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BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2022

Call to order: The Chair, Valerie 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: Guy H., John C., Valerie D., Zach M., Israel A., Office Manager

Present by phone: Andre G., Arnie B., Cathy F.*, Gary M.**, Jo K., and KC B., International Executive Secretary

* Attendance by phone.

**Joined meeting at 9:50 A.M.

Minutes for November 19, 2022:

A correction was noted that the November 2022 minutes bullet point “Suggested Literature list that is used in Canada to increase sales.” in Section D. Finance Committee report needed to be changed to “Suggested Literature list that is used in Area 5B to increase sales.”

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

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED
FOR – 7 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED – 0**

Operating Statement for November 2022:

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

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED
FOR – 7 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED – 0**

OLD BUSINESS

A. Office Manager Report – Israel A.

- Lifeliners – two, FL-2
- New Cans – none
- Group Information requests forms received – two, Chambly, QC (Registration Only) / Saint Amable, QC (Registration Only)

- Group Information request forms received prior to sending out starter kits – two, Starter Kits were sent out to: Denver, CO /Ankeny, IA
- Prison starter kits – one, Toledo, OH
- Venmo and Zelle donations were \$1,189.90: Groups \$574.35, 1x Donations \$65.55, LL Donations \$315.00, I.S.O. Cans Contributions \$235.00.
- It was reported that our accountants could assist with preparing the Employee Retention Credit (ERC) paperwork, but it would involve preparing amended tax returns and could cost between \$2,500 - \$3,000. The costs would exceed any credit that could be received.

A motion was made to not pursue the Employee Retention Credit.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED
FOR – 7 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED – 0**

- Gratitude Week – Donations are over \$15,669.

B. International Executive Secretary Report – KC B.

- November bulletin was sent to formatter just before Thanksgiving and sent to printer just after Thanksgiving.
- Standing Rules under Procedures, #3, states that the minutes and agenda of the B.O.R. meeting will be emailed the first Friday of the month prior to the B.O.R. meeting.
- The B.O.R. minutes or the Operating Statement are not added to the bulletin until they've been approved. If they've been amended, the I.E.S. will wait until amended copies are received and then put them in the bulletin.
- An email was sent to all trustees via the Trustee Website Admin to have their areas check the meeting lists on the I.S.O. website and to let the I.E.S. and/or I.S.O. know of any corrections or changes.
- December bulletin has been started.
- Researched software for document formatting, QuarkXPress seemed it would work.

- Only two changes/corrections have been sent for the B.O.T. meeting minutes which were regarding the memorial for members who had passed.
- All corrections should be submitted by 12/19 and will be finalized and posted on the website and emailed to all B.O.R. members.
- A letter was added to the November bulletin about the B.O.R. elections coming up. The letter will be in the December and January bulletin as well.

C. By-Laws Committee Report – Jo R.

- The committee met this month.
- The committee determined to review our current By-Laws and make sure we have everything necessary to conform with the Articles of Incorporation under the state of California.
- The committee also has a sample by-laws document for California to use for comparison with our current by-laws.
- In January 2023, the committee will meet to review our findings and report back to the B.O.R.

D. Finance Committee – John C.

- The Committee had one meeting on December 6, 2022. Topics discussed included:
- Literature order forms.
- Donation receipts.
- Producing a flyer for Slow Moving literature and ways to increase literature sales.
- Andre G. stated that each week the meetings in his Intergroup area have a volunteer talk about one of the G.A. books or pamphlets. This action helps literature sales.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. REVIEW 2022 FALL CONFERENCE ITEMS THAT AFFECT THE I.S.O. AND THE B.O.R. – Val D.

A motion was made to table this item.

MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED FOR – 8 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED – 0

- B. DISCUSS OLD/NEW BIG BOOK-SHARING RECOVERY THROUGH GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS.

- The new ‘Sharing Recovery Through Gamblers Anonymous’ book will be ordered after the I.S.O. receives quotes on formatting.
- The book should be ready by the Spring of 2023.

- C. DISCUSS PAYPAL DONATIONS LINK BEING ADDED TO WEBSITE.

- It was reported that in order to start the process to add this donation option, a new email address would need to be created.
- PayPal has a special rate for non-profit groups.
- A suggestion was made to add links to donation options on the home page for Zelle, Venmo, and PayPal and to also add a link to the literature order form.
- It was reported that assistance would be needed from the web developer and there would be a cost involved.

- D. APPROVE ADDING CURRENT VERSION OF BIG BOOK AT REDUCED PRICE.

- The Finance Committee is proposing to sell the ‘old’ Blue Book at \$5 to reduce inventory. The current price is \$6.50.
- A concern was raised that the book could be depleted before the new Blue Book is available for ordering.
- It was reported that there are over 1,600 copies currently on hand and that the I.S.O. sells approximately 600 per year.

A motion was made to add the current version of the Blue Book to the reduced item price list at \$5.00.

MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED
FOR – 8 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED – 0

An amendment was made to the prior motion to adjust the price of the current version of the Blue Book to \$4.00.

MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED
FOR – 7 AGAINST – 1 ABSTAINED – 0

Roll Call vote follows:

Andre G. – yes
Arnie F. – yes
Gary M. – no
Guy H. – yes
Jo K. – yes
John C. – yes
Val D. – yes
Zach M. – yes

E. APPROVE FLYER FOR SOME LITERATURE INCREASING IN PRICE.

A motion was made to approve the price increase flyer.

MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED
FOR – 8 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED – 0

F. APPROVE FLYER FOR SOME LITERATURE DECREASING IN PRICE.

A motion was made to approve the price decrease flyer.

MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED
FOR – 8 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED – 0

G. APPROVE ADDING ENGLISH & SPANISH DAY AT A TIME BOOKS TO APPROVED LITERATURE LIST THAT WAS APPROVED FROM LAST B.O.R. MEETING, BUT THESE ITEMS WERE NOT INCLUDED AT THAT TIME.

A motion was made to add the A Day at a Time book, both English and Spanish, to the literature price increase list that was approved at the last B.O.R. meeting.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED
FOR – 8 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED – 0**

H. POTENTIAL WEBSITE ASSISTANCE.

A motion was made to table this item.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED
FOR – 8 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINED – 0**

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

Collected:\$ 73.00

Meeting ended with the Serenity Prayer at 11:04 A.M. Next meeting will be January 21, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by Guy H., Secretary

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.

RECOVERY PROGRAM

Happy New Year, everyone! For this odd numbered year, I’ll be focusing on the Recovery Steps each month. This month, being the first month of the year, we focus on Step One – We admitted we were powerless over gambling – that our lives had become unmanageable. What does that mean to you?

I’ll be using several different pieces of our literature for these steps. I’m using the Gamblers Anonymous Working the Steps pamphlet, as well as the Gamblers Anonymous Writing the Steps booklet. These are both available in the online store on our website at www.gamblersanonymous.org.

I hope you find these helpful and they help you in your journey in some way.

Step 1 – We admitted we were powerless over gambling – that our lives had become unmanageable.

We at Gamblers Anonymous, believe our gambling problem is an emotional illness, progressive in nature, which no amount of human willpower can stop or control. We have facts to support this belief. We believed, at one time or another, that all of our problems could be solved with a big win. Some, pathetically, even after making a big win, found themselves in worse trouble within a short period of time. We continued to gamble. We found we had risked loss of family, friends, security, and jobs. We still continued to gamble. We gambled to the point where it resulted in imprisonment, insanity, or attempted suicide. We still continued to gamble and were unable to stop. We fell victim to a belief that if only our financial problems could be solved, we would be able to stop gambling or even gamble like normal people. Many times we swore we would not gamble again believing we had the willpower to stop gambling. We believed a lie. We believed we had the power to stop or control our gambling. Our inability to honestly look at our gambling problem enabled us to continue to gamble. In spite of all of the evidence from our past, we still denied the truth about our gambling.

Upon entering Gamblers Anonymous we must develop the ability to honestly look at our gambling. This is the first step in our process of recovery. Without honesty, we cannot admit our powerlessness over gambling. We must honestly accept, admit, and unconditionally surrender to this powerlessness in order to proceed with our recovery. Any reservations we had or may presently have that we can gamble again means we still believe we are not powerless over gambling and that we have not admitted or accepted our powerlessness (either we have power over gambling, or we don't).

To those members who have difficulty with admitting their powerlessness over gambling, they should write about their gambling, the destruction their gambling has caused and their countless futile attempts to stop gambling. Use the “20 Questions” as a guide. Write extensively, thoroughly and specifically using each of the questions as a central focal point. Only with the awareness and the acceptance of the hopelessness, helplessness, and desperation of our situation (as compulsive gamblers) can we develop the open-mindedness required for Step Two.

Step One tells us that admitting our gambling defeat is humiliating and we naturally resent this show of weakness.

1. This opposes our instincts.
2. Destruction is at hand when we gamble.
3. We are at war with ourselves when attempting to gamble denying our failure and unwilling to admit our weakness.

DISCUSS

- A. When did we first discover and/or sense the problem of our compulsive gambling?
- B. Describe instances that prove we can no longer gamble normally.

Exercise: Reality Check

You may have admitted that you are powerless over gambling, but have you fully accepted it? Write about any lingering doubts, fears, qualifications, justifications, guilt, blaming, or rationalizations you may have.

Write about any withdrawal symptoms you may be experiencing. These may include some or all of the following and may be frequent or intermittent:

Thinking problems
Memory problems
Emotional extremes
Sleep disturbances
Physical sensations
Stress sensitivity

Think about the idea of meeting power vs willpower. Is the meeting a power greater than yourself? Write about specific examples from your experience that illustrate how meeting power succeeds where your own willpower fails.

From the desk of your International Executive Secretary.

Happy New Year! I hope this new year brings nothing but love, joy, and happiness to you and your family.

As our new year begins, do you set resolutions? Intentions? Neither? Do you set yearly goals each new year? For me, I set intentions on what I want to focus on. For this year, my intention is to become more open-minded and continue to learn and grow in my recovery and personal life. I feel that if I'm not learning and growing, I'm not living. There is always something to absorb and learn. Whether it's about myself, my recovery, or this program. Some years I reach those goals and intentions and other years I don't. It all depends on what is going on with me mentally. I would love to hear your resolutions, intentions, goals, etc. You can email me at IES@gamblersanonymous.org.

Are you going to the Fall 2023 International Conference in Chicago? I'm really excited about it. It's been quite some time since we had our last one. I'm looking forward to the fellowship of the entire weekend. I'm also excited to visit

Chicago for the first time ever. You'll find more information a little further in this bulletin.

Thank you for being on this journey with me. I could not do any of this without all of you. I am grateful for that and you.

Thanks to all the groups, intergroups, RSOs and members who have sent in donations to the International Service Office. Without your generosity, the ISO would not be able to operate at the efficient levels that it does. I encourage all of us to continue donating so we can continue helping the compulsive gambler that still suffers – in and out of the rooms.

Yours in recovery and gratitude, KC B.

GROUP NEWS

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

Hello I.S.O. Friends,

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

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

Dear I.S.O.,

We are so grateful for 65 years of Gamblers Anonymous reaching out a hand to compulsive gamblers who still suffer.

Maplewood G.A. Group, Minnesota

Dear Israel,

Enclosed is a donation for the ISO. Thank you and your colleagues for your service.

King regards, Paul M., Phoenix, Arizona

Dear I.S.O.,

Thank you for all you do!

Larry B., Pompano Beach, Florida

Dear Fellow Members,

I just wanted to thank you for all you do. I've been in Gamblers Anonymous for 45 years and have always appreciated the I.S.O. for showing me a better way of life. See you soon at the next conference.

Sincerely, Jesse C., New York, New York

Dear I.S.O.,

Here is a contribution from the Sunday Dayton GA group.

Sincerely, Jim V., Dayton, Ohio

Dear I.S.O.,

Enclosed is a donation for the I.S.O. This contribution is from an anonymous member and two Surrey GA groups – Surrey Serenity held on Thursday nights and Surrey Noon Step meeting held on Mondays.

Thanks for all your hard work.

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

IN LOVING MEMORY...

Note From I.S.O.: The I.S.O. sends its deepest condolences to the family and friends of GA members who have passed away.

Dear I.S.O.,

Please accept this donation in memory of Tom C. of Arlington Heights, Illinois meeting. Tom had over 26 years of recovery and served G.A. in many ways including chairing the Spirituality Conference for many years, playing Santa at our Holiday Parties, and just being a great friend and support to many in the program.

He will be dearly missed.

Yours in Recovery, Eileen Z., Elk Grove Village, Illinois

Dear I.S.O.

North Carolina sadly lost our beloved Bob K. on November 2, 2022 after a courageous battle with cancer. Bob maintained his One Day at a Time and grateful attitude to the very end.

Bob joined Gamblers Anonymous on October 17, 1970. He took the words, "Get involved and be of service" straight to the heart. He served as Executive Director of the New Jersey Council on Compulsive Gambling, later as executive director of the Pennsylvania Committee on Problem Gambler and was a gambling consultant at the Philadelphia Psychiatric Hospital. Bob spoke before various state legislatures about gambling addiction during their hearings on adding state lotteries. He co-authored studies on youth and gambling and on prisoners, gambling, and crime.

He opened the Chapel Hill, North Carolina room shortly after relocating to North Carolina. His passion for the program was visible in everything he did in the program and out. Serving as International Trustee representing North Carolina for many years, right up to his passing. He loved meetings and he looked forward to attending as many anniversary meetings as he could.

Bob even hosted his 52nd and final anniversary meeting via Zoom from his hospital room. His favorite topic was always GRATITUDE. This is something he felt for the program until the end.

Enclosed is a memorial donation from the Chapel Hill, Raleigh, Cary, Sanford, and Intergroup of the Carolinas Zoom Members.

Deborah N., North Carolina

**FALL INTERNATIONAL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
OCTOBER 29 AND 30, 2022
CANCUN, MEXICO**

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

Pete called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The members at the front table were introduced. There were a few housekeeping items brought up. We were reminded to get

up to the microphone if we had something to say. Pete reminded us that we follow Robert's Rules of Order, our Rules and Procedures, and the Guidance Code for the meetings and went over Point of Order and Point of Information.

Pete reminded us of our primary purpose, which is to help the compulsive gambler who still suffers.

There were forty-three (43) absentee ballots sent in.

Area 2	Beth Z.	Area 3F	Julian F.	Area 14	Maury C.	Area 18A	Mark C.
Area 2	Jared H.	Area 6B	Joel G.	Area 14	Stuart B.	Area 18B	Dot R.
Area 2	Ray J.	Area 6C	Tom K.	Area 15	James G.	Area 18B	Philomena V.
Area 2	Tita M.	Area 7	Iris D.	Area 15	Jesse C.	Area 19	Elena D.
Area 2G	Chris M.	Area 8	Dianna R.	Area 15	Joe B.	Area 19	Horacio P.
Area 2H	Doris S.	Area 9	Beth C.	Area 15	Mark D.	Area 19	Jorge C.
Area 2H	Terry D.	Area 9A	Patricia D.	Area 15	Mildred N.	Area 19	Julia A.
Area 2J	Patricia D.	Area 10A	Jeffrey H.	Area 15	Stanley C.	Area 21	Francisco AM
Area 3A	Regina M.	Area 10A	Loreane S.	Area 16A	Daniel L.	Area 21	Pedro T.
Area 3B	Paul G.	Area 12	Walter G.	Area 17	Robert A.	Area 33	William S.
Area 3D	Marc L.	Area 13B	Andy G.	Area 17	Ronald W.		

B) Remembrance of our departed members

Jack R., Area 1, gave us the names of our members who have passed away since our last Board of Trustees meeting.

Area 1	Marty G.	Area 8	Chris P
Area 2K	David A.	Area 8	Jeff T.
Area 3C	Kathy K.	Area 8	Pat F.
Area 3D	Chris P.	Area 8	Tony P.
Area 3D	John M.	Area 10B	Tony S.
Area 3D (AZ)	Mike M.	Area 11	Brendan B.
Area 3D (NM)	Mike M.	Area 12	Phil G.
Area 3D	Patrick M.	Area 12	Stuart R.
Area 4	Ken W.	Area 18A	Kevin P.
Area 5B	Ted H.	Area 19	Daniel A.
Area 6	Bill B.	Area 19	Iris P.
Area 6A	Tony P.	Area 28	Luis C.
Area 8	Brian B.	Area 28	Pepe F.

A moment of silence was held in honor of our departed members.

C) Reading from "A Day at a Time Book"

Alan A, Area 6A, read the day's reading for October 29 to begin the first session of the day.

Steve L., Area 2K, read the day's reading for October 30 to begin the first session of the day.

D) Reading of the “12 Steps of Unity”

Aldo I., Area 4, read the Unity Steps for day one, October 29 to start the first session of the day.

Paul N., Area 2A, read the Unity Steps for day two, October 30 to start the first session of the day.

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

KC did roll call. There were 48 people for the first session, not including the front table.

F) Approval of Minutes from Cherry Hill, May 2022

There was a correction on this agenda item – the agenda showed we’d be approving the minutes from Orlando, when in fact it should read Cherry Hill. The minutes from the Board of Trustees in Cherry Hill, New Jersey were approved as submitted.

G) Trustee Meeting Report – KC B.

For the Cherry Hill BOT meeting, there were 60 people registered. 55 of those being trustees and the other five being the front table. There was a total of \$2950 collected in registrations and \$866 collected from all sessions.

H) ISO/Lifeline – KC B.

KC gave a 12-month statistics report. There is a chart on one side with more detail on the back. Overall, we are down 15.99% in giving from Lifeliners. We had two months in the positive that were more than the previous month 12 months ago. There was a total of \$18,661.85 down from our previous 12-month comparison.

I) Report from the Board of Regents – Valerie D., Chair of the BOR

Valerie D. gave a report regarding the financial status of the International Service Office. Valerie also explained a little bit of her history of being on the Board of Regents and a Trustee for her area. We currently have four paid employees that are all dedicated to the work they perform on a daily basis. We meet monthly on the third Saturday of every month. The minutes are available in several areas online and in the bulletin monthly. There are nine of us on the board and we rely on each other.

We currently have a Finance Committee, because there were a lot of concerns on how we can increase our income and decrease our expenses. The committee meets regularly, once or twice a month, and currently, literature pricing is being evaluated. This is because of the cost of ink, paper, and there are a lot of things that are changing. Productivity is affected by all the changes and increases in pricing.

Val let us know that her goal is to be an avenue for change and progress and to make a difference in G.A. internationally and to make sure everybody feels included. Please don't hesitate to reach out and if she doesn't have the answer today, she can get back to you with that answer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committees with Harold A. as Co-Chair Liaison.

Conference Oversight and Assistance Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Wendy B. - Area 1A

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.

Wendy B. gave the report that was also submitted online. There was some discussion on the flier for the Chicagoland International Conference in November of 2023.

Digital Meeting Committee:

Committee Chair – Reba L. – Area 8

Co-Chair – Butch G. – Area 3

Committee Liaison Chair – Harold A.

Mission Statement Pending

Reba gave this report and immediately corrected the confusion for the name as committee chair. It was listed as Patrick G., however, this is a different committee than the one Patrick chairs. Reba let us know the name of the committee is actually Digital Strategy Committee, as decided at Cherry Hill. This committee is open to new members. The following list of names was presented to the I.E.S.:

Diane W., Area 3D

Renee G., Area 8A

Alyssa C., Area 1

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.

There was no report from this committee. There is an item for second vote on the agenda. It has been officially disbanded.

Pressure Relief Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Bruce W. - Area 1

Co-Chair – Alvin F. - Area 1

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.

This report was submitted online. Alan J. has stepped down from this committee. Bruce W., Area 1, stood up to take the chair position. Bruce reminded us all to have our groups remember to use the pressure relief pamphlet that is available through the ISO. Other volunteers for this committee included Gary B., Area 10B and Alvin F., Area 1, as co-chair. Martha asked if Bruce would be willing to train some of our international areas on pressure relief. Bruce said he would take phone calls from anyone with any questions.

Prison Committee – Canada – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Jean-Marc - Area 5B

Co-Chair – Aldo I. - Area 4

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.

There was no report submitted for this committee. Adrien reported that this committee IS active and there was a lot being done. Since Jean-Marc is not a current trustee, Aldo I. volunteered for the Co-Chair position.

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. Ed G. presented this report that was also submitted online. This committee has been very busy and is open to new members.

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. presented this report that was also submitted online. This committee has been very busy and is open to new members. Anthony K. from Area 10 volunteered to assist when calls come in for on-line gambling information.

Virtual Meeting Committee

Chair of the Committee: Patrick G. – Area 9

Co-Chair of the Committee: Butch G. – Area 3A

Committee Chair Liaison: Harold A.

To develop guidelines for regularly scheduled video online G.A. meetings, including but not limited to how to start a meeting, technical requirements, and suggested meeting formats.

This report was submitted online. Harold let us know we need more members for this committee. There were no volunteers at that time. Butch was open to questions on the report that was submitted.

Committees with Pete K. as Co-Chair Liaison

Blue Book 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.

Report submitted online, their work is done. If second vote passes on new version of blue book, the committee is disbanded.

Fourth Step Inventory Review:

Committee Chair – Jeanne B. – Area 8A

Co-Chair – Debra B. – Area 2E

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.

Report submitted online. Renee G. reported that the committee meets every other week. This committee is accepting new members. This committee does need a co-chair – Debra B., Area 2E, stepped up as co-chair.

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.

This report was submitted online.

GA Restructuring Committee:

Committee Chair – David M. – Area 12

Committee Co-Chair – Wendy B. – Area 1B

Committee Chair Liaison – Pete K.

Mission Statement Pending

Jack R. gave the report that was also submitted online. This committee is not open to new members.

Telephone Conference Call Committee:

Chair of the Committee: Jeanne B. – Area 8A

Board of Trustees Chair Liaison: Pete K.

Mission Statement:

- 1) To administrate the creation, implementation, and oversight of all conference call meetings from the Gamblers Anonymous website. These meetings will be sanctioned by Gamblers Anonymous but will not carry the distinction of being classified as a group, as per the Guidance Code.
- 2) To formulate, implement and maintain rules and procedures covering all aspects of the telephone conference call meetings, with Board of Trustee approval.
- 3) To be responsible for coordinating the Gamblers Anonymous members who will administrate the individual telephone conference call meetings.

- 4) To actively seek out any known phone meetings and try to assist in making them compliant with current rules and procedures covering all aspects of the telephone conference call meetings. Make changes to such procedures whenever necessary, with Board of Trustee approval.
- 5) Look at other platforms being used and make changes to the rules and procedures covering all aspects of the telephone conference call meetings, with Board of Trustee approval.

This report was submitted online.

Trustee Website Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee 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.

This report was submitted online. Pete thanked the committee for all their hard work.

Trustee Removal Merit Panel – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – John B. – Area 13

Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.

Mission Statement: This is a standing panel with a 2-year term coinciding with the new term of Trustees. It will become active when an official action is presented to the Chair of the Board of Trustees to request the official removal of a current Trustee due to acts thought to be detrimental to GA as a whole, as provided for by the Guidance Code under Article VIII, Section 4. There is a specific document entitled ‘Trustee Removal Procedures’ available to all members for reference. The panel will consist of 5 GA members, selected from 5 geographical regions, along with 1 backup Trustee for each area.

This report was submitted online. This committee has five members. This committee needs members in all regions. There is a main member and then a backup member – and they all need to be a current trustee. The only time this committee would meet is if an area submits a request

to the Board of Trustees to remove a trustee from their area. They can't just vote a trustee out, they have to get permission from the Board of Trustees. Asking for volunteers to participate on this committee.

East: John B., primary, and Marla J. as backup, both from Area 13. John B. will be the committee chair.

Canada – Paul N., Area 2A, as primary, and Adrien R., Area 5B, as back up.

Midwest – Carol K., Area 9, primary, and Gary B., Area 10B, as back up.

South – Mike A., area 6C and Steve C., Area 6, as back up.

West – James B., Area 2B, and Diane W., Area 3D, as back up.

Committees with Martha G. as Co-Chair Liaison

Hotline Implementation Committee:

Committee Chair – Andy G.- Area 13B

Committee Liaison Chair – Martha G.

Mission Statement:

- 1) To provide assistance in implementing a Gamblers Anonymous Hotline and oversee the operations.**
- 2) Give support and help when needed to local areas using the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline provider.**
- 3) Assist local areas in developing guidelines for hotline volunteers.**
- 4) Follow up on voicemails on the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline for areas that do not have a hotline.**
- 5) Maintain the routing information for all areas using the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline.**
- 6) Review areas that use another hotline system.**
- 7) Review the data usage on the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline and report at each Board of Trustee meeting.**
- 8) Maintain communication with the Executive Secretary of the I.S.O. regarding usage and payments to the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline provider.**
- 9) Maintain information on the Trustee Website for the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline.**

John B. presented this report that was also submitted online. Some discussion had on the company used for the hotline and finding out if there is a contact who can train our members on how to handle things.

International Relations Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Ara H. – Area 1

Co-Chair – Igor K. – Area 3

Committee Liaison Chair – Martha G.

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

Igor gave this report that was also submitted online. Igor K. is now the Co-Chair, replacing Zeny K.

Literature Committee – Standing Committee:

Committee Chair – Nan V., Area 13A

Co-Chair – Debra B., Area 2E

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.

No report was submitted. Martha said there had not been any work done at the moment. Debra B. is now the co-chair of the committee.

Meeting Removal Merit Panel Exploration Committee:

Committee Chair – Debra B. – Area 2E

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.

There was no report submitted. There is an item up for second vote.

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.

Luis O. gave this report that was also submitted online. There are approximately 10-13 members, and they are working with changes to literature currently.

Rules and Procedures

- 1.) **Rules and Procedures**
Add new rules and procedures. Add to Section 7 – Committees Recording of Zoom and/or Phone Conference meetings for BOT Committee Meetings
Current Version: None
Proposed Version: Recording of Zoom and/or Phone Conference Calls at all BOT Committee meetings should not be allowed.
Jo K – Area 8D - Eastern Missouri and Southern Illinois Including Springfield and Quincy
Motion as written and seconded.
Item failed.
This item chaired by Pete K.

Tabled from Cherry Hill

- 2.) **New Literature – Appropriate Literature**
Common Welfare & Safety Card. Attachment # 107
Tom R. – Area 5 – Montreal
Item withdrawn
This item chaired by Pete K.

Items up for second vote

- 3.) **Cherry Hill agenda item #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
Item passes. 2nd Vote
This item chaired by Pete K.

- 4.) **Cherry Hill agenda item #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.gambler-sanonymous.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: www.gamblersanonymous.org 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
 Val D., Chair of the Board of Regents, let us know that this item has not been updated or sold in years at the ISO.
 Item ruled out of order.
 This item chaired by Pete K.
- 5.) **Cherry Hill agenda item #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 R – Area 2E - Manitoba Canada
 Debra B. presented this item.
 Item passes. 2nd Vote
 This item chaired by Pete K.
- 6.) **Cherry Hill agenda item #53 Committee Related**
Group Handbook Revision See Attachment
Jack R – Area 1A - Orange County, California
 Motion as written in memory of Mike M.
 Item passes. 2nd Vote
 This item chaired by Pete K.
- 7.) **Cherry Hill agenda item #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.

John B. - Area 13 – Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware

Item passes

2nd Vote

This item chaired by Harold A.

- 8) **Cherry Hill agenda item #58 Committee Related
Blue Book Revision Committee
Approve new literature from a committee
Sharing Recovery Through Gamblers Anonymous
Jeannie B – Area 8A Minnesota**

Item passes.

2nd Vote

This item chaired by Harold A.

- 9.) **Cherry Hill agenda item #70 Guidance Code Article VII, Section 4
– Page 6 (Occurs toward the end of the first sentence.) To add the
words: presentation of medallions**

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.

Proposed 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, presentation of medallions, and for all successive anniversaries. Date of abstinence starts from your first meeting after your last bet.

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

For 58 Against 88 Abstain 6

Item passes.

2nd Vote

This item chaired by Harold A.

- 10) **Cherry Hill agenda item #78 Current Literature 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.
(Made bold)**

Tom K – Area 6C - North Carolina

Mike A. presented this item for Tom K.

Roll Call Vote called for.

Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote
1	Alvin F.	No	4	Aldo I.	Yes	13	Marla J.	No
1	Alyssa C.	No	4	Debbi R.	No	13	Mike M.	No
1	Bruce W.	Yes	5	Frank P.	No	13A	Rick L.	No
1A	Jack R.	No	5B	Adrien R.	No	13B	Andy G.*	Yes
1B	Wendy B.	No	5B	Lyne T.	No	14	Ira C.	Yes
2	Beth Z.*	Yes	6	JoAnne B.	No	14	Maury C.*	Yes
2	Jared H.*	Abst.	6	Neal G.	No	14	Mitch M.	Yes
2	Ray J.*	Yes	6	Steven C.	Yes	14	Stuart B.*	Yes
2	Tita M.*	Yes	6A	Alan A.	No	15	James G.*	Abst.
2A	Paul N.	No	6B	Joel G.*	No	15	Jesse C.*	Yes
2B	Charlene L.	No	6C	Tom K.*	Yes	15	Joe B.*	Yes
2B	James B.	Yes	6C	Mike A.	Yes	15	Mark D.*	Yes
2E	Debra B.	No	7	Iris D.*	No	15	Mildren N.*	Abst.
2G	Chris M.*	Yes	7A	Deborah S.	No	15	Stanley C.*	Yes
2G	Dave M.	No	7C	Jim G.	Abst.	16	Wayne C.	No
2H	Doris S.*	Yes	8	Cindi M.	No	16A	Dan L.*	Yes
2H	Terry D.*	Yes	8	Dianna R.*	No	17	Robert A.*	Yes
2J	Patricia D.*	Yes	8	Donna M.	No	17	Ron W.*	Yes
2K	Steve L.	Yes	8	Mary W.	No	18A	Mark C.*	Yes
3	Igor K.	No	9	Beth C.*	No	18B	Dot R.*	Yes
3	Mark S.	No	9	Carol K.	Yes	18B	Philomena*	Yes
3	Rob P.	No	9A	Patricia D.*	Yes	19	Elena D.*	Yes
3	Steve D.	No	10	Ed G.	No	19	Horacio P*	Yes
3A	Butch G.	No	10	Anthony K.	No	19	Jorge C.*	Yes
3A	Regina M.*	Yes	10A	Jeff H.*	Yes	19	Julia A.*	Yes
3B	Paul G.*	Yes	10A	Loreane S.*	Yes	21	Francisco M*	Abst.
3B	Ron G.	No	10B	Gary B.	Yes	21	Pedro M.*	Yes
3C	Terry D.	No	11	Billy C.	Yes	28	Hector T.	No
3D	Diane W.	No	11	Jodi P.	No	28	Luis O.	No
3D	Marc L.*	Yes	12	Walter G.*	No	28	Marymar V.	No
3F	Julian F.*	Yes	13	John B.	No	33	William S.*	Yes

Item passes.

For 45 Against 43 Abstain 5 2nd Vote

*Absentee Ballot received.

This item chaired by Harold A.

- 11.) **Cherry Hill agenda item #83**
Other Existing Literature Hosting an International Conference.
Page 12 8) Finances Committee. This would be a policy change as well as wording change. Currently, seed money for an International Conference is \$1,000. 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 - Chicago, Illinois

Item passes.

2nd Vote

This item chaired by Harold A.

CONFERENCE BIDS

12) Spring 2024 Conference

The Spring 2024 Conference is open for bids.

There were no bids – areas will have one more chance at the next Board of Trustees meeting.

This item chaired by Pete K.

13) Fall 2024 Conference

The Fall 2024 Conference is open for bids.

There were no bids – areas will have a few more chances.

This item chaired by Pete K.

14) Spring 2025 Conference

The Spring 2025 Conference is open for bids.

There were no bids.

This item chaired by Pete K.

The next Board of Trustees only meeting will be in Cleveland, Ohio on Sunday, May 7 and Monday, May 8, 2023. More information coming soon. This will be the week before Mother's Day, so it won't conflict with that.

The Fall 2023 International Conference will be hosted by Chicagoland Intergroup in Oak Brook, Illinois November 16 through 19, 2023. More information coming soon.

NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION ITEMS

15) GENERAL DISCUSSION

A new trustee for Area 3D, which covers Arizona and New Mexico, who started at the beginning of the new term for Trustees, was recently contacted by ISO for information about a meeting in Lake Havasu. A new member was trying to find the meeting. The problem is that there is no information about this meeting and the Trustee is over three hours away.

They started looking into all the meetings, as trustees are responsible for in 3D and there is no contact information anywhere. I have looked on AA, NA, SA, and OA websites. Each meeting has contact information that includes the name, number, and sometimes email, except GA. I believe this needs to be changed.

How can we help a newcomer if they can't find us? How can I as a trustee reach the meetings without this information? How do we take a meeting off the ISO website if we don't know if it is going or not? I am not sure why it is set up this way but I would hope we can change it going forward. It is my belief that we have to be accessible to a newcomer wherever they live.

Diane W. – Area 3D - Arizona, and New Mexico

Discussion only.

This item chaired by Martha G.

16) GENERAL DISCUSSION

Is our current Help Line provider providing the desired service? Should finding a new provider be considered?

Ed G. – Area 10 - Ohio, United States

Discussion only on the use of our current provider.

This item chaired by Martha G.

17) GENERAL DISCUSSION

How do Intergroups communicate and or monitor information with outside political groups that are funded and directed to help with “problem gamblers”? How is this done without endorsing or opposing any cause?

Butch G. – Area 3A - San Diego, California

Discussion only.

This item chaired by Martha G.

18) GENERAL DISCUSSION

On November 4, 2020, Andy R., Chair of the Board of Trustees at that time, called for a Quick Response Meeting and the item that was voted on was Temporary Guidelines for Video Meetings, which would deem said meetings as sanctioned Gamblers Anonymous Meetings and count just like in-person meetings. The guidelines submitted and presented by a now disbanded Video Meeting Committee were overwhelmingly approved. Those Temporary Guidelines are available to read in an attachment but in brief summary, they dealt with Protocols for Attendance and Announcements that should be read before each meeting. In view of the fact these were Temporary Guidelines, additional discussion is called for to make the guidelines Permanent in another vote.

Harold A. – 1st Co-Chair – Board of Trustees

Item withdrawn.

This item chaired by Pete K. He let us know that the new committee, that is Patrick's committee will use these temporary guidelines as a starting point for his committee's work.

19) GENERAL DISCUSSION

In Area 20 (Uruguay), we have some doubts regarding the application of the Unity Program, therefore we decided to ask for help to solve a problem that keeps several brothers in controversy.

The facts:

Years ago, the dissemination of our lifeline number was carried out in the following way: The National Lottery and Quinielas Bank of Uruguay, which has access to more than 1,700 collection and bet collection locations throughout Uruguay, financed in together with Gamblers Anonymous of Uruguay the stickers that carry our logo and telephone number.

They were paid with a contribution from Gamblers Anonymous of Uruguay and with money from the National Bank of Lotteries and Pools. In turn, it was the National Lotteries and Quinielas Bank that assumed the logistics of distribution and placement in all the places where bets are placed.

It was the National Lotteries and Pools Bank that assumed most of the cost. Delivering the surplus of leftover stickers, to Gamblers Anonymous of Uruguay for their use at no cost.

Due to this joint action, some members of the community understand that it is a clear violation of the Unity Program.

In our opinion, the following were violated:

Steps 4, 6 and 7 of Unity.

4- Each group must govern itself, except in matters that affect other groups or GA as a whole.

6- GA should never support, finance or lend the name to any related institution or outside company, so that problems of money, property and prestige will not divert us from our main purpose.

7- Each group of Gamblers Anonymous must be completely self-financing, refusing donations from outside the group.

Because?

Step 4 was violated, and the mere fact of receiving external contributions to fulfill our purpose, whether in money or otherwise, means a loss of the autonomy that Step 4 of unity confers on us to freely exercise our primary purpose.

Step 6 was violated since having stickers with our logo and lifeline telephone number financed together with an outside company confuses our identity, as well as it could generate money, property or prestige problems for our brotherhood.

Step 7 was violated since we receive external contributions in money and others.

For us, it is of vital importance to have a clear interpretation of the Unity Program so that these types of actions (if they violate the Unity Program, do not happen again).

Without another particular, and thanks for your service, brothers from Area 20 of Uruguay greet you. We understand that the survival of our community and message depends on the uncompromising adherence to the Unity Program.

Edison Vera – Area 20 - Montevideo, Uruguay

Martha G. presented.

Discussion only.

This item chaired by Pete K.

20) GENERAL DISCUSSION

Some compulsive gamblers in the United Kingdom have asked me to have our Board of Trustees define in writing exactly what the United Kingdom compulsive gamblers need to do to become part of the Gamblers Anonymous International Fellowship again. In order to do this, our Board of Trustees needs to form a committee that would come up with the exact wording of what would be required of the United Kingdom compulsive gamblers. If as a result of this discussion a committee is formed and comes up with the requirements, then a vote could be taken at the spring 2023 Board of Trustees meeting to accept the requirements proposed by the committee, and if passed from there that document would be presented to the United Kingdom compulsive gamblers for a vote on whether to ask to join the Gamblers Anonymous International Fellowship or not.

Harold A., 1st Co-Chair Board of Trustees

Item withdrawn.

This item chaired by Pete K.

21) GENERAL DISCUSSION

There are some in this program who are under the impression that during the COVID pandemic that the “39 Meeting” rule from the Guidance Code has been temporarily suspended. What is the current position of the board regarding the status of “temporary” measures (i.e. Zoom meetings). Are other members of the BOT experiencing the same confusion over these “temporary” changes?

Bob C. – Area 3A - San Diego, California

Motion to table.

Passed.

This item chaired by Pete K.

22) GENERAL DISCUSSION

When approval for changing something to bold and capitalized is given to change a word or a sentence in our literature, does it really have an impact on the recovery of our members? We really need to analyze and think about all the consequences that are implied with those changes. If the change is approved it must be reflected in all our literary works, including those in other languages that were granted approval for translation. Who keeps a record of these changes, and when are these updates actually reflected on our literature?

Martha G., 2nd Co-Chair Board of Trustees

Discussion only.

This item chaired by Pete K.

23) GENERAL DISCUSSION

Process of adding new literature.

Currently, when literature is changed, the effect is immediate on that literature, however, sometimes the change creates a conflict between the new literature and an existing piece of literature. For example, several changes to the Combo Book have had an immediate effect, but created a conflict with the red book, blue book, etc. When a change to literature has been approved a review should be made to change every piece of literature to remove possible conflicts. Does a committee need to be formed or does this fall under the guidance of an existing committee?

Butch G. – Area 3A - San Diego, California

Discussion only.

This item chaired by Pete K.

24) GENERAL DISCUSSION

Handling of individuals and financial matters

How do you handle a member that borrows money from another member?

Particularly if they borrow from their sponsee.

Ira C. – Area 14 - Long Island, New York

Discussion only.

It was brought up that this topic is addressed in the new Group Handbook.

This item chaired by Martha G.

Before moving on, Martha had Debra B. come back to the microphone to make a motion regarding Item Number 5 of the agenda.

Debra B. made a motion to rename the Meeting Removal Merit Panel Exploration Committee to “Group Removal Merit Panel” in order to accurately reflect the wording in the document, Group Removal Guidelines and Procedures manual.

Motion as written.

Item passes.

This item chaired by Martha G.

Martha then asked Reba to come up to the microphone and read the mission statement regarding the Digital Strategy Committee.

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

Motion to accept statement made by Butch G.

Motion passes.

This item chaired by Martha G. and Pete K.

NEW BUSINESS – STEP CHANGES

25) RECOVERY STEP CHANGE

Change the word tried 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, California

Motion to table.

Passed

This item chaired by Pete K.

26) UNITY STEP CHANGE

Change the word “Group” to “meeting” in the 7th step of the Unity Program.

Current Version: 7.) Every Gamblers Anonymous Group ought to be fully self-supporting declining outside contributions.

Proposed Version: 7.) Every Gamblers Anonymous meeting ought to be fully self- supporting declining outside contributions.

Jack R. – Area 1A – for Jimmy D. - Orange County, California

Motion to table.

Passed

This item chaired by Pete K.

- 27) **UNITY STEP CHANGE**
In Unity Step 4, change “group” to “meeting” and “groups” to “meetings”
Current Version: Unity Step 4: Each group should be self-governing except in matters affecting other groups or Gamblers Anonymous as a whole.
Proposed Version: Unity Step 4: Each meeting should be self-governing except in matters affecting other meetings or Gamblers Anonymous as a whole.
Jack R. – Area 1A – for Jimmy D. - Orange County, California
Motion to table.
Passed
This item chaired by Pete K.

NEW BUSINESS – COMBO BOOK

- 28) **CURRENT LITERATURE - Combo Book**
Change page 15 Twenty Questions, Question One – add the word “retirement”.
Current Version: Did you ever lose time from work or school due to gambling?
Proposed Version: Did you ever lose time from work, school, or retirement due to gambling?
JoAnn B for Bill B, Area 6 - Southern Florida
Motion as written.
Motion to amend to change last sentence to read, “...retirement plans due to gambling?”
Amendment fails.
Original motion fails.
This item chaired by Harold A.
- 29) **CURRENT LITERATURE - Combo Book**
Page 17, Item 8. Embolden and place in all caps the word “will” in the phrase “you will experience continued recovery.”
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 (bold typeface) experience continued recovery.
Jack R. – for Dean W. – Area 1A Orange County, California
Motion as written.
Item failed.
This item chaired by Harold A.

30)

CURRENT LITERATURE - Combo Book

Move the top paragraph on page 3 to the bottom of page 2.

Then insert the Proposed version on page 3 behind the last paragraph on page 3.

Current Version: GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from a gambling problem. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop gambling. There are no dues or fees for Gamblers Anonymous membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. Gamblers Anonymous is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any cause. Our primary purpose is to stop gambling and to help other compulsive gamblers do the same. Most of us have been unwilling to admit we were real problem gamblers. No one likes to think they are different from their fellows. Therefore, it is not surprising that our gambling careers have been characterized by countless vain attempts to prove we could gamble like other people. The idea that somehow, someday, we will control our gambling is the great obsession of every compulsive gambler. The persistence of this illusion is astonishing. Many pursue it into the gates of prison, insanity or death.

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We learned we had to concede fully to our innermost selves that we are compulsive gamblers. This is the first step in our recovery. With reference to gambling, the delusion that we are like other people, or presently may be, has to be smashed. We have lost the ability to control our gambling. We know that no real compulsive gambler ever regains control. All of us felt at times we were regaining control, but such intervals – usually brief – were inevitably followed by still less control, which led in time to pitiful and incomprehensible demoralization. We are convinced that gamblers of our type are in the grip of a progressive illness. Over any considerable period of time we get worse, never better. Therefore, in order to lead normal happy lives, we try to practice to the best of our ability, certain principles in our daily affairs.

Proposed Version: GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

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denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any cause. Our primary purpose is to stop gambling and to help other compulsive gamblers do the same. Most of us have been unwilling to admit we were real problem gamblers. No one likes to think they are different from their fellows. Therefore, it is not surprising that our gambling careers have been characterized by countless vain attempts to prove we could gamble like other people. The idea that somehow, someday, we will control our gambling is the great obsession of every compulsive gambler. The persistence of this illusion is astonishing. Many pursue it into the gates of prison, insanity or death. We learned we had to concede fully to our innermost selves that we are compulsive gamblers. This is the first step in our recovery. With reference to gambling, the delusion that we are like other people, or presently may be, has to be smashed.

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We have lost the ability to control our gambling. We know that no real compulsive gambler ever regains control. All of us felt at times we were regaining control, but such intervals – usually brief – were inevitably followed by still less control, which led in time to pitiful and incomprehensible demoralization. We are convinced that gamblers of our type are in the grip of a progressive illness. Over any considerable period of time we get worse, never better. Therefore, in order to lead normal happy lives, we try to practice to the best of our ability, certain principles in our daily affairs. Gamblers Anonymous gave us a new life, a path and a purpose. Honesty is the cornerstone for recovery. Hope grows when you seek a higher power. Surrender to a higher power and have faith. It takes courage to examine financial troubles and take a moral inventory. Sharing that inventory restores integrity. At the crossroads of recovery, it takes willingness to rid defects of character, let go of shortcomings, crush your ego and gain humility. Perseverance is the mortar for making amends that seals the keystone for the arch of recovery. It takes discipline to take a daily inventory and admit when you are wrong. Spiritual awareness will fill your heart. Service is a responsibility and an act of gratitude.

Kevin K. – Area 3D Arizona and New Mexico

Motion as written.

Item failed.

This item chaired by Harold A.

NEW BUSINESS – INTERNATIONAL

31) CURRENT LITERATURE

Literature Translation – Iran would like to get permission to translate the following approved GA literature into Farsi

Toward 90 Days

Beyond 90 Days

Red Book (A New Beginning)

Blue Book (Sharing Recovery)

Working the Steps Pamphlet GA writing the steps

Ara H, Area 1 - Los Angeles – California

Alvin F. presented this item.

Motion as written.

Item passes.

This item chaired by Harold A.

32) CURRENT LITERATURE

Other Existing Literature

India would like to translate all Gamblers Anonymous literature into Hindi at their own cost.

Walter G – Submitted for Sanjay G – Area 12 - New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania

Wendy B. presented this item.

Motion as written.

Item passes.

This item chaired by Harold A. and Pete K.

33) BOT DECISION - NOT COVERED BY ANY OTHER CATEGORY

Request that Iran is designated as a distinct area within the fellowship and that they are allocated two Trustees.

Jack R. – for Hamid K. – Area 1A Orange County, California

Motion as written.

Item passes – Iran will be Area 37 with two trustees assigned.

This item chaired by Pete K.

34) TRUSTEE ALLOCATION

Board of Trustees Allocation -Trustee Allocation Area 23A – requests from the Gamblers Anonymous Board of Trustees the approval to be reinstated for 1 (one) Trustee position to be aligned to Clécio Santos.

Valdir R. - Former Trustee – São Paulo, Brazil

Motion as written.

Item passes – Area 23A will have one trustee allocated.

This item chaired by Pete K.

35) TRUSTEE ALLOCATION

Board of Trustees Allocation -Trustee Allocation Area 23 – requests from the Gamblers Anonymous Board of Trustees the approval to be reinstated for 1 (one) Trustee position.

João Carlos - Former Trustee – São Paulo, Brazil

Motion as written.

Item passes – Area 23 will have one trustee position.

This item chaired by Pete K.

36) BOT DECISION - NOT COVERED BY ANY OTHER CATEGORY

Area 33 Colombia requests from the Gamblers Anonymous Board of Trustees the approval to establish a Regional Services Office according to the Article XI, Section 1 to 8 of the Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code. (see attachment)

Martha G – Submitted for William S – Area 33 Bogota, Colombia

Motion as written.

Item passes.

This item chaired by Pete K.

NEW BUSINESS – GUIDANCE CODE

37) CURRENT LITERATURE - Guidance Code Article VII, Section 4
Change phrase in parenthesis immediately following the word “meetings” to read

“Exceptions can be made through group conscience decisions for medical reasons or active military duty”

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.

Proposed Version: Abstinence from gambling and regular attendance of at least thirty-nine (39) Gamblers Anonymous meetings (exceptions can be made through 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.

Jack R, Area 1A - Orange County – California

Motion as written.

Motion to amend to include changes from item #9.

Amendment passes

For 30 Against 5

Item passes.

1st Vote

This item chaired by Pete K.

- 38) **COMMITTEE RELATED - Guidance Code – Vote of Confidence**
 Explanation of what the committee would like a vote of confidence on: Article III – Objects, Section 1 – Separating Section 1: into 2 subparagraphs Section 1 & 1A. Add Section 1: 1. To stop gambling. 2. To help other gamblers do the same. Section: 1A remove “contact” and replace with: be available to
 Current Version: Section 1: The specific and primary purpose 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.
 Proposed Version: Section 1: The specific and primary purpose for which this fellowship is formed are as follows: 1. To stop gambling. 2. To help others gamblers do the same.
 Section 1A: To be available to compulsive gamblers no matter where they may be and help them overcome a gambling problem.
 Anita R. – Area 1B - Inland Empire, Palm Springs and San Bernardino
 Item withdrawn.
 This item chaired by Pete K.
- 39) **COMMITTEE RELATED - Guidance Code – Vote of Confidence**
 Explanation of what the committee would like a vote of confidence on Article IV – Declaration Section: 1 first sentence after strengthen us, change – but will win to but will “gain “
 Current version: but will win the confidence, respect and help of people everywhere,
 Proposed Version: but will gain the confidence, respect, and help of people everywhere,
 Anita R. – Area 1B - Inland Empire, Palm Springs and San Bernardino
 Item withdrawn.
 This item chaired by Pete K.
- 40) **COMMITTEE RELATED - Guidance Code – Vote of Confidence**
 Explanation of what the committee would like a vote of confidence on: 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. Section 8: Last sentence change Board of Trustees to the Board of Regents, and then the Board of Regents to the Board of Trustees.
 Current Version: Removal will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote for expulsion by the Board of Trustees at the next physical meeting. Section 6: Only a written proxy shall be counted in determining the number present for the purpose of a quorum. Section 7: It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Regents to annually employ a

certified public accountant who is not a member of Gamblers Anonymous to examine the books and record of our ISO. Section 8: The Board of Trustees time to notify the Board of Regents regarding the Budget is sixty (60) days.

Proposed Version: Section 4: Removal will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote for the expulsion by the Board of Trustees the next meeting. Section 6: Five (5) members of the Board of Regents shall constitute a quorum. Section 7: It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Regents to annually employ a certified public accountant who is not a member of Gamblers Anonymous to examine the books and records of our ISO. Section 8: The Board of Regents time to notify the Board of Trustees regarding the Budget is sixty (60) days.

Anita R. – Area 1B - Inland Empire, Palm Springs and San Bernardino

Item withdrawn.

This item chaired by Pete K.

- 41) COMMITTEE RELATED - Guidance Code – Vote of Confidence**
Explanation of what the committee would like a vote of confidence on Article V – Summary of Operations Section 1: 1. Members – remove article number (V) “IV, V, VI” and replace it with the article (III) “III, IV, VI”. Also, remove page numbers, they do not coincide with the Categories.

Current Version: Article V – Summary of Operations Section 1. 1. Members – Article “IV, V, VI”

Proposed Version: Article V – Summary of Operations Section 1. 1. Members – Article “III, IV, VI”

Anita R. – Area 1B - Inland Empire, Palm Springs, and San Bernardino

Item withdrawn.

This item chaired by Pete K.

- 42) COMMITTEE RELATED - Guidance Code – Vote of Confidence**
Explanation of what the committee would like a vote of confidence on:

Guidance Code, Article VII, Groups Sections 1, 1A, 2, 3, 6, 8. Section 1 – First sentence remove the word “only”, also after the word use, add as a guide. Section 2: Remove entire section, 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 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 sentence “who desires to stop gambling”. Section 8:- Last sentence remove “must” and add “may”.

Current Version: 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. 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 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, Section 6: – Only members of Gamblers Anonymous may be trusted servants of groups or intergroup. Section 8: 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 on a regular, weekly scheduled basis to discuss gambling problems, they will be known as a group if they commit themselves to follow Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code and limit their use as a guide, Section 2: Meetings may be classified as special interest meetings; such as “Women 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. Section 6: Only members of Gamblers Anonymous may be trusted servants of groups or inter groups who desire to stop gambling. Section 8: Other appropriate material may be designated as such by the Board of Trustees.

Anita R. – Area 1B - Inland Empire, Palm Springs, and San Bernardino

Item withdrawn.

This item chaired by Pete K.

- 43) **COMMITTEE RELATED**
Guidance Code Audit
Request a Vote of Confidence.
Explanation of what the committee would like a vote of confidence on:
Article XI – Regional Service Office (R.S.O.) Section 3. The first sentence removes “an” and replaces it with “a”.
Current Versions: Each group that belongs to an RSO is self-governing,
Proposed Versions: Section 3. Each group that belongs to an RSO is self-governing,
Anita R. – Area 1B - Inland Empire, Palm Springs, and San Bernardino
Item withdrawn.
This item chaired by Pete K.

- 44) **COMMITTEE RELATED**
Guidance Code – Board of Trustees – Items relating to changes to the 12 Steps of Recovery, Unity, and the 20 Questions.
The current format for changes to the 12 Steps of Recovery, The Unity Program, and the 20 Questions are not working for the program now. This program needs to be flexible enough to change when needed and restrictive enough not to have changed every meeting.
The guidance code has to be uniform so that changes can be made efficiently. The proposed will be required to make changes to these areas, and 2/3 of the trustees will be required to be physically present to vote on the proposed change. No absentee ballots will be counted toward the vote. The changes will have an immediate effect if passed. (If 100 Trustees are eligible, 67 would need to be present. Of the 67 45 would have to vote positive to be in effect.)
The following Articles presented are in their current form:
Article VIII – Board of Trustees
Section 6: 50% plus 1 of the elected Trustees of the Board of Trustees, must be present at any meeting to constitute a quorum. Absentee Ballots shall be included to determine the number present at any meeting for the purpose of a quorum.
Section 9: 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.
Section 11: 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.

Article IX – Officers of the Board of Trustees

Section 5: Board of Trustees meetings may be conducted by mail, fax or email, or electronically through a platform approved by the Board of Trustees. However a majority of current Trustees are needed for a quorum. A majority vote of the quorum shall carry any measure voted upon except as provided for in Section 2 of Article VIII and Article XX.

Article XX – Amendments

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.

Proposed form:

Article VIII – Board of Trustees

Section 6: No Change

Section 9: To change the Twelve Steps of RECOVERY and Twelve Step UNITY PROGRAM, it shall require a two-thirds (2/3) physical presence of the eligible voting members of the Board of Trustees. Of these members, it will require a 2/3 passage to be in effect.

Section 11: 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 a physical meeting 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.

Article IX – Officers of the Board of Trustees

Section 5: Board of Trustees meetings may be conducted by mail, fax, or email, or electronically through a platform approved by the Board of Trustees. However, a majority of current Trustees are needed for a quorum. A majority vote of the quorum shall carry any

measure voted upon except as provided for in Section 2 of Article VIII and Article XX, except if voted approval by 100% of eligible trustees.

Article XX – Amendments

Section 1: The Guidance Code may be amended by the Board of Trustees by a two- thirds (2/3) majority meeting with at least a quorum present. 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.

Butch G. – Area 3A - San Diego, California

Motion as written.

For 13 Against 51

Item failed.

This item chaired by Harold A.

NEW BUSINESS – COMMITTEE RELATED

45) COMMITTEE RELATED

Request to form a new committee.

There was a Chronological History Committee, but it has been disbanded. I would like to re- activate the committee. I have a strong interest in the history of our fellowship and feel it has been ignored. Time has caught up with too many of our early members and continues to do so. So much will be lost if we do not act quickly.

Andy D. – Area 18 - New South Wales, Australia

This committee existed before, and no work was done so we disbanded it. The Chair reformed this committee. Andy D., of Australia, will be the chair with Martha G. as the Co-Chair Liaison.

A point of order was brought up on whether we needed to vote for this committee.

We do not need a vote for the Chair to form a committee.

This item chaired by Harold A.

46) COMMITTEE RELATED

GA Restructuring Committee – Change a committee mission statement

Current Version: None

Proposed Version: Review the current structure of the corporation and fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous to research and recommend a possible plan to restructure all related entities.

Peter K – Submitted for David M. – Area 13B - South New Jersey, United States

Wendy B. presented this item for approval. The mission statement for this committee reads: *“Review the current structure of the corporation and fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous to research and recommend a possible plan to restructure all related entities.”*

Motion as written to accept the mission statement.

Item passes.

This item chaired by Harold A.

47) COMMITTEE RELATED

GA Restructuring Committee

Committee Discussion item – the progress and procedures being considered for the completion of the task for which the committee was charged.

Peter K – Submitted for David M. – Area 13B South New Jersey, United States

Wendy B. presented this item again. This discussion is the same as the committee report. The committee has met three times so far and has taken a look at other 12-step programs and their organizational charts.

This item chaired by Harold A.

48) COMMITTEE RELATED

Public Relations – Change a committee mission statement

Current Version: 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 powers.

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

Cindi M. – Area 8 - Chicago, Illinois

Motion as written.

Item passes.

This item chaired by Martha G.

NEW BUSINESS – CURRENT LITERATURE

49) CURRENT LITERATURE

Other Current Literature Gamblers Anonymous Hosting an International Meeting Page 7 Paragraph (b) 3rd Sentence Insert the following sentence immediately after current sentence two: “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.”

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 an Act of God or natural disaster, like a hurricane, earthquake, terrorism, etc., is also important 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 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 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.

Jack R. – for John C. – Area 1A Orange County – California

Motion as written.

Item failed.

This item chaired by Martha G.

50)

CURRENT LITERATURE

Other Existing Literature: Towards 90 Days on cd.

The Board of Regents is requesting to stop purchasing and stocking this item after the current inventory has been depleted.

The Board of Regents would like to remove this item from its inventory.

Valerie D. – Area 1A Orange County, California

Motion as written by Wendy B.

Item passes 1st vote.

1st Vote

This item chaired by Pete K.

51) CURRENT LITERATURE

Other Existing Literature: Even up the Odds DVD.

The Board of Regents is requesting to stop purchasing and stocking this item after the current inventory has been depleted.

The Board of Regents would like to remove this item from its inventory.

Valerie D. – Area 1A Orange County, California

Motion as written by Wendy B.

Item passes 1st vote.

1st Vote

This item chaired by Pete K.

52) CURRENT LITERATURE

Other Literature: add new rules and procedures for ordering literature from the International Service Office.

Current Version: None

Proposed Version: See Attached

Ara H. – Area 1 - Los Angeles, California

Item withdrawn.

This item was chaired by Pete K.

NEW BUSINESS – NEW LITERATURE

53) NEW LITERATURE

New Literature – Appropriate Literature

To allow the Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book to be Appropriate Gamblers Anonymous Literature

Stuart B. for Ira C. – Area 14 - Long Island, New York

Mitch M. presented this item.

Motion as written.

Item ruled out of order.

This item was chaired by Pete K.

NEW BUSINESS – BOARD OF TRUSTEE DECISION NOT COVERED BY ANY OTHER CATEGORY

54) BOT DECISION - NOT COVERED BY ANY OTHER CATEGORY

I propose we add contact information such as names and phone number next to each meeting on the website.

Diane K. – Area 3D - Arizona and New Mexico, United States

Item ruled out of order.

This item was chaired by Pete K.

NEW BUSINESS – ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA

- 55) Discuss the possibility of creating an app or a pamphlet specific to online gambling.**

Pete K. - Area 13B - South New Jersey

Discussion on creating a committee. We were reminded that this was something the Digital Committee can look into. Suggestion of making a publication on online gambling, similar to our stock market flier.

This item chaired by Pete K.

- 56) The BOR is asking permission to stop purchasing and restocking Beyond 90 Days on CD once the current inventory has been depleted.**

Valerie D. – Area 1A - Orange County, California

Motion as written by Wendy B.

Item passes 1st vote.

1st Vote

This item was chaired by Pete K.

- 57) The Board of Regents would like to remove the Big Steve DVD from its inventory.**

Valerie D. – Area 1A – Orange County, California

Motion as written by Wendy B.

Item passes 1st Vote

1st Vote

This item was chaired by Pete K.

At the end of the agenda, Pete let us know that a member of the Trustee Website committee would like to say a few words. Renee G. mentioned that she has been helping with the Trustee Line portion of the website. Its under utilized at the moment and she wanted to make sure that new trustees were even aware of it existing. Renee brought up possibly doing a weekly digest. She would send out emails to people who actually showed interest in this, and she was looking for feedback on this. There was some discussion of the trustee line. It was suggested that the committee send out an email to all current and past trustees to ask the question if anyone would be interested in a weekly digest/notification of posts to the Trustee Line.

The meeting was closed at 10:36 am local time. As mentioned before, the next Board of Trustees meeting will be in Cleveland, Ohio on Sunday May 7 and Monday May 8, 2023.

The serenity prayer closed the meeting at 10:37 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

KC B.

KC B.,

International Executive Secretary

ROLL CALL

Area	Trustee	Sessions	Area	Trustee	Sessions
1	Alvin F.	3	8	Mary W.	3
1	Alyssa C.	3	9	Beth C.	Absent*
1	Bruce W.	3	9	Carol K.	3
1A	Jack R.	3	9A	Patricia D.	Absent*
1B	Anita R.	Absent	10	Anthony K.	3
1B	Wendy B.	3	10	Ed G.	3
2	Beth Z.	Absent*	10A	Jeff H.	Absent*
2	Jared H.	Absent*	10A	Loreane S.	Absent*
2	Ray J.	Absent*	10B	Gary B.	3
2	Tita M.	Absent*	10B	Matt S.	Absent
2A	Paul N.	3	11	Billy C.	3
2B	Charlene L.	3	11	Jodi P.	3
2B	James B.	3	12	Walter G.	Absent*
2E	Debra B.	3	13	John B.	3
2G	Chris M.	Absent*	13	Marla J.	3
2G	Dave M.	3	13	Mike M.	3
2H	Doris S.	Absent*	13A	Alan K.	Absent
2H	Terry D.	Absent*	13A	Rick L.	3
2J	Patricia D.	Absent*	13B	Andy G.	Absent*
2K	Steve L.	3	14	Ira C.	2
3	Igor K.	3	14	Maury C.	Absent*
3	Kirk L.	Absent	14	Mitch M.	3
3	Mark S.	3	14	Stuart B.	Absent*
3	Rob P.	2	15	James G.	Absent*
3	Steve D.	2	15	Jesse C.	Absent*
3A	Bob C.	Absent	15	Joe B.	Absent*
3A	Butch G.	3	15	Mark C.	Absent*
3A	Regina M.	Absent*	15	Mildred N.	Absent*
3B	Paul G.	Absent*	15	Stanley C.	Absent*
3B	Ron G.	3	16	Carl D.	Absent
3C	Terry D.	3	16	Wayne C.	3
3D	Diane W.	3	16A	Dan L.	Absent*
3D	Marc L.	Absent*	17	Robert A.	Absent*
3F	Julian F.	Absent*	17	Ron W.	Absent*
4	Aldo I.	3	18	Andy D.	Absent
4	Debbi R.	3	18	Louie C.	Absent
5	Frank P.	3	18	Mark H.	Absent
5B	Adrien R.	3	18	Tyrone C.	Absent
5B	Lyne T.	3	18A	Mark C.	3*
6	Jo Anne B.	3	18A	Yvonne R.	Absent
6	Neal G.	3	18B	Dot R.	3*
6	Steve C.	3	18B	Philomena V.	3*
6A	Robin Z.	Absent	19	Elena D.	3*
6A	Alan A.	3	19	Horacio P.	3*
6B	Joel G.	Absent*	19	Jorge C.	3*
6B	Tom C.	Absent	19	Julia A.	3*
6C	Mike A.	3	21	Pedro M.	3*
6C	Tom K.	Absent*	21	Francisco M.	3*
7	Iris D.	Absent*	22	Andrew B.	Absent
7	Leanne W.	Absent	28	Hector T.	3
7A	Deborah S.	3	28	Luis O.	3
7A	Sean E.	2	28	Marymar V.	3
7C	Jim G.	Absent	29	Konstantin U.	Absent
8	Cindi M.	3	29A	Oleg I.	Absent
8	Dianna R.	Absent*	29B	Eduard U.	Absent
8	Donna M.	3	33	William S.	3*

Chair B.O.T. – Pete K. 3
 1st Co-Chair BOT – Harold A. 3
 2nd Co-Chair BOT – Martha G. 3
 Chair B.O.R. – Valerie D. 3
 I.E.S. – KC B. 3

*Absentee ballot received

ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

2023 Chicagoland Intergroup

Fall 2023 International Conference

November 17 – 19, 2023

Hilton Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference Center

3500 Midwest Road, Oak Brook, IL 60523

For more information, visit their website at

www.internationalconference2023.org

INDIVIDUAL LIFELINER DONATIONS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2022

ARIZONA

L221 Janat G.
L267 Penny V.
L287 James S.
L396 Pam K.
L546 Mo M.
L692 Doug G.
L964 Gregory B.

L151 Murray F.
L158 Gagik G.
L209 Jose C.
L219 Leonard K.
L246 Patrick S.
L273 Victor S.
L290 Fred S.
L298 Cathy F.

CALIFORNIA

L1 Bob W.
L4 Tom M.
L6 Bill S.
L8 Dan B.
L9 Mike M.
L21 Ed E.
L31 Russell H.
L70 Keith B.
L73 Karen H.
L87 Mike S.
L88 Valerie D.
L100 Mazi S.
L116 Rob D.
L117 Steve F.
L120 Phil C.

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 Garret C.
L480 Ezra B.
L496 Guy H.
L563 Zachary Mc.
L580 Curtis G.
L593 Grant M.
L601 David L.

CALIFORNIA (cont)

L609 Kathie S.
 L617 Mike Z. x2
 L618 Hugh G.
 L623 Lucille T.
 L636 Bob C.
 L648 Edward K.
 L678 Lynell B.
 L701 David L.
 L716 James B.
 L751 Derek P.
 L772 Ara H.
 L789 John C.
 L834 Candice B.
 L836 Albert Y.
 L871 Greg D.
 L907 Joseph G.
 L908 Jordan K.
 L946 Estela M.
 L963 Eric F.
 L965 Brandon S.
 L966 Jason G.

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.
 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.

L607 Debbie M.
 L627 Pauline F.
 L695 Ronald B.
 L815 Linda S.
 L835 Howard M.
 L840 Janice M.
 L843 Neal V.
 L844 Arnie B.
 L904 Marlon D.
 L944 Brent S.
 L945 Eugene K.
 L956 Thomas C.
 L993 Carlos M.
 L995 Charles S.
 L996 Terri H.

GEORGIA

L672 Tony L.

HAWAII

L284 Kevin H.
 L553 David C.

ILLINOIS

L114 Ellen Z.
 L344 Eileen Z.
 L63 Bob C.
 L823 Luke W.
 L962 Cynthia M.

INDIANA

L880 Fred B.

KANSAS

L194 Michelle J.
 L918 Nancy W.

KENTUCKY

L115 Laura S.
 L195 Steve B.

LOUISIANA

L27 Betty S.
 L354 Kathy S.

MASSACHUSETTS

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.
 L325 Terry D.
 L410 Joanne F.
 L439 Ira K.
 L486 Zeny K.
 L507 Mark S.
 L599 Igor K.
 L602 Trey D.
 L612 Dan Mc.
 L690 Lenore D.
 L837 Harriet K.
 L846 Bobby B.
 L973 Rick O.
 L982 Rex W.

NEW JERSEY

L174 Mike D.
 L179 Chris N.
 L183 Robin D.
 L213 Michael D.
 L223 Fred D.
 L311 Andrew D.
 L349 George L.
 L366 Michael L.
 L429 Dennis S.
 L433 Joseph F.
 L438 Matthew C.
 L482 Ann K.
 L497 Dave S.
 L524 Richard T.
 L547 John P.
 L589 Ronald W.
 L699 Craig H.
 L718 Phil S.
 L818 Michael D.
 L856 Scott B. x2
 L863 Kathleen P.

NEW MEXICO

L572 Liane M.
 L662 Joel K.
 L847 Catherine B.
 L906 Mary F.

NEW YORK

L10 Bill B. x2
 L95 Larry B.
 L308 Jordan P.
 L465 Mohammed M.
 L516 Susan W.
 L554 Dan L. x2
 L559 Jesse C.
 L852 Norberto B.
 L882 Joe B.
 L887 Pierre J.

OHIO

L948 Edward G.

OREGON

L584 Curt P.
 L881 Pam B.
 L912 David U.

PENNSYLVANIA

L40 Dan M.
 L71 Marla J.
 L345 John B.
 L533 Debbie D.
 L820 Josh S.

SOUTH CAROLINA

L460 Louis M.

TEXAS

L245 Alan S.

WASHINGTON

L425 Terry D.
 L659 Connie M.

WISCONSIN

L443 Constance T.

INDIVIDUAL LIFELINER DONATIONS DECEMBER 2022

ARIZONA (7)	105.00	MICHIGAN (1)	5.00
CALIFORNIA (61)	4,703.00	MINNESOTA (1)	10.00
COLORADO (1)	25.00	NEVADA (15)	470.00
CONNECTICUT (1)	20.00	NEW JERSEY (22)	723.00
FLORIDA (35)	1,218.00	NEW MEXICO (4)	70.00
GEORGIA (1)	80.00	NEW YORK (11)	1,624.00
HAWAII (2)	77.00	OHIO (1)	20.00
ILLINOIS (5)	125.00	OREGON (3)	70.00
INDIANA (1)	15.00	PENNSYLVANIA (5)	88.00
KANSAS (2)	150.00	SOUTH CAROLINA (1)	20.00
KENTUCKY (2)	60.00	TEXAS (1)	50.00
LOUISIANA (2)	20.00	WASHINGTON (2)	30.00
MASSACHUSETTS (2)	71.00	WISCONSIN (1)	15.00
MARYLAND (1)	15.00	TOTAL (191)	\$9,879.00

ANNIVERSARIES

50 YEARS	TOM B.	12/29	Detroit, MI
45 YEARS	BRUCE P.	1/8	Settlement House/Xavier, NY
44 YEARS	LENNY B.	1/18	South Orange, NJ
42 YEARS	PAUL L.	1/7	Edison, NJ
	JOHN M.	1/17	Kissena, NY
36 YEARS	BOB C.	1/9	Poughkeepsie, NY
32 YEARS	FRED S.	1/2	Woodbury, NY
31 YEARS	ROBERT M.	1/10	Wantagh, NY
	GARY K.	1/14	Reseda Zoom, CA
	RAY V.	1/31	East 31 st St., NY
30 YEARS	HOWIE M.	1/10	Douglaston Zoom, NY
	CHARLIE H.	1/28	Basking Ridge, NJ
29 YEARS	TOM P.	1/9	Ocean, NJ
	PETE R.	1/24	Douglaston Zoom, NY
27 YEARS	BEA A.	1/6	Las Vegas, NV
	GENE S.	1/10	Voorhees, NJ
	JIM A.	1/23	Rochester, NY
	JOE F.	1/27	Ocean, NJ
26 YEARS	STEVE M.	1/12	White Plains, NY
25 YEARS	BETTY S.	1/3	Metuchen, NJ
	JERI R.	1/9	Las Vegas, NV
	FRANKIE M.	1/25	Bensonhurst Recovery, NY
	KURT C.	1/30	West 46 th St., NY
24 YEARS	DREW J.	1/7	Fort Worth, TX
	MARJORIA S.	1/24	Las Vegas, NV
23 YEARS	DEBBIE O.	1/19	Las Vegas, NV

22 YEARS	BOB S.	1/19	Paramount/Lakewood, CA
	ADAM K.	1/31	Woodbury, NY
20 YEARS	PAUL H.	12/15	Elgin, IL
	TOM M.	1/3	Taunton, MA
19 YEARS	MILENA O.	1/10	Howard Beach, NY
	JAMES R.	1/19	Paramount/Lakewood, CA
18 YEARS	PAM A.	1/14	Las Vegas, NV
	TOM Z.	1/21	East Northport, NY
	KARLA M.	1/23	Las Vegas, NV
	JOHN H.	1/26	Fair Lawn, NJ
17 YEARS	KEITH B.	1/3	Westlake Village, CA
	JACKIE C.	1/17	Henderson, NV
16 YEARS	SANDY M.	12/15	Elgin, IL
	GARY M.	1/6	Renton, WA
	JIM P.	1/10	Baldwin, NY
	MIKE M.	1/16	Clark, NJ
	CRAIG B.	1/18	Patchogue, NY
	GEORGE R.	1/19	Paramount/Lakewood, CA
	DANNY N.	1/21	Las Vegas, NV
	RUSSELL R.	1/29	Ocean Parkway, NY
15 YEARS	SUE C.	1/7	Church on the Hill, NY
	ZENY K.	1/8	Las Vegas, NV
14 YEARS	DANNY K.	1/15	Ocean Parkway, NY
	GLEN V.	1/18	Staten Island, NY
13 YEARS	GLENN E.	1/4	East 79 th St., NY
	MARC P.	1/21	Reseda Zoom, CA
	PATRICIA P.	1/24	Plantation, FL
	PAT H.	1/25	Staten Island, NY
	STEVE K.	1/31	Colts Neck, NJ
12 YEARS	BARBARA S.	1/3	Fort Worth Online, TX
	MICHELLE W.	1/31	Rochester, NY
11 YEARS	BARRY O.	1/2	West 46 th St., NY
	DENISE HG	1/9	Henderson, NV
	MICHAEL Ca.	1/16	Las Vegas, NV
	ARMANDO A.	1/24	Bloomfield, NJ
10 YEARS	CAROLYN D.	1/7	East Northport Zoom, NY
9 YEARS	MIKE C.	1/26	Canton, MA
	EDGAR R.	1/26	Downey Zoom, CA
	DEB S.	1/26	Henderson, NV
	MUNJEONG J.	1/29	Seoul, KOR
8 YEARS	HUGH G.	1/6	Burbank, CA
	KIMPO L.	1/8	Paju, KOR
	RYAN D.	1/21	Reseda Zoom, CA
	ERIC W.	1/23	Las Vegas, NV
7 YEARS	LARISSA S.	1/5	Las Vegas, NV
	MARK D.	1/8	Ocean Parkway, NY
	DON S.	1/10	Wausau, WI
	BOB G.	1/11	East 79 th St., NY
	RICH S.	1/17	Howard Beach, NY
	ROB F.	1/17	East 31 st St. Zoom, NY
	HEATHER K.	1/26	Las Vegas, NV

6 YEARS	CARMINE V.	1/7	East Northport, NY
	RICHIE S.	1/21	Church on the Hill, NY
5 YEARS	MIKE T.	1/15	5 Towns, NY
	GINA M.	1/17	Voorhees, NJ
	JAMES G.	1/19	Forest Hills, NY
	STEPHEN O.	1/19	Staten Island, NY
	KATHY D.	1/23	Smithtown, NY
	STEVE J.	1/29	Worcester, MA
4 YEARS	DEB K.	10/20	Elgin, IL
	FRAN K.	1/1	Settlement House/Xavier, NY
	DONNA M.	1/3	Taunton, MA
	EAMON T.	1/10	East 31 st St., NY
	BARB L.	1/12	Ocean, NJ
	WILLIE W.	1/13	Las Vegas, NV
	MARK D.	1/14	Rancho Cucamonga, CA
	BRITTANY B.	1/19	Las Vegas, NV
	BRENDA L.	1/28	Plantation, FL
	STEVE J.	1/29	Worcester, MA
	ERIC M.	1/30	Clark, NJ
3 YEARS	TERRI H.	1/1	Plantation, FL
	JEN P.	1/5	North Tonawanda, NY
	JOSE O.	1/6	Plantation, FL
	JASON S.	1/7	Downey, CA
	GERRY D.	1/9	Summit, NJ
	SHIRLEY D.	1/9	Nutley, NJ
	DAPHNE W.	1/11	Henderson, NV
	JIM O.	1/17	Colts Neck, NJ
	JOHN S.	1/17	Pompton Plains, NJ
	ALEC K.	1/18	East 79 th St., NY
	LEILA H.	1/20	Las Vegas, NV
	TYLER E.	1/21	Taunton, MA
	JIM P.	1/30	Taunton, MA
2 YEARS	DAN C.	1/1	5 Towns, NY
	CALEB P.	1/4	Fort Worth Online, TX
	AUSTIN H.	1/10	East 31 st St. Zoom, NY
	CHOY P.	1/11	Las Vegas, NV
	DON S.	1/11	Patchogue, NY
	ERIC C.	1/14	Las Vegas, NV
	KEVIN D.	1/14	Edison, NJ
	PETER C.	1/21	Toms River, NJ
	BARRY A.	1/25	South Orange, NJ
	JOHN F.	1/29	5 Towns, NY
1 YEAR	BLANCA R.	12/13	Las Vegas, NV
	LUCAS B.	12/13	Fort Worth Online, TX
	MARK P.	12/26	Dayton Zoom, OH
	FRANCINE C.	1/2	Las Vegas, NV
	SHARON S.	1/3	Voorhees, NJ
	VINNY F.	1/6	Dayton Zoom, OH
	LESLIE K.	1/7	Los Angeles/Hollywood, CA
	LIZ C.	1/7	Henderson, NV
	JOHN T.	1/7	Bronx Our Savior, NY

1 YEAR (cont)	LOUIS A.	1/10	Mahopac, NY
	CONNOR M.	1/11	Staten Island, NY
	LYLE S.	1/15	Natick, MA
	DENNIS R.	1/17	Toms River, NJ
	RAY L.	1/19	White Plains, NY
	NICK D.	1/21	Edison, NJ
	JEFF L.	1/23	Burbank, CA
	TOMMY C.	1/25	Las Vegas, NV
	SINGIL Y.	1/25	Seoul, KOR
	DOLOROS S.	1/26	Paramount/Lakewood, CA
	BETTINA L.	1/26	Congers, NY
	OJEON K.	1/29	Seoul, KOR
	MIKE S.	1/30	White Plains, NY
	ROB B.	1/31	Pompton Plains, NJ
	KEITH B.	1/31	Hamburg, NY

I.S.O. CAN CONTRIBUTIONS DECEMBER 2022

CALIFORNIA

C77	San Diego		C639	Diamond Springs	
	Intergroup	788.50		Thursday	63.00
C180	Stockton Tuesday	10.00	C765	Fair Oaks Thursday	
C184	Sacramento Tuesday			AM	17.00
	AM	100.39	C1017	Simi Valley Thursday	33.33
C185	Sacramento Thursday	6.00	C1050	Yuba City Tuesday	31.00
C187	Sacramento/Fair		C1158	Westlake Tuesday	142.00
	Oaks Saturday PM	51.75	C1302	Roseville Friday	35.00
C194	Orangevale Friday PM	30.00			

CONNECTICUT

C415	West Hartford	
	Monday	89.00

FLORIDA

C251	Clearwater/Windmoor		C939	Brandon Monday	26.00
	Thursday	26.51	C940	Brandon Friday	26.00
C262	Plantation Friday PM	22.00	C1059	Windmoor/Clearwater	
C263	Plantation			Saturday	54.00
	Wednesday PM	20.00			

GEORGIA

C1539	Norcross Sunday	10.00
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ILLINOIS

C83	Arlington Heights	20.00	C425	Elk Grove Village	
C85	Kankakee	20.00		Thursday	50.00
C100	Oaklawn Monday	50.00	C528	Bolingbrook	250.00
C146	Elgin Sherman Oaks		C659	Aurora Provena	
	Hospital Sunday	10.00		Monday	48.00
C423	Naperville	60.00	C1207	Lisle Monday Women's	39.00
			C1376	Buffalo Grove Friday	42.00

LOUISIANA

C856	Covington Thursday	27.00
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OREGON

C1480	Oregon City Friday	43.30
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PENNSYLVANIA

C208	South Hills Tuesday	17.00
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TEXAS

C1587	Ft. Worth Tuesday	32.00
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GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS DECEMBER 2022

ARIZONA

Phoenix Wednesday 32 nd & Sweetwater PM	50.00
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CALIFORNIA

Burbank Monday PM	198.00
Los Angeles Griffith Park Saturday	95.00
Lakewood/Paramount Thursday	54.00
Lincoln Wednesday	14.00
Lincoln Friday AM	15.00
Lincoln Sunday	24.00
Palm Springs Sunday AM	49.00
Reseda Saturday AM	25.00
San Francisco Sunday- ODAAT	256.00
Walnut Creek Tuesday	20.00

CONNECTICUT

Pawcatuck Tuesday	5.00
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DELAWARE

Wilmington Wednesday	50.00
Wilmington Saturday	50.00

FLORIDA

Bradenton/Lakewood Ranch Monday	50.00
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Clearwater/Windmoor Wednesday	75.00
Daytona Beach Tuesday	30.00
Daytona Beach Thursday	30.00
Delray Beach Thursday Crossroads	33.00
Delray Beach Saturday Crossroads	34.00
Delray Beach Sunday Crossroads	33.00
Holiday Monday	40.00
Lakeland Tuesday	50.00
Plantation Tuesday	62.00
Pompano Beach	50.00
Port St. Lucie Wednesday	10.00

GEORGIA

Norcross Sunday Korean	10.00
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ILLINOIS

Aurora Thursday Zoom	2.00
Forest Park Saturday	20.00
Springfield Sunday PM	25.00

LOUISIANA

Baton Rouge Tuesday	25.00
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MASSACHUSETTS

Canton Tuesday	61.00
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MASSACHUSETTS (cont)

Watertown Monday	52.00
West Bridgewater Wednesday	20.00

MICHIGAN

Sanford Thursday	20.00
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MISSOURI

St. Louis Saturday AM	25.00
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NEW JERSEY

Basking Ridge Saturday	50.00
Carlstadt Wednesday	50.00
Freehold Friday	25.00
Hasbrouck Heights Saturday	25.00
Metuchen Tuesday	50.00
Ocean Monday	100.00
Ridgewood Wednesday	25.00
Summit Monday PM 5:00	
Toms Rivers Saturday	25.00
Toms River Sunday	25.00
Westfield Wednesday	63.00
Westwood Monday	25.00

NEW YORK

New York City Monday	
West 46 th St.	20.00
Staten Island Wednesday	
St. Vincent	25.00
Staten Island St. Patrick's	
Thursday	20.00

OHIO

Dayton Sunday	100.00
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OKLAHOMA

Tulsa Wednesday/Friday @	
Boston	50.00

OREGON

Eugene/Springfield	50.00
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PENNSYLVANIA

Collegeville/Trappe Thursday	50.00
Doylestown Monday	50.00
Media Wednesday	60.00
NE Philadelphia Wednesday	25.00
NE Philadelphia Friday	
Nazareth	25.00
NE Philadelphia Sunday	
Nazareth	76.00
Roxborough Tuesday	19.52

TEXAS

Dallas Pathways Sunday	45.00
You Are Fort Worth It Online	168.00

WASHINGTON

Issaquah Wednesday	15.00
Omak Overcomers	10.00
Puyallup Saturday AM	50.00
Tacoma Thursday	80.00

CANADA**Saskatchewan**

Regina Monday @ St. Paul's	70.43
Regina Heart to Heart,	
Saskatoon	211.29
Regina Tuesday Knox Metro	211.29

KOREA

Seoul, Korea	50.00
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GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FROM GRATITUDE WEEK DECEMBER 2022

FLORIDA

Plantation Thursday Women's	50.00
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MINNESOTA

Maplewood	65.00
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CANADA**British Columbia**

North Vancouver Tuesday	800.00
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INTERGROUP CONTRIBUTIONS DECEMBER 2022

Chicagoland	42.00	New England.	88.40
Delaware Valley	300.00	New Jersey	300.00
Florida West Coast.	66.00	Northern Nevada.	348.00
Houston/Gulf Coast	100.00	South Florida.	100.00
Maryland	200.00	Western Washington	364.00

NATIONAL HOTLINE DONATIONS DECEMBER 2022

Area 6	Intergroup South Florida	20.00
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BULLETIN SUBSCRIPTIONS DECEMBER 2022

Seven Bulletin Subscriptions for a total of \$336.00

ONE TIME DONATIONS DECEMBER 2022

One-Time Donation
Stephen H., California

One-Time Donation
Anonymous, Scottsdale, Arizona

One-Time Donation
Debbie M., Ft. Meyers, Florida

One-Time Donation in honor of Robin S., 15 years,
and Carl D., 13 years
Rochester Monday, New York

One-Time Donation
Stuart M., Davie, Florida

One-Time Donation
Steve F., Boca Raton, Florida

One-Time Donation
Sunday Morning Phone Meeting, Miscellaneous Areas

One-Time Donation in honor of Paul S., 48 years, Mahopac, New York
Anonymous

One-Time Donation in honor of Sue G., 14 years,
and Vicki S., 14 years, Oregon City, Oregon
Anonymous

One-Time Donation in honor of Deb M., 13 years, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Anonymous

One-Time Donation in honor of Hector L., 11 years, Portland, Oregon
Anonymous

One-Time Donation
Park Slope Settlement House Sunday AM Zoom, Various Areas

One-Time Donation in memory of Bob K. of Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Chapel Hill, Raleigh, Cary, Sanford Intergroup of the Carolinas,
and Zoom Members.

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

One-Time Donation in honor of 35 years of abstinence.
Michael De R., Summit, New Jersey

One-Time Donation in memory of Tom C. of Arlington Heights, Illinois
Eileen Z., Elk Grove Village, Illinois

One-Time Donation
Surrey Monday Noon and Anonymous

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE** **OPERATING STATEMENT** **DECEMBER 2022**

CASH IN OPERATING ACCOUNT DECEMBER 1, 2022.....	\$ 47,073.23
*Withdrawal From Chase Bank for Citibank CD	\$195,075.02
INCOME FOR DECEMBER 2022	
Group Contributions	3,656.53
Lifeliners	9,879.00
I.S.O. Can Contributions	2,289.78
Intergroup Contributions.....	1,908.40
National Hotline Donations	20.00
One-Time Donations.....	7,431.58
Gratitude Week	915.00
Bulletin Subscriptions.....	336.00
Sale of Literature	11,611.97
Literature Shipping	2,657.00
Sales Tax Collected.....	128.29
E-Readers	6.18
Merchant Services Cash Reward81
Interest From Checking Account	1.59
Bank Adjustments60
PayPal Literature Processing Fees	454.53
Worker's Compensation Insurance Refund	170.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 41,467.26</u>
CASH AVAILABLE FOR DECEMBER	\$ 88,540.49
EXPENSES FOR DECEMBER	
Rent & Cam Fees	4,315.20
Payroll.....	23,268.88
Payroll Taxes (Federal & State)	1,851.61
Payroll Processing Fees	214.92
Office Expenses	549.69
Health Insurance	1,809.67
Telephone	535.90
Electric Bill.....	148.10
Gas Bill	160.68
Maintenance/Monitoring ADT Alarm	42.55
Monthly Air Conditioning/Heater Maintenance.....	30.00
New Office Equipment	403.29
Lease/Maintenance Post Meter Scale	313.25
Match For Employees Simple IRA	448.98
Visa/MC Service Fee	61.84
Literature.....	10,558.47
PayPal Literature Processing Fees	454.53
Postage	4,500.00
Lifeline Bulletins	695.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 50,363.06</u>
MONTHLY NET INCOME (NET LOSS).....	- \$ (8,895.80)
CASH IN OPERATING ACCOUNT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022.....	\$ 38,177.43
FISCAL YEAR STARTING JULY 1ST TO DATE NET INCOME	
(NET LOSS)	-(22,749.67)
*To Open Citibank CD	\$ 195,075.02

Literature Sale!

**Effective January 1, 2023, prices on items shown
below have been reduced while stock lasts.**

Reduced Price

- 0.25 Suggestions for a Successful 90-Day Room
- 1.00 Handbook for Judiciary, Lawyers, Counselors, etc
- 1.00 Towards Recovery in Prison
- 0.25 Have I Quit the Fellowship?
- 5.00 Sharing Recovery Through Gamblers Anonymous (Blue Book) revised/printed 12/07
- 1.50 Spanish Working the Steps Pamphlet
- 0.75 Spanish Beyond 90 Days Booklet
- 0.50 Spanish Let it Stay Here - Card
- 0.25 **Spanish** G.A. Coins
- 2.50 Spanish Slogans of the Program - Cards
- 0.50 Spanish Coping With Urges
- 0.50 Spanish Your First Meeting
- 0.50 Spanish New Member Retention
- 0.25 GA Treasury Guideline Example
- 1.75 Group Study Book on Unity Steps
- 1.50 G.A. Intergroup Handbook
- 0.75 G.A. Suggestions for New Member Retention
- 2.00 Beyond 90 Days on CD
- \$ 2.00 Towards 90 Days on CD
- \$ 3.00 Big Steve DVD
- \$ 3.00 Even Up The Odds DVD

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Plan	Package	Conference and Meals
A	Registration and 2 Dinners	\$225.00
B	Registration Only (Includes Lunch Voucher)	\$75.00
C	1 Friday Dinner Only	\$75.00
D	1 Saturday Dinner Only	\$75.00

Room Rates of \$120.00 per night are guaranteed for 3 days prior and 3 days following the conference. Hotel reservations are to be made directly with the Hilton Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference Center by calling (630) 850-5555 or Toll Free at 1-800-HILTON. When booking your room, use the group code: CHIIIC and mention "2023 Fall Conference" to receive the discounted rates. Or use the following link:

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RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY OCTOBER 16, 2023

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Full name: (Required) _____

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G.A. APPROVED TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL MEETING INFORMATION - JUNE 27, 2022

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.

Day and Time

Eastern Time	Call-In Number	Meeting Code	Email for Information
Wednesday 9PM	267-807-9601	9131957 #	weeklycallhelp@gmail.com
Friday 3PM	267-807-9601	9131957 #	weeklycallhelp@gmail.com

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.

Day and Time

Pacific Time	Call-In Number	Meeting Code	Email for Information
Tuesday 7PM	604-259-2561	890 477 4319 #	friend@gabc.ca
Friday 7PM	604-259-2561	890 477 4319 #	friend@gabc.ca
Sunday 7PM	604-259-2561	890 477 4319 #	friend@gabc.ca

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 trusteewebsite.com/telephone-conference-call

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You will benefit by becoming a Lifeliner because...

- ... it offers you a way to give back to the program that has given you so much.
- ... it allows you to make a commitment to the program in a more direct way.
- ... it helps the International Service Office to spread the message to those who haven't yet been blessed as you have.
- ... it makes you one of a special group of people who do a little extra for the program that saved their lives.
- ... it gives you a sense of responsibility.
- ... it helps you remember that Gamblers Anonymous needs you as much as you need Gamblers Anonymous.

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NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

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Please mail this with your initial contribution to:

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