
John C. - Accepted
Val D. - Accepted
Zach H. - Accepted

D. PHONE MEETINGS PAGE LINK ADDED TO WEBPAGE.

- It was reported that the I.S.O. staff had determined that the link could not be added in house and the web developer would be ideal to perform this task.

A motion was made to table a decision on this item until more information is received.

MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED
FOR – 9 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED – 0

E. DISCUSS MOVING BANK OF AMERICA CD INTO CHECKING ACCOUNT. – John C.

- John C. expressed that he would like to leave the money in the US Bank CD.
• A Point of Order was raised that the agenda item is regarding the Bank of America CD, and not the US Bank CD. A new agenda item will be added today about the US Bank CD. (Item I below.)

• It was reported that the Bank of America checking account was down and although the I.S.O. did get some revenue to bring the balance back up, there are concerns about the balance.

• A question was raised if the funds in the Bank of America CD can be moved now before the maturity date, and it was reported that this is a liquid CD.

• The Chair said that the B.O.R. needs the Office Manager to come back to the next meeting with details and that funds are not needed urgently. There will be a new agenda item for next month regarding this issue.

F. REVIEW CORPORATION INSURANCE COVERAGE.

• Certain policy premiums have been paid and others are coming up.

• It was noted that the business owner’s policy has increased by a large percentage.

• A comment was made that rates have gone up across the board due to fraud, and that new quotes are much higher even if we do not like it.

G. REVIEW YEAR-END LITERATURE INVENTORY.

• An observation was made that prices have increased on many items.

• A comment was made that some items are purchased in bulk.

• A list of items that are not moving was produced. John C. reminded the Board that the I.S.O. cannot stop selling an item without B.O.T. approval.

• It was suggested that a column be added to the inventory spreadsheet about how many of each item are sold annually compared to the items in stock.

• Concerns were expressed that there are items in stock that are not selling and that a better plan to manage inventory should be in place.
• It was suggested that we need to evaluate how literature is ordered.

H. DISCUSS US BANK CD.

A motion was made to let the US Bank CD rollover for the next three months.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**

FOR – 9    AGAINST – 0    ABSTAINED – 0

I. FORMATION OF NEW COMMITTEE.

• The Chair formed the Finance Committee and asked for members who wished to be on the committee. John C. - Chair, Andre G, Cathy F., Gary M., Guy H., and Zach M.

**Meeting Collection Donations:** $23.00

**Number of people who called in to listen to the meeting:** 0

Meeting ended with the Serenity Prayer at 11:44 A.M. Next meeting will be August 20, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by Guy H., Secretary

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HELP IS AVAILABLE!

On page 17, item #7: “We encourage everyone in Gamblers Anonymous to have a Pressure Relief Group Meeting ...”

Any member desiring individual assistance with his/her Pressure Relief, please contact Alan J. at alanj5994@gmail.com. He will reply by email or phone if you provide your number.

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UNITY PROGRAM

Did you know that the I.S.O. sells a booklet on how to study the Unity Steps? We do! It’s called “Gamblers Anonymous Group Study Book on the Unity Steps.” Each month of 2022, I’ll be listing the Unity Program corresponding step with each month. I’ll be taking information from both this booklet and our red book, A New Beginning. Both of these are available on the Gamblers Anonymous website or order form.
As I entered my first meeting on July 30, 2001, at the Unity Club in Las Vegas, my brain was focused on one thing – to stop gambling. It’s all I cared about for the first few months I was attending meetings. I had no idea what the Unity Program was or why it existed.

As my mind cleared up and I started to understand my surroundings, the Unity Program became less and less confusing for me. I’d like to think it’s the same way for all of us, however, I can only speak of my experience.

It taught me that while I needed to focus on MY recovery, I also needed to respect the group as a whole and be one with them as we move forward on this journey of self-discovery and recovery.

**Unity Step 8 – Gamblers Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.**

Gamblers Anonymous operates on the principle that compulsive gamblers can best help each other recover without the use of outside professional services. We believe that we are the most qualified to conduct the Fellowship’s affairs.

The validity of professional assistance is not in question. Gamblers Anonymous members are urged to seek outside help, if required. However, if professional therapists were to operate within the Fellowship their views might conflict with Gamblers Anonymous principles. By remaining non-professional, Gamblers Anonymous avoids the controversies that would inevitably arise.

It becomes quite clear there is a need to employ special workers to handle the necessary functions of an office designed to fulfill certain responsibilities to Gamblers Anonymous. However, the principal concepts is our responsibility to a new member – counseling, guidance, pressure meetings, etc. as well as the need to create an awareness for others that there is a recovery program through Gamblers Anonymous – should remain free of any financial remuneration, keeping in mind that we must put back what we received.

a. Define/discuss: non-professional, service centers, employ, special workers

b. How does hiring someone to answer phones or take orders at the International Service Office help the compulsive gambler who still suffers

c. Should we hire counselors, accountants and/or web administrators? All three? One? None? Discuss.

d. Can a compulsive gambler be employed as a special worker? Why or why not?

e. Discuss reasons why we do service? What are the reasons you do service?
f. How does service work keep you abstinent, in addition to making you a bigger part of the program or group?

g. How can I learn about what our paid workers are doing? Have I attended an International Service Office workshop to learn about how paid Gamblers Anonymous employees help those in recovery?

h. Have you ever resisted giving up your service position? Do you practice rotation of service?

i. There is a paradox ... “We can’t keep it unless we give it away”. Discuss how this relates to Unity Step 8.

j. There are several principles that may apply to this step. Elaborate on how each of the following applies to Unity Step 8: humility, integrity, giving.

From the desk of your International Executive Secretary.

As we go through the last month of the summer for 2022, I reflect back on this year and think how chaotic it was at times. Was it just me or do others see it that way too? Whatever way I look at it, I am grateful I am here today.

In this issue of the bulletin, you’ll see a few things that aren’t normally included in the bulletin. You’ll see the outcome of your area elections for the Board of Trustees. There, I list the results that have been reported to me. You’ll also see the meeting minutes from our last Board of Trustees meeting that was held in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. And finally, you’ll see a Gratitude Month and Week flier near the end of this publication.

This year, Gratitude Week during the month of September will be the week of September 11 through September 17, 2022. As you know, we’ve recognized Gratitude Week in the week that September 13 is held. This year, on September 13, Gamblers Anonymous is turning 65 years old! How amazing is that?

Please consider sending a donation in honor of Gratitude Month/Week to:

Gamblers Anonymous
1306 Monte Vista Ave., Ste 5
Upland, CA 91786

Yours in recovery and gratitude, KC B.
Note From I.S.O.: Thank you to all our members who send in letters, donations, and kind words. Please keep writing and sharing your experience, strength, and hope with everyone.

Brothers & Sisters,

52 years ago on July 26, 1970, I attended my first Gamblers Anonymous meeting at the YMCA on Northern Boulevard in Flushing, Queens. As an aside, I was aware that I was powerless over gambling and my life was unmanageable, but all could be saved if I had a big bankroll to support my addiction to the race track. I knew if I had enough money, I would be a big winner. After answering 18 of the 20 questions with a “yes” and hearing others with the same problems I realized I was in the right place. I am blessed as I returned the following week for my second meeting and continue to be a member of this life saving program.

Thank you to all who came before me and those I have gotten to know. WE is the key for me as I could never stop on my own. I have listened to over 50,000 shares, approximately 70 meetings a year. Multiplied by 52 years and that’s 3,640 meetings times 15 shares per meeting and I’d estimate 54,600 shares. I know if I stop going to meetings I will gamble again and just do not know how long it would take to return to the abyss. So, live & virtual meetings are one of my strong deterrents from making a bet.

For me, Gamblers Anonymous is life and gambling is death.

With serenity, Bill B., Delray Beach, Florida

Dear I.S.O.,

Thank you for all you do.

Larry B., Piermont, New York

Dear I.S.O.,

Please accept this contribution from the Tuesday Langhorne, Pennsylvania meeting. As always, thank you for all your service.

Thanks again, Gerald R., Fallsington, Pennsylvania
Dear I.S.O.,

Here is a small contribution from the Greater Vancouver Intergroup. Thank you for all you do.

Yours in Recovery, Esther J., Vancouver, British Columbia

Hello I.S.O. Friends,

Enclosed is our regular monthly contribution from our Friday Nazareth Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania group. Thanks for all you do and keep up the great work.

Your friend in recovery, John B., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear I.S.O. Friends,

Enclosed is the regular monthly contribution from our Wednesday NE Philadelphia group. Thanks for all you do and keep up the good work.

Your friend in recovery, John B., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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**SPRING INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**MAY 16 and 17, 2022**

**CHERRY HILL, NEW JERSEY**

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

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

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

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

Pete reminded us of our primary purpose, which is to help the compulsive gambler who is still suffering. Let’s keep that in mind as we discuss the topics on the agenda.
Thirty-two absentee ballots were received as follows:

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

B) Reading of the “12 Steps of Unity”
Pat M., Area 3D, read the 12 Steps of Unity in the first session of the Board of Trustees meeting.

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

C) Reading from “A Day at a Time Book”
Hugo V., Area 3A read the reading of the day for the first day of the Board of Trustees Meeting and Steve C. read the reading of the day to begin the second day of the Board of Trustees Meeting.

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

E) Remembrance of our departed members – Walter G.
Walter G., from Area 12 read a list of names of members who have passed away since the last Board of Trustees meeting held in Orlando, Florida.

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

**F) Approval of Minutes from Orlando**

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

**G) ISO / Lifeliners – KC B.**

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

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

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

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

The first thing Cathy wanted to report on was the move of the ISO. We’ve moved from Irwindale, California to Upland, California. This was primarily done because of cost. The current Board of Regents was able to find a place with the assistance of the last Board of Regents as well as our last IES, Karen H. We went from 4,030 square feet to 2,976 square feet and we have plenty of room still. There will be a substantial savings annually of almost $20,000. The new address is on the Lifeliner envelopes, as well as the website. The phone number has also changed. Please be sure to let everyone in your area know.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Committees with Harold A. as Co-Chair Liaison.

Conference Oversight and Assistance Committee – Standing
Committee: Committee Chair – Wendy B. - Area 1B
Co-Chair – Jack R. - Area 1A
Committee Liaison Chair – Harold A.
Mission Statement: To oversee all processes dealing with
International Conferences and to encourage and provide assistance
to Areas seeking to host an International Conference as well as to
provide advice and assistance after a Conference has been awarded.
Report submitted on time and online. We have a new Co-Chair for this
committee, Jack R. from Area 1A. Wendy gave this report and let
everyone know we will be getting a bid for a conference for the Fall
2023. Harold asked if the committee was open to new members, Wendy
said we could probably use more members, yes. Harold asked if anyone
was interested in serving on this committee. Andy R., and Ira C.
volunteered to be on this committee.
Group Handbook Revision Committee:
Committee Chair – Jack R. - Area 1A Committee Liaison Chair – Harold A.
Mission Statement: To undertake a comprehensive revision of the Group Handbook.
Report was submitted online. Jack updated the members in the room on what was happening with this committee. Depending on the outcome of the first vote for this new handbook, the committee will be dissolved.

Pressure Relief Committee – Standing Committee:
Committee Chair – Alan J. - Area 15 Committee Liaison Chair – Harold A.
Mission Statement: To provide leadership and support throughout Gamblers Anonymous by coordinating, educating, training, and clarifying the Pressure Relief Group Process that will aid in fostering an atmosphere of continuity, cohesiveness, and unity as well as understanding within our Fellowship which will bring about an alleviation of pressures for our members and thus strengthen and empower Members, Groups and Gamblers Anonymous as a whole.
Report submitted online. Alan J. gave the report and is looking for new members. Volunteers for this committee were Tom K., Area 6C, also volunteered to be a Co-Chair on this committee. Also volunteering for this committee was Alan A., Area 6A. It was mentioned that Bruce W. was already on the committee.

Prison Committee, US – Standing Committee:
Committee Chair – Ed G. - Area 10 Committee Liaison Chair – Harold A.
Mission Statement: To provide telephone, email, “snail mail”, and an in-person resource (as feasible) to the trustees or their designees for the purpose of assisting when a prisoner or institutional staff member is requesting to start an “inside” meeting, or an Intergroup and its committee are outreaching to prisons, jails, etc. Also, to compile in the ISO office an unpublished JIP meeting directory as a much-needed resource for federal, state, and local judges, defense attorneys, prosecutors, probation and parole officers, and clinicians.
Report was submitted online. Ed G. gave the report for this committee after taking over the Chair position from Beth. Ed requested volunteers.

Prison Committee – Canada – Standing Committee:
Committee Chair – Jean-Marc L. – Area 5B
Committee Liaison Chair – Harold A.
Mission Statement: To provide telephone, email, and an in-person resource (as feasible) to the Trustees or their designees for the purpose of assisting when a prisoner or institutional staff member is requesting to start an “inside” meeting, or an Intergroup and its
committee are outreaching to prisons, jails, etc. Also, to compile in the ISO office an unpublished JIP meeting directory as a much-needed resource for federal, state, and local judges, defense attorneys, prosecutors, probation and parole officers, and clinicians.
No report was submitted online.

Public Relations Committee – Standing Committee:
Committee Chair – Cindi M. - Area 8 Committee Liaison Chair – Harold A.
Mission Statement: We will strive to continue to develop and encourage the use of as many public relations tools as necessary to fulfill our Fellowship’s primary purpose, always looking for guidance from the Recovery and Unity Steps, the Guidance Code, and our higher power(s).
Cindi M. gave this report, which was also submitted online. A motion will be made at the next meeting to submit a new mission statement for this committee. The committee is also looking at updating some of the Public Relations literature. Volunteers for this committee are: Steve C., Area 6, Tita M., Area 2, Joe B., Area 15, and Ed G., Area 10.

Virtual Meetings Committee
Committee Chair – Chris N. – Area 2
Committee Liaison Chair – Harold A.
Chris N. gave this report, and it was submitted online. There was a lot of discussion on the purpose of this committee and whether it was in order or not. A Point of Order stopped the proceedings and there was a long discussion on what the actual committee created in Orlando was about. As more discussion continued, another Point of Order came up to clarify what the discussion was actually about, since there are two different issues at hand. There was a challenge of the chair on ruling this item in order. It was determined to suspend the report until the tape can be reviewed at lunch. The challenge was not seconded.
At the beginning of the 2nd session, it was determined that this committee does not have a mission statement and the challenge to the chair was out of order with no second. The new committee, Virtual Board of Trustees Meeting Committee can submit a mission statement and move forward with the agenda items. A committee was established by the past Chair of the BOT, with Jack R. as the Chair. Harold A. took over that position and made a report for that committee. The committee had no chair until Chris N. accepted it and was under the impression, he accepted the chair of the Virtual BOT Meeting Committee.
Virtual Meeting Committee volunteers to continue their work include: Butch G., Area 3A, Patrick G., Area 9, Rick L., Area 13A, Chris N., Area 2. This committee is to establish permanent guidelines for virtual meetings. Patrick G. will chair the committee with Butch G. as the co-chair. They were asked to come up with a Mission Statement for this committee before the end of this BOT meeting.
Committees with Martha G. as Co-Chair Liaison.

Hotline Implementation Committee:
Committee Chair – Andy G.
Committee Liaison Chair – Martha G.
Mission Statement: To provide assistance in implementing a Gamblers Anonymous Hotline and oversee the operations. Give support and help when needed to local areas using the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline provider. Assist local areas in developing guidelines for hotline volunteers. Follow up on voicemails on the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline for areas that do not have a hotline. Maintain the routing information for all areas using the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline. Review areas that use another hotline system. Review the data usage on the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline and report at each Board of Trustee meeting. Maintain communication with the Executive Secretary of the I.S.O. regarding usage and payments to the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline provider. Maintain information on the Trustee Website for the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline.

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

International Relations Committee – Standing Committee:
Committee Chair – Ara H. – Area 1
Co-Chair – Frank L. – Area 12
Committee Liaison – Martha G.
Mission Statement: Assist the fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous with International matters and help create a worldwide united Gamblers Anonymous.

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

Abuse and Harassment Committee:
Committee Chair - Gagik G. - Area 1
Committee Liaison Chair – Martha G.
Mission Statement: To reintroduce the Abuse and Harassment booklet that was removed as GA approved literature, with changes that are necessary for approval.

No report was submitted online. Pete mentioned that this was an item that was added to the agenda, handouts were given out earlier.
Meeting Removal Merit Panel Exploration Committee
Committee Chair – Cheryl R.
Committee Co-Chair – Andy G.
Committee Chair Liaison – Martha G.
Mission Statement: To guide groups and Intergroups on how to address the issue of non-adherence to the Guidance Code and/or other Trustee decisions per Article VII, Section 1 and Article VIII, Section 1A of the Guidance Code.
Stuart B., Area 14, gave this report. The report was also submitted online. The committee is open for new members.

Literature Committee – Standing Committee:
Committee Chair – Nan V. - Area 13A
Committee Liaison Chair – Martha G.
Mission Statement: To encourage the creation of new Gamblers Anonymous literature as needed and to revise, edit and or update existing Gamblers Anonymous literature.
The report was submitted online. Pete let everyone know that Chuck R. would be stepping down from this committee, so we need a chair. Nan volunteered to be the chair of this committee. There was some discussion on the responsibility of this committee.

Spanish Literature Committee
Committee Chair - Julian F. - Area 3F
Committee Liaison Chair – Martha G.
Mission Statement: To unify the literature translation efforts with all the Spanish speaking areas in our G.A. fellowship that are authorized to translate and print G.A. approved literature such that all areas that use the same language will coordinate a revision of existing translated literature that meets all area requirements.
The report was submitted online. Martha also gave a short report about the committee and the work it’s been doing.

Committees with Pete K. as Co-Chair Liaison

Blue Book Revision Committee:
Committee Chair – Arlene R. – Area 8A
Co-Chair – Jeanne B. – Area 8A
Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.
Mission Statement: To undertake a comprehensive review of SHARING RECOVERY THROUGH GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS ‘BLUE BOOK’. Acting in concert with the wishes and input of the fellowship, we will recommend the adoption of all revisions, updates, and deletions consistent with the findings of our review.
Jeanne B., Area 8A, gave this report. It was submitted online as well.
Fourth Step Inventory Review
Committee Chair – Jeanne B. – Area 8A
Committee Chair Liaison – Pete K.
Mission Statement: Review, revise, and rewrite the Gamblers Anonymous publication “A Guide to Fourth Step Inventory” to create a more robust and effective tool of recovery for the fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous that addresses both moral and financial inventories.
Jeanne B. gave this report, and it was submitted online. This committee is open to new members. Debbie, Wendy, and Reba volunteered. The new version is presented on the agenda for this meeting.

Guidance Code Audit Committee
Committee Chair – Anita R. – Area 1B
Committee Chair Liaison – Pete K.
Mission Statement: To review and verify the Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code for compliance with the Unity and Recovery Programs and on a practical level for the sustainability of Gamblers Anonymous.
Anita R. gave this report that was also submitted online. This committee is finished; however, we’ll decide in the fall if we are open to new members.

Telephone Conference Call Committee – Standing Committee:
Committee Chair – Jeanne B. – Area 8A
Co-Chair – David M. - Area 12
Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.
Mission Statement:
1) To administrate the creation, implementation, and oversight of all conference call meetings from the Gamblers Anonymous website. These meetings will be sanctioned by Gamblers Anonymous but will not carry the distinction of being classified as a group, as per the Guidance Code.
2) To formulate, implement and maintain rules and procedures covering all aspects of the telephone conference call meetings, with Board of Trustee approval.
3) To be responsible for coordinating the Gamblers Anonymous members who will administrate the individual telephone conference call meetings.
4) To actively seek out any known phone meetings and try to assist in making them compliant with current rules and procedures covering all aspects of the telephone conference call meetings. Make changes to such procedures whenever necessary, with Board of Trustee approval.
5) Look at other platforms being used and make changes to the rules and procedures covering all aspects of the telephone conference call meetings, with Board of Trustee approval. Jeanne B. gave this report, and it was also submitted online.

**Trustee Removal Merit Panel – Standing Committee:**
Committee Chair –
Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.
Mission Statement: This is a standing panel with a 2-year term coinciding with the new term of Trustees. It will become active when an official action is presented to the Chair of the Board of Trustees to request the official removal of a current Trustee due to acts thought to be detrimental to GA, as provided for by the Guidance Code under Article VIII, Section 4. There is a specific document entitled ‘Trustee Removal Procedures’ available to all members for reference. The panel will consist of 5 GA members, selected from 5 geographical regions, along with 1 backup Trustee for each area. No report was submitted for this committee.

**Trustee Website Committee – Standing Committee:**
Committee Chair – Doug K.
Committee Co-Chair – Ed G., Area 10
Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.
Mission Statement: To oversee the Trustee website. To periodically review all websites that infer or imply membership or representation of the Fellowship or Corporation of Gamblers Anonymous and evaluate the websites for compliance with approved Local Area Website Guidelines. Trustees and area trusted servants will be made aware of any deficiencies that need to be corrected. Websites from outside entities are not included. To review new designs, features, enhancements, and any other changes that would be demonstrated to the Board of Trustees for approval and deployment to any website approved by the Board of Trustees.
Steve P. who was a member of the committee has stepped down. He was responsible for updating the Trustee Line. Renee has volunteered to join the committee. Pete gave the URL for the website and there was a short discussion on what it’s there for. Butch gave the report for this committee. The report was also submitted online.

**RULES AND PROCEDURES**

1) **Rules and Procedures – tabled from Orlando**
Add a new section between sections 13 and 14, re-numbering all sections from 14 on.
The new section, which would be section 14, would be worded as follows:
14. Items Intended for Discussion Only
In order for an item to be allowed on the floor as a discussion only item, the item must pertain to official Trustee business. Any items not pertaining to official business shall not be permitted to be discussed, and the item shall be ruled out of order.
Patrick G., Area 9, Michigan
Patrick let us know that we had already voted on this in Orlando, it was not tabled, and it did not pass.
This item was ruled out of order.
This item was chaired by Pete K.

2) Rules and Procedures
Add new bullet point to number 36: The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees must have the Rolling Agenda open and visible on the Trustee Website within 30 days of the closing of the previous Board of Trustees Meeting.
Current Version: None
Proposed Version:
Rolling Agenda. The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees must have the Rolling Agenda open and visible on the Trustee Website within 30 days of the closing of the previous Board of Trustees Meeting.
Andy R., Area 13B, South New Jersey
Motion to accept above as written.
Passed.
This item was chaired by Pete K.

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

Walter G., Area 12, New Jersey, and Northeastern Pennsylvania
Motion to accept above as written.
This item ruled out of order.
This item was chaired by Pete K.

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

Current Version: 29. Quick Response Meetings
A quick response meeting should be used only in an emergency, i.e. expense items over the BOR limit, a vacancy of the IES position, etc. A quick response meeting requires a response from the voting Trustees within 15 days. Responses will be counted as though it were a physical meeting.

Proposed Version: 29. Quick Response Meetings
A quick response meeting should be used only in an emergency, i.e. expense items over the BOR limit, a vacancy of the IES position, etc. A quick response meeting requires a response from the voting Trustees within 15 days. A quick response meeting should be used only in an emergency, i.e. expense items over the BOR limit, a vacancy of the IES position, etc. A quick response meeting requires a response from the voting Trustees within 15 days. A quick response meeting requires a response from the voting Trustees within 15 days. The item will be posted on the trustee line, for any discussion on the item, point of information, point of orders, are allowed prior to the response deadline. All points of information or point of orders, any challenges must be addressed prior to the 15-day response deadline. The response deadline will be extended to 3 days until the discussions on the item are completed. Responses will be counted as though it were a physical meeting. Responses will be counted as though it were a physical meeting.
Motion to accept the above as written.
Motion to amend the motion to remove the duplicated sentences written.
Amended motion reads: “A quick response meeting should be used only in an emergency, i.e. expense items over the BOR limit, a vacancy of the IES position, etc. A quick response meeting requires a response from the voting Trustees within 15 days. The item will be posted on the trustee line, for any discussion on the item, point of information, point of orders, are allowed prior to the response deadline. All points of information or point of orders, any challenges must be addressed prior to the 15-day response deadline. The response deadline will be extended to 3 days until the discussions on the item are completed. Responses will be counted as though it were a physical meeting.”
Amendment fails
Original motion fails.
This item was chaired by Pete K.

5) Recovery Step Change
Change the word there to try in Recovery Step 12
Current Version: Having made an effort to practice these principles in all our affairs, we tried to carry this message to other compulsive gamblers.
Proposed Version: Having made an effort to practice these principles in all our affairs, we try to carry this message to other compulsive gamblers.
Butch G. – Area 3A, San Diego
There were not enough trustees present to vote on this item.
Motion to table item.
Item tabled.
This item was chaired by Pete K.

6) Current Literature – Towards 90 Days
Change Page 9, Add the word “forever!”
Current Version: Money lost – We must accept that this money is gone.
Proposed Version: Money lost – We must accept that this money is gone forever!
Paul N., Area 2A, for Dave C., British Columbia Canada
Motion to accept above as written.
Item failed.
This item was chaired by Harold A.

7) Current Literature – Towards 90 Days
Change Page 13, Change the word “was” to “is”
Current Version: If you feel resentful, think about all the people who have forgiven you and be thankful that you were picked to be part of the miracle that was the Gamblers Anonymous recovery program – go on, enjoy it
Proposed Version: If you feel resentful, think about all the people who have forgiven you and be thankful that you were picked to be part of the miracle that is the Gamblers Anonymous recovery program – go on. enjoy it.
Paul N., Area 2A, British Columbia Canada
Motion to accept above as written.
Item passed. 1st Vote
This item was chaired by Harold A.

8) Current Literature – “THERE IS HELP” Brochure
    On the bottom of the third page remove “Call or write” and Gamblers Anonymous and change to Visit us at: www.gamblersanonymous.org. Remove all names and phone numbers of meetings listed. Put in the TWENTY QUESTIONS including “Most compulsive gamblers will answer yes to at least seven of these questions.
Current Version: Bottom of third page says “Call or write: GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS
On the last two folds it gives a list with phone numbers of meetings in the United States and Canada.
Proposed Version: On the third fold put in Visit us at: On the last two folds put in the TWENTY QUESTIONS including “Most compulsive gamblers will answer yes to at least seven of these questions.
Paul N., Area 2A, British Columbia Canada
Motion to accept above as written.
Cathy F., Chair of the B.O.R., let everyone know that this brochure has not been printed or sold since 2001. It is not current literature.
For 39 Against 31
Item passed. 1st Vote
This item was chaired by Harold A.

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

10) Orlando agenda item #55 Guidance Code
Article VII – Groups, Add Section 3A Current Version: None
Proposed Version: Electronic forms of payment can be accepted as long as guidance code regulations are followed.
Butch G. – Area 3A, San Diego
For 73 Against 5 Abstain 4
Item passed.
This item was chaired by Harold A.

11) Orlando item #119
Board of Regents By-Law Change
Article III – Directors, Section 11 – In the second sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager.
Current Version: When the Board of Regents Chair (or authorized representative from the Board of Regents) is required to attend a Trustee meeting, the International Service Office shall pay the travel, meals, lodging and conference expenses. Attendee shall supply the International Executive Secretary with a detailed accounting of reimbursable travel expenses within forty-five days of said expenses. Such expense reports will be part of the next Board of Regents meeting and accordingly, part of the minutes of those meetings. The amount of expense will require approval from the Board of Regents.
Proposed Version: When the Board of Regents Chair (or authorized representative from the Board of Regents) is required to attend a Trustee meeting, the International Service Office shall pay the travel, meals, lodging and conference expenses. Attendee shall supply the Office Manager with a detailed accounting of reimbursable travel expenses within forty-five days of said expenses. Such expense reports will be part of the next Board of Regents meeting and accordingly, part of the minutes of those meetings. The amount of expense will require approval from the Board of Regents.
Cathy F., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii
Item passed.
This item was chaired by Harold A.

12) Orlando item #120
Board of Regents By-Law Change
Article VI Voting, Section 1- In the first sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary of the Corporation with Office Manager.
Current version: The International Executive Secretary of the Corporation or before March 1st of each odd year, shall submit in writing a ballot of all eligible members wishing to run for the Board of Regents. Previous service as Regent of the Corporation or as Trustee of Gamblers Anonymous, total abstinence as of March 1st of that year, and home group of nominees shall be listed alongside the name of each nominee.
Proposed version: The Office Manager, on or before March 1st of each odd year, shall submit in writing a ballot of all eligible members wishing to run for the Board of Regents. Previous service as Regent of the Corporation or as Trustee of Gamblers Anonymous, total abstinence as of March 1st of that year, and home group of nominees shall be listed alongside the name of each nominee.

Item Passed.

This item chaired by Harold A.

13) Orlando item #121

Article VI – Voting Section 7 – in the last sentence replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager.

CURRENT VERSION: After the counting of the ballots, each newly elected Board of Regents member will be asked by the International Executive Secretary to confirm their election. Any ties will be broken by a written vote at the Trustees in attendance. The order that the nominees came in shall be kept by the International Executive Secretary.

PROPOSED VERSION: After the counting of the ballots, each newly elected Board of Regents member will be asked by the International Executive Secretary to confirm their election. Any ties will be broken by a written vote at the Trustees in attendance. The order that the nominees came in shall be kept by the Office Manager.

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

Item Passed.

This item chaired by Harold A.

14) Orlando item #122

Board of Regents By-Law change

Article VII – Directors, Powers, and Meetings, Section 1 – In the first sentence replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager. In the second sentence replace the words He / She with the words Both the Office Manager and the International Executive Secretary. In the third sentence replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager.

Current version: The International Executive Secretary shall be responsible for the operation of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) He / She shall be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents who shall have complete charge, management, and control of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) and property of this Corporation subject to the terms and conditions of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. The International Executive Secretary may employ an office secretary and any other needed office employee providing written approval is first obtained from the Board of Regents.
Proposed version: The Office Manager shall be responsible for the operation of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) Both the Office Manager and International Executive Secretary shall be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents who shall have complete charge, management, and control of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) and property of this Corporation subject to the terms and conditions of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. The Office Manager may employ an office secretary and any other needed office employee providing written approval is first obtained from the Board of Regents.

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

Item Passed. 2nd Vote

This item chaired by Harold A.

15) Orlando item #123
Board of Regents By-Law change
Article VII – Directors, Powers, and Meetings, Section 7 – In the first sentence replace the words the International Executive Secretary with the words Both the International Executive Secretary and the Office Manager.

CURRENT VERSION: The International Executive Secretary should attend all regularly scheduled Board of Regents meetings and when called upon may engage in discussion matters but shall have no voting power.

PROPOSED VERSION: Both the International Executive Secretary and Office Manager should attend all regularly scheduled Board of Regents meetings and when called upon may engage in discussion matters but shall have no voting power.

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

Item Passed. 2nd Vote

This item chaired by Harold A.

16) Orlando item #124
Board of Regents By-Law change
Article VIII – Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Title – In the title of Article VIII, insert a comma, then the words Office Manager after Duties of Officers and before the word and.

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

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

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

Item Passed. 2nd Vote

This item chaired by Harold A.
17) Orlando item #125
Board of Regents By-Law change
Article VIII – Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 4 – In the first sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager.
CURRENT VERSION: The Secretary shall take the minutes of all the meetings of the Board of Regents and submit them to the International Executive Secretary for safekeeping. All minutes must be signed by the Secretary. The Secretary shall also perform such other duties as the Board of Regents shall prescribe.
PROPOSED VERSION: The Secretary shall take the minutes of all the meetings of the Board of Regents and submit them to the Office Manager for safekeeping. All minutes must be signed by the Secretary. The Secretary shall also perform such other duties as the Board of Regents shall prescribe.
Cathy F., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii
Item Passed. 2nd Vote
This item chaired by Harold A.

18) Orlando item #126
Board of Regents By-Law change
Article VIII – Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (A) – In the first sentence replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager.
CURRENT VERSION: The International Executive Secretary shall publish a monthly Operating Statement of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) and any other subsidiary or division of the International Service Office and shall also publish the audited Annual Financial Statement.
PROPOSED VERSION: The Office Manager shall publish a monthly Operating Statement of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) and any other subsidiary or division of the International Service Office and shall also publish the audited Annual Financial Statement.
Cathy F., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii
Item Passed. 2nd Vote
This item chaired by Harold A.

19) Orlando item #127
Board of Regents By-Law change
Article VIII – Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (B) – In the first sentence replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager.
CURRENT VERSION: The International Executive Secretary shall keep a book of minutes at the principal office of this Corporation of all business meetings of the Board of Regents.
PROPOSED VERSION: The Office Manager shall keep a book of minutes at the principal office of this Corporation of all business meetings of the Board of Regents.
Cathy F., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii
Item Passed.
This item chaired by Harold A.

20) Orlando item #128
Board of Regents By-Law change
Article VIII – Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (C) – Remove this item from Section 6, move to the new Section 7, re-lettering accordingly.
CURRENT VERSION: The International Executive Secretary shall be guided in all matters by the Gamblers Anonymous Twelve Step Recovery Program and the Gamblers Anonymous Unity Program.
PROPOSED VERSION: The International Executive Secretary shall be guided in all matters by the Gamblers Anonymous Twelve Step Recovery Program and the Gamblers Anonymous Unity Program.
Cathy F., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii
Item Passed.
This item chaired by Harold A.

21) Orlando item #129
Board of Regents By-Law change
Article VIII – Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (D) – Replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager.
CURRENT VERSION: The International Executive Secretary will be responsible for the reprinting of all approved Gamblers Anonymous literature and purchase of Gamblers Anonymous pins and keep sufficient quantity on hand at all times for the needs of our entire Fellowship.
PROPOSED VERSION: The Office Manager will be responsible for the reprinting of all approved Gamblers Anonymous literature and purchase of Gamblers Anonymous pins and keep sufficient quantity on hand at all times for the needs of our entire Fellowship.
Cathy F., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii
Item Passed.
This item chaired by Harold A.

22) Orlando item #130
Board of Regents By-Law change
Article VIII – Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (E) – Remove this item from Section 6, move to the new Section 7, re-lettering accordingly.
CURRENT VERSION: In matters affecting the Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous as a whole, the International Executive Secretary has no authority to act on policy matters.

PROPOSED VERSION: In matters affecting the Fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous as a whole, the International Executive Secretary has no authority to act on policy matters.

Cathy F., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii
Item Passed.
2nd Vote
This item chaired by Harold A.

23) Orlando item #131
Board of Regents By-Law change
Article VIII – Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (F) – In the first sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager, for both occurrences.

CURRENT VERSION: The International Executive Secretary, or other designated individual, in coordination with the International Executive Secretary, as determined by the Board of Regents, shall be charged with the general management of the affairs of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) subject to the control of the Board of Regents. He / She shall be the custodian of the records and funds of the corporation and shall pay funds out only on the check of the corporation signed in the manner authorized by the Board of Regents and shall have such responsibilities and duties as shall be prescribed by the Board of Regents or these By-Laws. The responsibilities and duties prescribed by the Board of Regents at its first meeting.

PROPOSED VERSION: The Office Manager, or other designated individual, in coordination with the Office Manager, as determined by the Board of Regents, shall be charged with the general management of the affairs of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) subject to the control of the Board of Regents. He / She shall be the custodian of the records and funds of the corporation and shall pay funds out only on the check of the corporation signed in the manner authorized by the Board of Regents and shall have such responsibilities and duties as shall be prescribed by the Board of Regents or these By-Laws. The responsibilities and duties prescribed by the Board of Regents at its first meeting.

Cathy F., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii
Item Passed.
2nd Vote
This item chaired by Harold A and Martha G.
24) Orlando item #132
Board of Regents By-Law change
Article VIII – Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (G) – Remove this item from Section 6, move to the new Section 7, re-lettering accordingly.
CURRENT VERSION: Should the International Executive Secretary be terminated or unable to carry out the functions, duties, and responsibilities of the position, the Chair of the Board of Regents will temporarily assume the position of the International Executive Secretary until the Board of Regents hires a permanent International Executive Secretary.
PROPOSED VERSION: Should the International Executive Secretary be terminated or unable to carry out the functions, duties, and responsibilities of the position, the Chair of the Board of Regents will temporarily assume the position of the International Executive Secretary until the Board of Regents hires a permanent International Executive Secretary.
Cathy F., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii
Item Passed.
2nd Vote
This item chaired by Martha G.

25) Orlando item #133
Board of Regents By-Law change
Article VIII – Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (H) – Remove this item from Section 6, move to the new Section 7, re-lettering accordingly.
CURRENT VERSION: While the Chairman of the Board of Regents is acting International Executive Secretary, the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Regents shall assume the duties of the Chairman. While acting as International Executive Secretary, the Chairman of the Board of Regents shall lose his/her vote on the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents will operate with eight (8) members for this period.
PROPOSED VERSION: While the Chairman of the Board of Regents is acting International Executive Secretary, the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Regents shall assume the duties of the Chairman. While acting as International Executive Secretary, the Chairman of the Board of Regents shall lose his/her vote on the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents will operate with eight (8) members for this period.
Cathy F., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii
Item Passed.
2nd Vote
This item chaired by Martha G.
26) Orlando item #134
Board of Regents By-Law change
Article VIII – Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (I) – Remove this item from Section 6, move to the new Section 7, relettering accordingly.
CURRENT VERSION: When the Board of Regents hires an International Executive Secretary, if it is not the Chairman of the Board of Regents, who is acting as International Executive Secretary, the Chairman of the Board of Regents shall return to his/her original position and his/her voting power is restored.
PROPOSED VERSION: When the Board of Regents hires an International Executive Secretary, if it is not the Chairman of the Board of Regents, who is acting as International Executive Secretary, the Chairman of the Board of Regents shall return to his/her original position and his/her voting power is restored.
Cathy F., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii
Item Passed. 2nd Vote
This item chaired by Martha G.

27) Orlando item #135
Board of Regents By-Law change
Article VIII – Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (J) – In the first sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager.
CURRENT VERSION: The International Executive Secretary shall be responsible to keep the door of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) open during the hours specified by the Board of Regents.
PROPOSED VERSION: The Office Manager shall be responsible to keep the door of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) open during the hours specified by the Board of Regents.
Cathy F., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii
Item Passed. 2nd Vote
This item chaired by Martha G.

28) Orlando item #136
Board of Regents By-Law change
Article XVI – Budget, Section 1 – In the first sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary of the Corporation with Office Manager.
CURRENT VERSION: Prior to the commencement of each fiscal year of the Corporation, the International Executive Secretary of the Corporation shall prepare a budget setting forth the anticipated income and expense of the Corporation for the ensuing fiscal year and shall submit this budget for the approval of the Board of Regents at their meeting in June of each year. No single expenditure in excess of fifty dollars ($50.00), which is not included in said
budget in the form approved by the Board of Regents shall be authorized by any director, officer appointed officer or employee of the Corporation unless such expenditure is specifically approved by the Board of Regents of the Corporation at any regular or special meetings of said Board.

PROPOSED VERSION: Prior to the commencement of each fiscal year of the Corporation, the Office Manager shall prepare a budget setting forth the anticipated income and expense of the Corporation for the ensuing fiscal year and shall submit this budget for the approval of the Board of Regents at their meeting in June of each year. No single expenditure in excess of fifty dollars ($50.00), which is not included in said budget in the form approved by the Board of Regents, shall be authorized by any director, officer appointed officer or employee of the Corporation unless such expenditure is specifically approved by the Board of Regents of the Corporation at any regular or special meeting of said Board.

Cathy F., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii Item Passed. 2nd Vote
This item chaired by Martha G.

29) Orlando item #137
Board of Regents By-Law change
Article XVIII – Amendments, Section 3 – In the first sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager.

CURRENT VERSION: A permanent file of these By-Laws shall be maintained by the International Executive Secretary, in the office of this Corporation, and a current copy (including any and all the amendments) shall be made available to all members of the Board of Regents, Board of Trustees, and each Gamblers Anonymous group for their guidance.

PROPOSED VERSION: A permanent file of these By-Laws shall be maintained by the Office Manager, in the office of this Corporation, and a current copy (including any and all the amendments) shall be made available to all members of the Board of Regents, Board of Trustees, and each Gamblers Anonymous group for their guidance.

Cathy F., Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii Item Passed. 2nd Vote
This item chaired by Martha G.

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

31) **Spring 2023 Conference**  
The Spring 2023 Conference is open for bids.  
There were no bids on this, so it will be a Board of Trustees meeting only. This location has not been discussed yet.
This item chaired by Pete K.

32) **Fall 2023 Conference**  
The Fall 2023 Conference is open for bids  
This item will be combined with item #43.  
Chicagoland has made an official bid for Fall 2023.  
The International Conference will be held November 16 – 19, 2023.  
Item passed.  
Chicagoland will be hosting the Fall 2023 International Conference in November of 2023.  
This item was chaired by Pete K.

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

33) **Approve new literature – Merit Vote**  
Bankruptcy, Loans and Bailouts while in Gambler’s Anonymous  
Attachment  
Patrick G. – Area 9, Michigan  
Motion to accept as written.  
Item failed.  
This item was chaired by Pete K.

34) **General Discussion**  
How is Intergroups managing their websites if they have one? Is it being done internally or is it being contracted to outside consultants? If contracted to outside consultants, how are the consultants compensated? Hourly? Monthly? Some other way? How much are they paying?  
Jack R. – Area 1A, Orange County, California  
Discussion only.  
This item was chaired by Martha G.
35) General Discussion
For simple majority votes, should the Rules and Procedures be changed to allow the Chair to cast a tie-breaking vote?
Jack R. – Area 1A, Orange County, California – for Jimmy D.
Discussion only.
This item was chaired by Martha G.

36) General Discussion
Gambling for the compulsive gambler is defined as follows: Any betting or wagering, for self or others, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or “skill” constitutes gambling. Implicit in that definition is an overt act. What about seemingly innocuous statements such as “I bet you that...” or “the odds are...”? What about shopping discounts that are only available to people through random acts (i.e., a “scratch-off” at a department store or grocery store)? Are these things something the fellowship needs to address within this definition in order to be consistent in its message?
Jack R., Area 1A, Orange County, California
Discussion only.
This item was chaired by Martha G.

37) General Discussion
Unity Step 7 states that each “group” should be self-supporting declining outside contributions. Does the same rule apply to Intergroups which serve a completely different function within the fellowship? For example, if an Intergroup holds a paid event (i.e., bowling, or miniature golf outing, karaoke night, dinner dance, picnic, etc.) where a certain percentage of the proceeds goes directly to the Intergroup as a donation, are non-members of the fellowship allowed to participate? If yes, should their cost of participation be discounted to factor out that percentage of the proceeds that is allocated to the Intergroup as a donation?
Jack R., Area 1A, Orange County, California
Discussion only.
This item was chaired by Martha G.

38) General Discussion
Should Gamblers Anonymous allow or finance Friends of Bill W. meetings at a Gamblers Anonymous event?
Walter G., Area 12, New Jersey, and Eastern Pennsylvania
Discussion only.
This item was chaired by Martha G.
39) General Discussion
Should Gamblers Anonymous allow or finance Friends of Jim W. meetings at a Gamblers Anonymous event?
Walter G., Area 12, New Jersey, and Eastern Pennsylvania
A motion was made reading, “Gamblers Anonymous should allow to finance Friends of Jim W. meetings at Gamblers Anonymous event.”
Point of Order on the motion – it was determined this item will be allowed.
Motion to table item.
Item tabled.
This item was chaired by Martha G. and Pete K.

40) General Discussion
Is Bill W. the Founder of Gamblers Anonymous?
Walter G., Area 12, New Jersey, and Eastern Pennsylvania
Item withdrawn.
This item was chaired by Pete K.

41) General Discussion
Is Jim W. the Founder of Gamblers Anonymous?
Walter G., Area 12, New Jersey, and Eastern Pennsylvania
Discussion only.
This item was chaired by Pete K.

42) General Discussion
I would like to see a North American GA app created. This is different for the GA websites. This GA app will have features like a meeting list, time, and locations. Clean time counter. Bluebook, yellow book, grey book, maroon book, and other related GA literature. This is a universal North American App. All you have to do is type in the city you are in, and all the current and proper information is built into that specific city. All names and emails of the current trustees. We can discuss further what else we can have in this North American or Global GA app. I myself have not seen any app like this in the play store. Calgary Alberta has been thinking about this App creation for some time now. Let me know if this can be added as an agenda item for the future
Steve L., Area 2K, Southern Alberta
Item withdrawn.
This item was chaired by Pete K.

43) General Discussion
A proposal and bid to hold an International Conference in Chicago either in the fall of 2023 or the spring of 2024. Date TBD prior to submission to the board.
44) **General Discussion**  
Discuss the Board of Regents  
Andy R., Area 13B, South New Jersey  
Item withdrawn.  
This item was chaired by Pete K.

45) **General Discussion**  
Discuss the Corporate Structure of Gamblers Anonymous  
Andy R., Area 13B, South New Jersey  
Item discussed at length. The Chair created a committee, calling it the Corporate Restructure Committee. Pete K. will be the liaison for this committee. Time was extended on this topic. The volunteers for this committee include Jack R., Area 1A, Jo K., Area 8D, David M., Area 12, Wendy B., Area 1B, Mark S., Area 3, Valerie D., Area 1B, Nan V., Area 13A, Cathy F., Area 1, and Reba L., Area 8, Greg M., Area 13. David M. will be the Chair with Wendy B. being the Co-Chair.  
This item was chaired by Pete K.

46) **General Discussion**  
Would the fellowship benefit from the formation of a committee to establish best practices for Intergroups?  
Jack R., Area 1A, Orange County, California – for Jimmy D.  
Discussion only.  
This item was chaired by Pete K.

47) **General Discussion**  
What happens when an Intergroup does not comply with its own rules and procedures or bylaws? Is this something that the area Trustee(s) should get involved in? What redress do individual members have?  
Jack R., Area 1A, Orange County, California – for Jimmy D.  
Item withdrawn.  
This item was chaired by Pete K.

48) **General Discussion**  
COMMITTEE RELATED – Need for a new technical support volunteer.  
Discuss the need for ISO to take over technical support of the International GA Hotline.  
Paul S., Area 17, Connecticut  
Discussion only.  
Scott S., Area 13, stepped up to be trained by Paul for technical support.  
This item was chaired by Pete K.
49) General Discussion
COMMITTEE RELATED – Telephone Committee
Now that we have multiple applications for video conferencing meetings with little to no rules, should we remove all of the restrictions for phone meetings?
Andy R., Area 13B, South New Jersey
Discussion only.
This item was chaired by Pete K.

50) General Discussion
Since the entire fellowship benefits from the existence of the hot line, should the cost and logistics of maintaining it be handled at the ISO level rather than at the Intergroup level?
Jack R., Area 1A, Orange County, California – for Joe G.
Item withdrawn.
This item was chaired by Pete K.

51) General Discussion
What happens when an Intergroup does not comply with its own rules and procedures or bylaws? Is this something that the area Trustee(s) should get involved in? What redress do individual members have?
Jack R., Area 1A, Orange County, California – for Jimmy D.
Item withdrawn.
This item was chaired by Pete K.

52) Committee Related
Vote to approve the attachment, “Group Removal Guidelines and Procedures Manual” as the approved document that will give direction and support to all parties on how to address the issue of non-adherence to the Guidance Code and/or other Trustee decisions per Article VII, Section 1 and Article VIII, Section 1A of the Guidance Code.
Cheryl RD., Area 2E, Manitoba
Stuart B., Area 14, presented this item.
Point of Order on whether this was in order or not. The Chair determined it was in order. There was a challenge of the Chair on this, with a second to the challenge.
Discussion on the challenge. Vote occurred found the Chair was correct in his decision.
Discussion returned to the original motion.
Motion to accept above as written.
Item passes.
1st Vote
This item was chaired by Pete K.
53) Committee Related
Group Handbook Revision
See Attachment
Jack R., Area 1A, Orange County, California
Motion to approve as written.
Item passes. 1st Vote
This item was chaired by Pete K.

54) Committee Related
Virtual Meeting Committee
This agenda item will be a short presentation by the Virtual Meeting Committee to illustrate what a potential BOT meeting would look like and how it would work. This agenda item should precede the six Guidance Code changes agenda items proposed by the Virtual Meeting Committee
Chris N., Area 2, Northern California
Chris N. presented this item.
Point of Information asking if we have two different committees with this name. The Chair let them know this committee was renamed the Virtual Trustee Meeting Committee and the Virtual Meeting Committee is the one Patrick is chairing that’s dealing with physical meetings.
This item chaired by Pete K.

55) Committee Related
Virtual Meeting Committee – Mission Statement
Current Version: None – this is a new committee created at the Orlando conference. Proposed Version: To support the creation, implementation, and technical oversight of any virtual (excluding telephone conference calls) Gamblers Anonymous meetings including, but not limited to, regular GA meetings, hybrid types, Intergroups, Board of Trustees, conferences, etc. This committee has no opinion on the desirability of virtual meetings vs. in-person meetings or influence on the acceptability of these meetings under the provisions of our guidance code. The committee only serves to help facilitate virtual meetings as required to better serve the fellowship.
Chris N., Area 2, Northern California
Chris N. presented this item.
Motion to accept above.
Item ruled out of order.
There was a challenge of the Chair, with a second. Discussion on the challenge occurred. Item was still out of order.
The Chair gave the committee an opportunity to come up with a new mission statement to be approved by the end of this meeting, or it would have to wait until fall.
This item chaired by Pete K.
56) Committee Related
Guidance Code Audit
Committee related Guidance code Article XI – Regional Service Office (R.S.O.) Section 3 first sentence remove “an” and replaced with “a”
Current Version: Section 3:
Each group that belongs to an RSO is self-governing; therefore, such group is not mandated to be answerable to an RSO. However, in the interest and observance of Unity and efficiency, all groups should make an effort to support its RSO and the International Service Office (ISO)
Propose Version: Section 3:
Each group that belongs to a RSO is self-governing; therefore, such group is not mandated to be answerable to an RSO. However, in the interest and observance of Unity and efficiency, all groups should make an effort to support its RSO and the International Service Office (ISO)
Anita R., Area 1B, Inland Empire, Palm Springs, and San Bernardino, California
Item withdrawn.
This item chaired by Pete K.

57) Committee Related
Hotline Committee
Hotline Volunteer Guidelines to be added on the Trustee Website, section Hotline Implementation Committee as appropriate literature. Submitted this item at the Orlando Fall 2021 BOT meeting for approval and received a Motion to amend it. Hotline Committee made recommended changes and is resubmitting for approval.
See Attachment
Ron B., Area 6B, Florida
Motion to accept as written.
Item passes.
This item chaired by Harold A.

58) NEW LITERATURE
Blue Book Revision Committee
Current Version: None
Proposed Version: Sharing Recovery Through Gamblers Anonymous
Jeannie B., Area 8A, Minnesota
Motion to accept above as written
Item passes.
This item was chaired by Harold A.
1st Vote
Guidance Code
In order to permit potential future virtual BOT meetings, there will need to be 6 changes to the Guidance Code. This is #1

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

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

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

Chris N., Area 2, Northern California
Motion to accept above as written.

For 35 Against 41
Item fails.

This item was chaired by Harold A.

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

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

Current Version: Any Trustee that misses two (2) consecutive Board meetings is automatically removed from the Board of Trustees, and the area in which he or she serves shall be duly notified to hold an election for that vacant Trustee position. A quick response meeting will count for attendance at the Board of Trustees meeting. Absentee ballots from Board of Trustees members from areas outside of the U.S.A. will count as a physical presence at the Board of Trustees physical meetings.

Proposed Version: Any Trustee that misses two (2) consecutive Board meetings is automatically removed from the Board of Trustees, and the area in which he or she serves shall be duly notified to hold an election for that vacant Trustee position. A quick response meeting will count for attendance at the Board of Trustees meeting. Absentee ballots from Board of Trustees members from areas outside of the U.S.A. will count as a presence at the Board of Trustees meetings.

Chris N., Area 2, Northern California
Item withdrawn.

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

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

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

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

Chris N., Area 2, Northern California
Item withdrawn.
This item chaired by Harold A.

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

Article 9 – Section 2. Delete word “physical”

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

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

Chris N., Area 2, Northern California

Item withdrawn.

This item chaired by Harold A.

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

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

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

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

Chris N., Area 2, Northern California

Item withdrawn.

This item chaired by Harold A.

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

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

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

Chris N., Area 2, Northern California

Item withdrawn.

This item chaired by Harold A.

65) Guidance Code

Articles VIII – Section 4, XIII – Section 4 & XVI – Section 2

Change wording referring to gambling: Gambling, for the compulsive gambler, is defined as follows: Any betting or wagering, or involvement or participation in gambling activities or receiving a gift of chance, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or skill constitutes gambling.

Current Version: Article VIII-Board of Trustees Section 4

Any Trustee is automatically removed from office for gambling by his/her own admission. Current or past Trustees who return to gambling and subsequently come back to G.A. should not have a voice at the BOT meeting until they have 2 years of abstinence, the same qualification as becoming a Trustee. Gambling, for the compulsive gambler, is defined as follows: Any betting or wagering, for self or others, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or “skill” constitutes gambling. He or she may be removed for other acts on his or her part, which are detrimental to Gamblers Anonymous as a whole, as per established Trustee Removal Procedures, or for not attending Gamblers Anonymous meetings. Removal requires 2/3 vote for expulsion by the Board of Trustees at the next physical meeting of the Board of Trustees. Article XIII-Board of Regents Section 4

Any Regent is automatically removed from office for gambling by his/her own admission. Gambling, for the compulsive gambler, is defined as follows: Any betting or wagering, for self or others, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or “skill” constitutes gambling. Or he or she may be removed for other acts on his or her part that are detrimental to Gamblers Anonymous as a whole. Removal will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote for expulsion by the Board of Trustees at the next physical meeting.
Article XVI-International Executive Secretary of I.S.O Section 2
The International Executive Secretary is automatically removed from office for gambling by his/her own admission. Gambling, for the compulsive gambler is defined as follows: Any betting or wagering, for self or others, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or “skill” constitutes gambling, or other acts on his/her part that are detrimental to Gamblers Anonymous as a whole. Should the International Executive Secretary be terminated or unable to carry out the functions, duties and responsibilities of the position, the Chair of the Board of Regents will temporarily assume the position of the International Executive Secretary until the Board of Regents hires a permanent International Executive Secretary.

Proposed Version: Article VIII, Section 4
Any Trustee is automatically removed from office for gambling by his/her own admission. Current or past Trustees who return to gambling and subsequently come back to G.A. should not have a voice at the BOT meeting until they have 2 years of abstinence, the same qualification as becoming a Trustee. Gambling, for the compulsive gambler, is defined as follows: Any betting or wagering, or involvement or participation in gambling activities or receiving a gift of chance, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or skill constitutes gambling. He or she may be removed for other acts on his or her part, which are detrimental to Gamblers Anonymous as a whole, as per established Trustee Removal Procedures, or for not attending Gamblers Anonymous meetings. Removal requires 2/3 vote for expulsion by the Board of Trustees at the next physical meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Article XIII Board of Regents Section 4
Article XVI-International Executive Secretary of I.S.O Section 2
The International Executive Secretary is automatically removed from office for gambling by his/her own admission. Gambling, for the compulsive gambler, is defined as follows: Any betting or wagering, or involvement or participation in gambling activities or receiving a gift of chance, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or skill constitutes gambling or other acts on his/her part that are detrimental to Gamblers Anonymous as a whole. Should the International Executive Secretary be terminated or unable to carry out the functions, duties, and responsibilities of the position, the Chair of the Board of Regents will temporarily assume the position of the International Executive Secretary until the Board of Regents hires a permanent International Executive Secretary.

Ira C., Area 14, Long Island, New York
Motion to amend wording to read “Change wording referring to gambling: Gambling, for the compulsive gambler, is defined as follows: Any betting or wagering, for self or others or involvement or participation in gambling activities or receiving a gift of chance, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or skill constitutes gambling.”
Motion to accept above.
For 0 Against 50
Item fails.
This item was chaired by Martha G.

66) COMMITTEE RELATED - Guidance Code Audit
Guidance Code, Article VII, Groups Sections 1, 1A, 2, 3, 6, 8
Section 1-Remove the word “only” after the word use and replace it with “as a guide” Section 2-Remove section 2, Section 1A renamed to Section 2, Section 3 first sentence remove the word “is” and replace with “should be” self-governing, then add “using the unity steps as their guidelines and refer to the group handbook.” Remove “only if a new room.” Section 6 add at the end of the sentence “who desires to stop gambling”. Section 8 in the last sentence removes the word “must” and add “may”.
Current Version:
Section 1: Whenever two or more persons with a desire to stop gambling meet together on a regular, weekly scheduled basis to discuss their gambling problems, they will be known as a group, only if they commit themselves to follow Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code and limit their use, display, and distribution to only approved and appropriate Gamblers Anonymous literature. They are also to notify the International Service Office (I.S.O.) of their existence. Failure to comply with Guidance Code will result in the meeting no longer being recognized as part of Gamblers Anonymous and such meetings will be removed from the International Service Office directory of meetings.
Section 1A: Meetings may be classified as special interest meetings, such as “Women Preferred,” “Gay/Lesbian Preferred,” “Men Preferred,” etc. but no meeting can exclude other Gamblers Anonymous members who wish to attend who don’t match the room preference.
Section 2: No new group will be qualified to vote on any issues affecting Gamblers Anonymous as a whole until they have conducted regular weekly meetings for a three (3) month period.
Section 3: Each group is self-governing however, by tradition each group should elect a SECRETARY- TREASURER (can be the same person, only if a new room), PRESSURE RELIEF GROUP CHAIRMAN, GROUP REPRESENTATIVE, PUBLIC...
RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE, who will assume the workload necessary to keep the group together and in operation. A member can only be TREASURER for one (1) room at a time. It is suggested that group trusted servants be elected for a three (3), four (4), or six (6) month period, to be decided by each individual group. It is further suggested that no secretary, treasurer, group representative, pressure relief group chairman, or public relations representative be elected that has not abstained from gambling for at least six (6) months unless it is a brand-new group. All positions should be rotated at the end of each term. This suggestion is based on experience.

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

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

Proposed Version:

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

Section 2:

Meetings may be classified as special interest meetings, such as “Women Preferred,” “Gay/Lesbian Preferred,” “Men Preferred,” etc. but no meeting can exclude other Gamblers Anonymous members who wish to attend who don’t match the room preference.

Section 3:

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

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

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

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

Item withdrawn.

This item chaired by Martha G.

67) COMMITTEE RELATED - Guidance Code

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

Current: Section 2:
The International Executive Secretary is automatically removed from office for gambling by his/her own admission. Gambling, for the compulsive gambler is defined as follows: Any betting or wagering, for self or others, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or “skill” constitutes gambling, or other acts on his/her part that are detrimental to Gamblers Anonymous as a whole. Should the International Executive Secretary be terminated or unable to carry out the functions, duties and responsibilities of the position, the Chair of the Board of Regents will temporarily assume the position of the International Executive Secretary until the Board of Regents hires a permanent International Executive Secretary.

Propose: Section 2:
The International Executive Secretary is automatically removed from office for gambling by his/her own admission. Gambling, for the compulsive gambler, is defined as follows: Any betting or wagering, for self or others, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or “skill” constitutes gambling. Should the International Executive Secretary be terminated or unable to carry out the functions, duties, and responsibilities of the position, the Chair of the Board of Regents will temporarily assume the position of the International Executive Secretary until the Board of Regents hires a permanent International Executive Secretary.
Anita R., Area 1B, Inland Empire, Palm Springs, & San Bernardino, California
Item withdrawn.
This item chaired by Martha G.

68) COMMITTEE RELATED - Guidance Code
Article XX – Amendments Section 1 remove “notify each member of the” add after shall “included the change in the minutes to the Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents. Remove very last sentence, “and in each group of such change” Section 3 remove “and a current copy (including all and any amendments or replacements) shall be made available during office hours for inspection by any member.”
Current Version: Section 1:
The Guidance Code may be amended by the Board of Trustees by a two-thirds (2/3) majority at two (2) consecutive Board of Trustees meetings with at least a quorum present at each voting. Within thirty (30) days after an amendment is adopted, the International Executive Secretary shall notify each member of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Regents, and each group of such change.
Section 3:
An up-to-date permanent file of the Guidance Code shall be maintained by the International Executive Secretary of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) and a current copy (including all and any amendments or replacements) shall be made available during office hours for inspection by any member.
Proposed: Section 1:
The Guidance Code may be amended by the Board of Trustees by a two-thirds (2/3) majority at two (2) consecutive Board of Trustees meetings with at least a quorum present at each voting. Within thirty (30) days after an amendment is adopted, the International Executive Secretary shall include the change in the minutes to the Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents.
Section 3:
An up-to-date permanent file of the Guidance Code shall be maintained by the International Service Office (I.S.O.). The guidance code will be available to view on the trustee website.
Anita R., Area 1B, Inland Empire, Palm Springs, & San Bernardino, California
Item withdrawn.

69) COMMITTEE RELATED - Guidance Code
Article III – Objects, Section 1 – Separating Section 1: into 2 subparagraphs Section 1 & Section 1A. add “1. To stop gambling. 2. To help other gamblers do the same to Section 1. Section 1A remove “contact” and replace it with “be available to”
Current Version: Section 1: The specific and primary purposes for which this Fellowship is formed are as follows:

1) To contact compulsive gamblers no matter where they may be and help them overcome a gambling problem.

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

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

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

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

1) To stop gambling.

2) To help other gamblers do the same.

Section 1A:

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

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

Item withdrawn.
Current Literature – Guidance Code

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

Current Version: Abstinence from gambling and regular attendance of at least thirty-nine (39) Gamblers Anonymous meetings (exceptions can be made, via group conscience decisions, for medical reasons, or active military duty) in the prior 12 months, by the member’s own admission, is required for pinnings and for all successive anniversaries. Date of abstinence starts from your first meeting after your last bet.

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

Motion to accept above as written.

For 40 Against 23

Failed two-thirds.

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

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*Absentee ballot sent in.

For 56 Against 22 Abstain 8

Item passes.

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

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

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

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

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Walter G., Area 12, New Jersey, and Northern Pennsylvania
Motion to accept above as written.
If this motion conflicts with the definition of a group, this item will be out of order. No conflict was found. The motion is in order.
For 22 Against 55
Item failed.
This item was chaired by Harold A.

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

74) Trustee Allocation
St. Petersburg Russia is asking to become a recognized area, and they are asking for one Trustee.
Ara H., Area 1, Los Angeles, California
Martha G. presented for Ara.
Motion to accept above as written.
Item passes.
St. Petersburg will be Area 29A and will have one trustee allocated.
This item was chaired by Harold A.

75) Trustee Allocation
Volga area of Russia is asking to become a recognized area, and they are asking for one Trustee.
Ara H., Area 1, Los Angeles, California
Martha G. presented for Ara.
Motion to accept above as written.
Item passes.
Volga, Russia will be Area 29B and have one trustee allocated.
This item was chaired by Harold A.

76) Trustee Allocation
I am requesting that the number of Trustees for Area 10A be increased from 1 to 2.
For a number of years Area 10A had 2 trustees – James P. and Norm B. James P. fell ill a number of years ago and passed away. It is my understanding that a replacement Trustee was never elected so following a number of “missed” Trustee meeting votes this Trustee position was eliminated. When I replaced Norm B as the Trustee for Area 10A last year the agenda list had been closed so I could not request this at last year’s Florida meeting.
Therefore, I would like to have this request placed on the agenda list for the upcoming May meeting. We do have an individual within our Area who has expressed an interest in filling this position.

Jeffrey H., Area 10A, Pennsylvania
Pete K. presented this item for Jeffrey H.
Item passed, giving Area 10A a second trustee allocation.
This item was chaired by Harold A.

77) Current Literature
Combo Book
Page 14, First Paragraph. Include “Cryptocurrencies.”
Current Version: Does this mean I can’t even participate in a little penny-ante game or a world series pool? It means exactly that. A stand has to be made somewhere and Gamblers Anonymous members have found the first bet is the one to avoid, even though it may be as little as matching for a cup of coffee. This includes internet gambling, bingo, the stock market, commodities, options, buying or playing lottery tickets, raffle tickets, flipping a coin, fantasy sports or entering the office sport pool.
Proposed Version: Does this mean I can’t even participate in a little penny-ante game or a world series pool? It means exactly that. A stand has to be made somewhere and Gamblers Anonymous members have found the first bet is the one to avoid, even though it may be as little as matching for a cup of coffee. This includes internet gambling, bingo, the stock market, commodities, options, cryptocurrencies, buying or playing lottery tickets, raffle tickets, flipping a coin, fantasy sports, or entering the office sports pool.
Stuart B., Area 14, Long Island, New York
Motion to accept above as written.
Item failed.
This item was chaired by Martha G.

78) Current Literature
Combo Book
Page 17, Number 5. “Get involved and be of service” is in regular print today. I would like to have this sentence be Capitalized and Made Bold.
Current Version: Get involved and be of service.
Proposed Version: GET INVOLVED AND BE OF SERVICE.
Tom K., Area 6C, South and North Carolina – for Bob K.
Motion to accept above as written.
Item passes. 1st Vote
This item was chaired by Martha G.
79) Current Literature
Combo Book
Page 17. #8 Highlight in BOLD and capitalize the word “regularly”.
Current Version: BE PATIENT! The days and weeks will pass soon enough, and as you regularly attend meetings, abstain from gambling, and follow the guidelines on this page, you will experience continued recovery.
Proposed Version: BE PATIENT! The days and weeks will pass soon enough, and as you REGULARLY attend meetings, abstain from gambling, and follow the guidelines on this page, you will experience continued recovery.
Jeffrey H., Area 10A, Pennsylvania
This item was withdrawn.
This item was chaired by Martha G.

80) Current Literature
Combo Book
Page 16, the bottom of the page
Change “most compulsive gamblers will answer yes to at least seven of these questions” to “You can answer yes to only one or all twenty of these questions. Welcome to Gamblers Anonymous.”
Current Version: Most compulsive gamblers will answer yes to at least seven of these questions.
Proposed Version: You can answer yes to only one or all twenty of these questions. Welcome to Gamblers Anonymous.
Jack R., Area 1A, Orange County, California – for Jimmy D.
Motion to accept above as written.
Item failed.
This item was chaired by Martha G.

81) Current Literature
Combo Book, Page 15, 20 Questions.
Number 10 Add wording to the question to clarify
Current Version: Did you ever borrow to finance your gambling?
Proposed Version: Did you ever borrow to finance your gambling (including the use of credit cards)?
Stuart B., Area 14, Long Island, New York
Motion to accept above as written.
Item failed.
This item was chaired by Martha G.
82) Other Literature
Sharing Recovery Through Gamblers Anonymous (GA Big Book)
From time to time we meet people in GA who have difficulty reading or who may be illiterate. There is an organization in the US that creates audiobooks for blind people and people with other disabilities, who are unable to read or have difficulty reading. A member of our city has been in contact with the organization via email and phone. They cannot supply the audio file to anyone outside the US. Is it possible for the Board of Trustees to approach the organization and ask for access to the audio file for members both in the US and overseas?
Current Version: Printed version
Proposed Version: Audiobook access
John H., Area 18B, Queensland, Australia
Item ruled out of order.
This item was chaired by Pete K.

83) Other Literature
Hosting an International Conference
This would be a policy change as well as a wording change. Currently, seed money for an International Conference is $1,000.00. Costs have increased significantly and a hotel commitment of $35,000 is a probability. If the conference is more than a year out, collecting monies for registration isn’t likely immediately.
Current Version: Handling cash flow/seed money is sometimes needed by the hosting area and up to $1,000.00 is available from ISO.
Proposed Version: Handling cash flow/seed money is sometimes needed by the hosting area and up to $3,000.00 is available from ISO.
Cindi M., Area 8, Chicagoland, Illinois
Motion to accept above as written.
Item passes. 1st Vote
This item was chaired by Martha G.

84) Other Literature
Hosting an International Booklet
Page 7, paragraph b), the second paragraph
Add the following words to this sentence in the manual… liability insurance and communicable disease insurance (if available)
A Force Majeure clause in the event of an Act of God or natural disaster, like hurricane, earthquake, terrorism, etc., is also important in the contract.
Current Version: All proposed contracts should include an attrition clause on the number of room nights and food commitments. Most contracts will already have this clause in place. A Force Majeure clause in the event of Act of God or natural disaster, like hurricane, earthquake, terrorism, etc., is also important to in the contract. It has been a past experience that a hotel was sold after the bid was awarded or during the planning phase of the conference. It is important to bring this possible situation up with your hotel to make sure that all guarantees will still be honored if the hotel changes ownership.

Proposed Version: All proposed contracts should include an attrition clause on the number of room nights and food commitments. Most contracts will already have this clause in place. Copies of unsigned contracts for Force Majeure insurance in the event of an Act of God or natural disaster, like hurricane, earthquake, terrorism, etc., liability insurance, and communicable disease insurance (if available), must be in the contract. Signed contracts for the types of insurance purchased must be forwarded to the Conference Oversight Committee no later than 60 days after the bid was awarded. This will protect the Hosting Area and G.A.I.S.O from major losses. It has been a past experience that a hotel was sold after the bid was awarded or during the planning phase of the conference. It is important to bring this possible situation up with your hotel to make sure that all guarantees will still be honored if the hotel changes ownership.

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

This item was withdrawn.

85) Discussion item
Discuss making the gamblersanonymous.org website more user friendly with respect to accessing meetings.
Area 1, Central California, Los Angeles Area, and Hawaii
This item presented by Harold A.
Discussion only.
A committee will be formed, a digital committee that will look into focusing on an app and website, as well as our digital footprint. Volunteers for this committee are Stuart B., Area 14, Reba L., Area 8, Butch G., Area 3A. Reba L. will be Chair and Butch G. will be Co-Chair. Harold will be the liaison for this committee. They were charged with coming up with a mission statement for the fall agenda. It will be known as the Digital Committee.
This item chaired by Pete K.
Second vote item – To designate the attached Dealing with Abuse and/or Harassment flyer as approved literature. See attachment. Gagik G., Area 1, Los Angeles, California Pete K. presented for Gagik. Time was extended on this item after it expired. Item failed. Gagik will no longer serve as chair of this committee. If members of committee are not willing to serve as chair, the committee will be disbanded. This item chaired by Pete K.

Area 29, Russia, asks that we coordinate the independent production of plastic and metal key rings as well as medals in English. U., Area 29, Moscow, Russia Pete K. presented this item. Motion to accept above as written. Item fails.

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

The Virtual Meeting Committee submitted their mission statement for approval. Presented by Patrick G., Area 9 Motion to approve as written Item passes. This item chaired by Pete K.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

KC B.,
International Executive Secretary


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I.E.S. – KC B. · 4
ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING EVENTS

LA Intergroup 2022 mini-conference
Recovery Rocks!
August 27, 2022, 08:00 am to 4:30pm
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Westlake Village, CA
For more information, please contact laig2022miniconf@gmail.com

2022 Gamblers Anonymous Area 10 Mini-Conference
One Day at a Time
September 9 – 11, 2022
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel
6200 Quarry Lane, Independence, OH 44131
For more information, please contact GA.Area10@yahoo.com

2023 Delaware Valley
Intergroup And Unity Mini-Conference
February 4 – 5, 2023
Sheraton Bucks County
400 Oxford Valley Rd, Langhorne, PA 19047
For more information, please contact bigupsman99@comcast.net

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

As most of you are aware, Article XVIII of the Guidance Code – Election of Trustees, Section 5 reads as follows:

“The International Executive Secretary shall list the results of the Board of Trustee elections in the Life-Line Bulletin within 90 days of the deadline for areas to notify the I.S.O. of the Trustee Election results. The listing will include area number, location, Trustee(s) elected and vacancies.”

Here are the results of the Trustee Election for the term July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024.

AREA 1 – CENTRAL CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES AREA, AND HAWAII – 3 TRUSTEES
Alvin F.       Bruce W.       Hugh G.

AREA 1A – ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA – 2 TRUSTEES
Jack R.       DeAndre B.

AREA 1B – INLAND EMPIRE, PALM SPRINGS, AND SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA – 2 TRUSTEES
Wendy B.       Anita R.
AREA 2 – NORTHERN CALIFORNIA – 4 TRUSTEES
Ray J.       Tita M.       Beth Z.       Jared H.

AREA 2A – ALASKA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA – 1 TRUSTEE
Paul N.

AREA 2B – GREATER SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA – 2 TRUSTEES
Charlene L.  James B.

AREA 2C – MONTANA, CASPER, AND NORTHERN WYOMING – NO TRUSTEE ALLOCATION

AREA 2D – SASKATCHEWAN – NO TRUSTEE ALLOCATION

AREA 2E – MANITOBA – 1 TRUSTEE
Debra B.

AREA 2F – IDAHO AND EASTERN WASHINGTON – NO TRUSTEE ALLOCATION

AREA 2G – OREGON AND VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON – 2 TRUSTEES
Connie M.     Pam B.

AREA 2H – WESTERN WASHINGTON, NORTH OF LONGVIEW TO THE CANADIAN BORDER, AND WEST OF THE CASCADE MOUNTAINS – 2 TRUSTEES
Doris S.     Terry D.

AREA 2J – NORTHERN ALBERTA, CANADA – 1 TRUSTEE
Patricia D.

AREA 2K – SOUTHERN ALBERTA, CANADA – 1 TRUSTEE
Steve L.

AREA 3 – SOUTHERN NEVADA; MESQUITE, NV; ST. GEORGE & CEDAR CITY, UTAH; BULLHEAD CITY, AZ; AND PAHRUMP, BEATTY, AND OVERTON, NEVADA – 6 TRUSTEES
Steve D.   Rob P.   Kirk L.   Mark S.   Igor K.   Vacant

AREA 3A – SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA – 3 TRUSTEES
Butch G.   Regina M.   Bob C.

AREA 3B – COLORADO, UTA – NORTH OF CEDAR CITY AND SOUTHERN WYOMING – 2 TRUSTEES
Paul G.     Vacant
AREA 3C – NORTHERN NEVADA INCLUDING INCLINE VILLAGE; SUSANVILLE, AND SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA – 1 TRUSTEE
Terry D.

AREA 3D – ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO – 2 TRUSTEES
Diane W. Kevin K.

AREA 3E – SOUTH DAKOTA, AND WESTERN DAKOTA – NO TRUSTEE ALLOCATION

AREA 3F – ARIZONA SPANISH SPEAKING – 1 TRUSTEE
Vacant

AREA 4 – ONTARIO, CANADA – 2 TRUSTEES
Debbie R. Aldo I.

AREA 5 – ENGLISH QUEBEC AND LABRADOR – 1 TRUSTEE
Frank P.

AREA 5A – NEWFOUNDLAND, NEW BRUNSWICK, NOVA SCOTIA, AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND – NO TRUSTEE ALLOCATION

AREA 5B – ALL FRENCH MEETINGS IN QUEBEC – 2 TRUSTEES
Vacant Vacant

AREA 5C – OTTAWA AND EASTERN ONTARIO – NO TRUSTEE ALLOCATION

AREA 6 – SOUTHERN FLORDIA – 3 TRUSTEES
Jo Anne B. Steven C. Neal G.

AREA 6A – PENSACOLA, PANAMA CITY, CENTRAL AND NORTHERN FLORDIA – 2 TRUSTEES
Alan A. Vacant

AREA 6B – WEST COAST OF FLORDIA, PANAMA, JAMAICA, PUERTO RICO, AND TRINIDAD – 3 TRUSTEES
Tom C. Joel G. Vacant

AREA 6C – SOUTH CAROLINA AND NORTH CAROLINA – 2 TRUSTEES
Michael A. Tom K.

AREA 6D – GEORGIA AND NORTHERN ALABAMA, NORTH OF MONTGOMERY – NO TRUSTEE ALLOCATION
AREA 7 – LOUISIANA, MISSISSIPPI, AND LOWER COAST OF ALABAMA – 2 TRUSTEES
Leanne W. Iris D.

AREA 7A – AUSTIN, HOUSTON, GULF COAST, AND SOUTH TEXAS – 2 TRUSTEES
Deborah S. Sean E.

AREA 7B – ARKANSAS AND THE REST OF TEXAS – NO TRUSTEE ALLOCATION

AREA 7C – OKLAHOMA – 1 TRUSTEE
James G.

AREA 8 – ILLINOIS AND NORTHERN INDIANA – 4 TRUSTEES
Mary W. Donna M. Dianna R. Cindi M.

AREA 8A – EASTERN IOWA, SOUTHERN MINNESOTA AND BAY CITY, RIVER FALLS, AND NEW RICHMOND, WISCONSIN – NO TRUSTEE ALLOCATION

AREA 8B – NEBRASKA, WESTERN IOWA, KANSAS, AND KANSAS CITY AND WESTERN MISSOURI – NO TRUSTEE ALLOCATION

AREA 8C – EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA, NORTHERN MINNESOTA, ASHLAND, SUPERIOR, HAYWARD AND WASHBURN, WISCONSIN – NO TRUSTEE ALLOCATION

AREA 8D – EASTERN MISSOURI AND SOUTHERN ILLINOIS INCLUDING SPRINGFIELD AND QUINCY – NO TRUSTEE ALLOCATION

AREA 8E – WISCONSIN – NO TRUSTEE ALLOCATION

AREA 9 – MICHIGAN AND NORTHWEST OHIO – 2 TRUSTEES
Beth C. Carol K.

AREA 9A – SOUTHWEST ONTARIO, CANADA – 1 TRUSTEE
Patricia D.

AREA 10 – CENTRAL AND NORTHERN OHIO (EXCLUDING TOLEDO) AND ERIE, NEW CASTLE AND WARREN, PENNSYLVANIA
Ed G. Anthony K.
AREA 10A – WEST VIRGINIA (EXCLUDING JEFFERSON COUNTY), WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND STUBENVILLE, OHIO – 2 TRUSTEES
Jeff H.     Loreane S.

AREA 10B – CINCINNATI AND DAYTON, OHIO, INDIANAPOLIS, ANDERSON, AND SOUTHERN INDIANA, KENTUCKY, AND TENNESSEE – 2 TRUSTEES
Gary B.     Matt S.

AREA 11 – MASSACHUSETTS, RHODE ISLAND, MAINE, VERMONT, AND NEW HAMPSHIRE – 3 TRUSTEES
Jodi P.     Billy C.     Vacant

AREA 12 – NEW JERSEY AND NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA – 3 TRUSTEES
Walter G.   Vacant     Vacant

AREA 13 – EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND DELAWARE – 3 TRUSTEES
John B.     Mike M.     Marla J.

AREA 13A – MARYLAND, WASHINGTON, FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA AND JEFFERSON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA – 2 TRUSTEES
Rick L.     Alan K.

AREA 13B – SOUTH NEW JERSEY COUNTIES – BURLINGTON, CAMDEN, ATLANTIC, SALEM, GLOUCESTER, CUMBERLAND, AND CAPE MAY – 2 TRUSTEES
Andy G.     Vacant

AREA 13C – VIRGINIA (EXCLUDING FAIRFAX COUNTY) – NO TRUSTEE ALLOCATION

AREA 14 – LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK – 4 TRUSTEES
Ira C.     Stuart B.     Maury C.     Mitchell M.

AREA 15 – NEW YORK CITY AND SURROUNDING AREAS – 6 TRUSTEES
Joe B.     Mildred N.     James G.     Stanley C.     Mark D.     Jesse C.
AREA 16 – EASTERN UPSTATE NEW YORK INCLUDING THE ALBANY AREA WEST TO BATAVIA FROM BINGHAMTON NORTH TO THE CANADIAN BORDER – 2 TRUSTEES
Carl D. Wayne C.

AREA 16A – WESTERN NEW YORK FROM BATAVIA WEST TO NIAGARA FALLS FROM LAKE ONTARIO SOUTH TO THE PENNSYLVANIA BORDER INCLUDING JAMESTOWN – 1 TRUSTEE
Daniel L.

AREA 17 – CONNECTICUT AND WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS – 2 TRUSTEES
Robert A. Ron W.

AREA 18 – NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY, AND NEW ZEALAND – 4 TRUSTEES
Andy D. Vacant Vacant Vacant

AREA 18A – VICTORIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, AND TASMANIA – 2 TRUSTEES
Yvonne R. Mark C.

AREA 18B – QUEENSLAND, NORTHERN TERRITORY, AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA – 2 TRUSTEES
Dot R. Philomina V.

AREA 19 – ARGENTINA – 4 TRUSTEES
Julia A. Horacio P. Jorge C.

AREA 20 – URUGUAY – 1 TRUSTEE
Jose C.

AREA 21 – SPAIN – 2 TRUSTEES
Pedro M. Francisco M.

AREA 22 – SOUTH AFRICA – 1 TRUSTEE
Andrew B.

AREA 23 – RIO, BRAZIL – NO TRUSTEE ALLOCATION

AREA 23A – SAO PAULO, BRAZIL – NO TRUSTEE ALLOCATION

AREA 24 – SWEDEN – NO TRUSTEE ALLOCATION

AREA 25 – ITALY – NO TRUSTEE ALLOCATION
AREA 26 – SOUTH KOREA – NO TRUSTEE ALLOCATION

AREA 27 – HUNGARY – NO TRUSTEE ALLOCATION

AREA 28 – MEXICO – 3 TRUSTEES
Hector T. Marymar V. Luis O.

AREA 29 – MOSCOW, RUSSIA, AND SURROUNDING AREAS – 1 TRUSTEE
Konstantin U.

AREA 29A – ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA, AND SURROUNDING AREAS – 1 TRUSTEE
Oleg I.

AREA 29B – VOLGA, RUSSIA AND SURROUNDING AREAS – 1 TRUSTEE
Eduard U.

AREA 30 – LATVIA – NO TRUSTEE ALLOCATION

AREA 31 – LITHUANIA – NO TRUSTEE ALLOCATION

AREA 32 – JAPAN – NO TRUSTEE ALLOCATION

AREA 33 – COLOMBIA – 2 TRUSTEES
William S. Vacant

AREA 34 – VENEZUELA – NO TRUSTEE ALLOCATION

AREA 35 – PARAGUAY – NO TRUSTEE ALLOCATION

AREA 36 – SOUTHEAST OF REPUBLIC OF IRELAND (WATERFORD, WEXFORD, CARLOW, KELKENNY, AND TIPPERARY SOUTH) – 1 TRUSTEE
Vacant
INDIVIDUAL LIFELINER DONATIONS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF JULY 2022

ARIZONA
L211 Jim L.
L221 Janat G.
L267 Penny V. x2
L287 James S.
L546 Mo M.
L692 Doug G.
L703 Diane W.
L964 Gregory B.

CALIFORNIA
L1 Bob W.
L4 Tom M.
L6 Bill S.
L8 Dan B.
L9 Mike M.
L18 Chris G.
L19 Wendy B.
L21 Ed E.
L31 Russell H.
L70 Keith B.
L73 Karen H.
L87 Mike S.
L100 Mazi S.
L116 Rob D.
L117 Steve F.
L120 Phil C.
L151 Murray F.
L158 Gagik G.
L209 Jose C.
L219 Leonard K.
L246 Patrick S.
L273 Victor S.
L298 Cathy F.
L301 Steve K.
L314 Alan S.
L367 Jerry L.
L384 Alvin F.
L390 Jack R.
L408 Ira B.
L419 Rufus B.
L432 Patrick P.

L453 Bennett S.
L476 Garrett C.
L480 Ezra B.
L496 Guy H.
L544 Harold A.
L563 Zachary Mc.
L580 Curtis G.
L593 Grant M.
L601 David L.
L609 Kathie S.
L617 Mike Z.
L618 Hugh G.
L623 Lucille T.
L678 Lynell B.
L701 David L.
L716 James B.
L751 Derek P.
L772 Ara H.
L834 Candice B.
L836 Albert Y.
L871 Greg D.
L907 Joseph G.
L908 Jordan K.
L920 Jane J.
L946 Estela M.
L963 Eric F.

COLORADO
L147 Lou W.

CONNECTICUT
L581 Paul S.

FLORIDA
L2 Bill B.
L81 Paulette T.
L97 Chuck R.
L143 Neal G.
L160 Jim C.
L175 Lloyd A.
L189 Norman O.
L205 Steve P.
L225 Kevin K.
L233 Robert M.
| FLORIDA (cont) | L251 | Frank G. |
| L261 | Stephen S. |
| L313 | Herman G. |
| L351 | Russell H. |
| L420 | Mark S. |
| L423 | Kathleen H. |
| L450 | Neil S. |
| L483 | Victor C. |
| L511 | Chris N. |
| L549 | Patricia P. x2 |
| L590 | Dennis A. x2 |
| L607 | Debbie M. |
| L622 | Andrew C. |
| L627 | Pauline F. |
| L695 | Ronald B. |
| L815 | Linda S. |
| L840 | Janice M. x2 |
| L843 | Neal V. |
| L844 | Arnie B. |
| L904 | Marlon D. |
| L944 | Brent S. |
| L945 | Eugene K. |
| L956 | Thomas C. |
| L993 | Carlos M. |
| GEORGIA | L672 | Tony L. |
| HAWAII | L284 | Kevin H. |
| | L553 | David C. |
| ILLINOIS | L114 | Ellen Z. |
| L344 | Eileen Z. |
| L459 | Allen H. |
| L823 | Luke W. |
| L962 | Cynthia M. |
| INDIANA | L880 | Fred B. |
| KANSAS | L194 | Michelle J. |
| L918 | Nancy W. x2 |
| KENTUCKY | L115 | Laura S. |
| L195 | Steve B. |
| LOUISIANA | L27 | Betty S. |
| | L354 | Kathy S. |
| | L318 | Jeff H. |
| | L598 | Vinny S. |
| MARYLAND | L162 | Jim D. |
| MICHIGAN | L272 | Joann D. |
| MINNESOTA | L803 | Renee G. |
| NEVADA | L75 | KC B. |
| | L150 | Rollo V. |
| | L317 | Pat M. |
| | L325 | Terry D. |
| | L410 | Joanne F. |
| | L439 | Ira K. |
| | L486 | Zeny K. |
| | L507 | Mark S. |
| | L599 | Igor K. |
| | L602 | Trey D. |
| | L612 | Dan Mc. |
| | L665 | Richard S. |
| | L690 | Lenore D. |
| | L837 | Harriet K. |
| | L846 | Bobby B. |
| | L982 | Rex W. |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | L277 | Roy W. |
| NEW JERSEY | L94 | Thomas D. |
| | L174 | Mike D. |
| | L179 | Chris N. |
| | L183 | Robin D. |
| | L212 | Marshall R. |
| | L223 | Fred D. |
| | L266 | Kivey G. |
| | L311 | Andrew D. x2 |
| | L349 | George L. |
| | L350 | John D. |
| | L429 | Dennis S. |
| | L433 | Joseph F. |
| | L438 | Matthew C. |
| | L497 | Dave S. |
| | L524 | Richard T. |
| | L547 | John P. x2 |
NEW JERSEY (cont)
L642 David M.
L699 Craig H.
L718 Phil S.
L818 Michael D.
L856 Scott B. x2
L863 Kathleen P.
NEW MEXICO
L662 Joel K.
L847 Catherine B.
L906 Mary F.
NEW YORK
L10 Bill B.
L95 Larry B. x2
L217 Paul S.
L278 Harlan S.
L308 Jordan P.
L465 Mohammed M.
L516 Susan W.
L554 Dan L. x2
L852 Norberto B.
L882 Joe B.
L887 Pierre J. x2
L951 Brad B.
NORTH CAROLINA
L493 Gary G. x2
L494 Mary D. x2
L495 Garnet P. x2
L498 Suzanne R. x2
L499 Mike S. x2
L500 Sammy D. x2
L503 John J. x2
L504 Vivian W. x2
L506 Chuck T. x2
L510 Eric S. x2
L513 John B. x2
L515 Donna M. x2
L518 Toby G. x2
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**INDIVIDUAL LIFELINER DONATIONS**

**JULY 2022**

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JULY 2022

CALIFORNIA

C49 Orange County Intergroup 269.00 C765 Fair Oaks Thursday AM 51.00
C77 San Diego Intergroup 228.50 C1105 Sacramento Stop & Grow Saturday AM 130.00
C184 Sacramento Tuesday AM 61.00 C1302 Roseville Friday 29.00
C185 Sacramento Thursday 10.50 C1694 Auburn Wednesday 35.45

CONNECTICUT

C51 Coventry Wednesday 6.00

FLORIDA

C250 Temple Terrace Sunday AM 50.00 C262 Plantation Friday PM 4.00
C251 Clearwater/Windmoor Thursday 25.00

GEORGIA

C1539 Norcross Sunday 10.00

ILLINOIS

C76 Lisle 11.00 C659 Aurora Provena Monday 27.00
C83 Arlington Heights 10.00 C991 Orland Park Thursday 100.00
C85 Kankakee 20.00 C1181 Chicago/United Methodist Thursday 6.00
C146 Elgin Sherman Oaks Sunday 14.00 C1207 Lisle Monday Women’s 11.00
C418 Schaumburg/Bartlett 30.00 C1376 Buffalo Grove Friday 26.00

MASSACHUSETTS

C792 Hanson Thursday PM 32.00 C1600 Canton Tuesday 58.00
C1007 Quincy Saturday 25.00

OREGON

C891 Salem Wednesday 60.00 C1480 Oregon City Friday 52.00

PENNSYLVANIA

C208 South Hills Tuesday 20.00

TEXAS

C1505 Dallas Sunday Pathways 45.00 C1587 Ft. Worth Tuesday 46.00
# GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS
## JULY 2022

|------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Phoenix Wednesday 32\textsuperscript{nd} &  
Sweetwater       | Phoenix Friday PM Men’s          | Burbank Tuesday PM  | Boca Raton Frida PM              | Raleigh Thursday               | Pawcatuck   | Wilmington Saturday AM | Daytona Beach Tuesday |  | Norcross Sunday Korean | Chicago Willa Rawls |  | Doylestown Monday | Eugene Springfield |  |
| 25.00            | 100.00                            | 50.00               | 75.00                            | 150.00                         | Tuesday     | 50.00            | 100.00          | 10.00           | 10.00           | 1.00              | 100.00            | 75.00            | 45.00           | 50.00          | 25.00            | 100.00            |
| Phoenix Friday PM Men’s | North Andover Tuesday | Burbank Friday  | Daytona Beach Tuesday  | North Tonawanda Wednesday      | Margate Tuesday PM | Tuesday PM | Cypress Gardens Thursday | Harrisburg Monday |  | North Carolina Monday AM | North Tonawanda Wednesday |  | North Tonawanda Wednesday | Harrisburg Monday |  |
| 100.00           | 60.00                             | 100.00              | 25.00                            | 50.00                           | 25.00       | 10.00            | 25.00          | 25.00           | 25.00           | 25.00             | 25.00            | 25.00            | 25.00          | 25.00          | 25.00            | 25.00            |
| Burbank Friday   | Tiverton Friday                   | Burbank/ North Hollywood Zoom | Daytona Beach Thursday | Raleigh Thursday               | Tuesday     | Doylestown Monday | Pompano Beach  |  | Raleigh Thursday | Tuesday PM | 1.00              | 1.00              | 1.00            | 1.00           | 1.00          | 1.00           | 1.00              |
| 50.00            | 10.00                             | 30.00                | 30.00                            | 150.00                          | Margate Tuesday PM | Dayton Tuesday | 100.00          | 120.00          | 120.00          | 120.00            | 120.00            | 120.00            | 120.00        | 120.00        | 120.00            | 120.00            |
| Burbank/ North Hollywood Zoom | Hermantown Friday | Burbank/ North Hollywood Zoom | Daytona Beach Thursday | Raleigh Thursday | Tuesday     | Doylestown Monday | Pompano Beach  |  | Raleigh Thursday | Tuesday PM | 1.00              | 1.00              | 1.00            | 1.00           | 1.00          | 1.00           | 1.00              |
| 30.00            | 100.00                            | 30.00                | 30.00                            | 150.00                          | Margate Tuesday PM | Tuesday PM | Cypress Gardens Thursday | Harrisburg Monday |  | North Carolina Monday AM | North Tonawanda Wednesday |  | North Tonawanda Wednesday | Harrisburg Monday |  |
| Lincoln Wednesday | Metuchen Tuesday                 | Lincoln Wednesday   | Delray Beach Thursday Crossroads | Columbus Thursday               | Tiverton      | Tuesday PM | Cypress Gardens Thursday | Harrisburg Monday |  | North Carolina Monday AM | North Tonawanda Wednesday |  | North Tonawanda Wednesday | Harrisburg Monday |  |
| 16.00            | 50.00                             | 14.00                | 33.34                            | 45.00                           | Tuesday PM | Tuesday PM | Cypress Gardens Thursday | Harrisburg Monday |  | North Carolina Monday AM | North Tonawanda Wednesday |  | North Tonawanda Wednesday | Harrisburg Monday |  |
| Lincoln Friday AM | Ocean Monday                     | Lincoln Sunday      | Delray Beach Thursday Crossroads | Dayton Tuesday                 | Ocean Monday | Tuesday PM | Cypress Gardens Thursday | Harrisburg Monday |  | North Carolina Monday AM | North Tonawanda Wednesday |  | North Tonawanda Wednesday | Harrisburg Monday |  |
| 15.00            | 100.00                            | 15.00                | 33.33                            | 25.00                           | Toms River Saturday | Tuesday PM | Cypress Gardens Thursday | Harrisburg Monday |  | North Carolina Monday AM | North Tonawanda Wednesday |  | North Tonawanda Wednesday | Harrisburg Monday |  |
| Oakland Friday Zoom | Sayrewoods                      | Oakland Friday Zoom | Delray Beach Thursday Crossroads | Toms River Saturday | Toms River Sunday | Tuesday PM | Cypress Gardens Thursday | Harrisburg Monday |  | North Carolina Monday AM | North Tonawanda Wednesday |  | North Tonawanda Wednesday | Harrisburg Monday |  |
| 5.00             | 50.00                             | 111.00               | 33.33                            | 50.00                           | Toms River Saturday | Tuesday PM | Cypress Gardens Thursday | Harrisburg Monday |  | North Carolina Monday AM | North Tonawanda Wednesday |  | North Tonawanda Wednesday | Harrisburg Monday |  |
| Orangevale Friday | Summit Monday                    | Ventura Friday      | Westlake Thursday Zoom           | Toms River Sunday               | Toms River Saturday | Tuesday PM | Cypress Gardens Thursday | Harrisburg Monday |  | North Carolina Monday AM | North Tonawanda Wednesday |  | North Tonawanda Wednesday | Harrisburg Monday |  |
| 111.00           | 50.00                             | 25.00                | 25.00                            | 50.00                           | Toms River Saturday | Tuesday PM | Cypress Gardens Thursday | Harrisburg Monday |  | North Carolina Monday AM | North Tonawanda Wednesday |  | North Tonawanda Wednesday | Harrisburg Monday |  |
| Lincoln Friday AM | Old Bridge                      | Westlake Thursday   | Westlake Thursday Zoom           | Toms River Sunday               | Westwood Monday | Tuesday PM | Cypress Gardens Thursday | Harrisburg Monday |  | North Carolina Monday AM | North Tonawanda Wednesday |  | North Tonawanda Wednesday | Harrisburg Monday |  |
| 14.00            | 25.00                             | 25.00                | 25.00                            | 50.00                           | Westwood Monday | Tuesday PM | Cypress Gardens Thursday | Harrisburg Monday |  | North Carolina Monday AM | North Tonawanda Wednesday |  | North Tonawanda Wednesday | Harrisburg Monday |  |
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### BULLETIN SUBSCRIPTIONS
#### JULY 2022

Three Bulletin Subscriptions for a total of $224.00

### ONE TIME DONATIONS
#### JULY 2022

One-Time Donation in memory of Robert P. and Shelly S. from Voorhees, New Jersey. Voorhees Tuesday Nooners
One-Time Donation Sunday morning phone meeting.
Chuck R., Riviera Beach, Florida

July Meeting Donation
Board of Regents, California

One-Time Donation as thanks to Gamblers Anonymous
for 20 years gambling free.
I couldn’t have done it without you.
Anonymous, Oregon

One-Time Donation in celebration of Fred C. with 12 years
and Kevin Mc. with 17 years.
Anonymous, Oregon

One-Time Donation in celebration of Larry S. with 16 years.
Anonymous, Oregon

One-Time Donation in celebration of Mary H. with 5 years,
Eric R. with 5 years and Kaitlin S. with 1 year.
Anonymous, Oregon

One-Time Donation in celebration of Connie M. with 25 years
and Loretta S. with 14 years.
Anonymous, Oregon

One-Time Donation in memory of my father, Jim S. from Nebraska
James S., Tempe, Arizona

One-Time Donation
Bob D., Reno, Nevada

One-Time Donation
John M., Coconut Creek, Florida
# GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS
## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE
### OPERATING STATEMENT
#### JULY 2022

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Gamblers Anonymous Gratitude Month

Who?
All Gamblers Anonymous Members, Groups, Intergroups and R.S.O.’s

What?
During the May 2011 Board of Trustees meeting in Cherry Hill, New Jersey a motion was made and passed as follows:
Make the month of September “GRATITUDE MONTH”.

Where?
ALL AROUND THE G.A. WORLDWIDE FELLOWSHIP

When?
Every year from September 1st to September 30th

Why?
It’s time to recognize your local Members, Groups, Intergroups, R.S.O.’s (Regional Service Offices) and the I.S.O. by coming together. Plan your socials, Mini-Conferences, fellowship events, picnics and fundraisers during the month of September in appreciation of Gamblers Anonymous and having G.A. meetings available in 57 Countries (and growing)!

So many of our, and others, lives have been saved by the Gamblers Anonymous Program since the beginning of that first G.A. meeting on September 13, 1957. Let’s all get involved and give back to a program that has given so much to us!

And don’t forget about “GRATITUDE WEEK” which is held every year during the week in which September 13th appears to help G.A.I.S.O. continue carrying the message to each and every person who is still suffering.

✉️ How?
Email the I.S.O. at www.isomain@gamblersanonymous.org or contact your local Trustee
ENGLISH-BASED MEETINGS FROM THE US

Below are the details to call in for all the meetings. All US-based Telephone Conference Call meetings are based on Eastern Time Zone times.

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US callers who are trying to call the US numbers and have difficulty getting connected should scroll to the bottom for additional directions.

The telephone conference call platform we are using has local access telephone numbers for 74 different countries. If you are going to call from a foreign country, please use the appropriate email address to request the local calling numbers.

ENGLISH-BASED MEETINGS FROM VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA – There are numerous local direct dial numbers throughout Canada and the US. To get a list, use the email below.

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FOR U.S. CALLERS HAVING DIFFICULTY CONNECTING TO A CONFERENCE CALL

If you can’t get through to the conference call number, first recheck that you are using the proper dial-in number and meeting code. If you still have problems, you may text for help.

First choice: Text the word HELP to the conference call-in number. You will be texted an alternate call-in number.

Second choice: Text the words CALL ME to the conference call-in number. The system will call you back and connect you directly.

This information is available at trustewebsite.com/telephone-conference-call
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