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**BOARD OF REGENTS  
MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Chair, Cathy F., called the meeting to order at 9:31 A.M.

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

The Chair announced that Doug E. has resigned from the B.O.R. Zach M. is filling this position.

**ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN:**

Present: Cathy F., Guy H., John C., Valerie D., Zach M. and Israel, Office Manager.

Present by Phone: Andre G., Arnie B., Gary M., Jo K., and KC B., International Executive Secretary.

**MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 18, 2021, B.O.R. MEETING:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**

For – 9 Against – 0 Abstained – 0

**OPERATING STATEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2021:**

A motion was made to amend the September 2021 operating statement and remove the \$195,000 out of the receipts and disbursements and add a note with an asterisk at the bottom of the operating statement.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**

For – 7 Against – 1 Abstained – 1

Roll call vote follows:

Andre G.	yes
Arnie B.	yes
Cathy F.	yes
Gary M.	abstained
Guy H.	yes
Jo K.	yes
John C.	no
Valerie D.	yes
Zach M.	yes

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **REPORT FROM ISRAEL, OFFICE MANAGER.**  
Lifeliners – 2 new (from New York and Ohio)

New Cans – none

Group Information Request Forms received: none

Group Information Request forms received prior to sending two Starter Kits for the month of September to Valparaiso, IN and Kankakee, IL

Prison Starter Kits – none

Venmo and Zelle Donations - \$2,458.13

Audit – still in process. Israel will confirm with the auditors when the Audit will be completed.

Israel will be sending the Board an updated list of the current B.O.R. members.

- **I.E.S. REPORT – KC B.**

KC sent the B.O.T. Minutes to the Trustee Website for all Trustees to review and get back to her in 30 days with any corrections or changes.

A member of the B.O.R asked if she would send all B.O.R. members the B.O.T. Orlando minutes as soon as they were approved by the Trustees.

She is working on Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for her position.

She is continuing to consult with Area 2's Tech committee to see if it is viable to have a Virtual Board of Trustees meeting. They will be doing a mock Zoom meeting and she will let the Board know how it went at the next B.O.R. meeting.

- **BY-LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT – VALERIE D.**

Report was submitted prior to today's Board meeting. The next meeting will be October 17, 2021. B.O.R. members not currently on this committee can attend the committee's meetings to give input. One of the members of the committee is researching all past B.O.T. minutes, starting with the first meeting in 1961. The committee will continue to review amendments to the By-Laws. The committee meets every two weeks.

Guy H. will be joining this committee.

- **STANDING RULES COMMITTEE REPORT – NO CURRENT CHAIR**

No written report was submitted prior to today's Board meeting. They are continuing to reformat the rules according to topic areas.

- **LEASE RENEWAL COMMITTEE REPORT - JOHN C.**

The committee's report was received by the B.O.R. members prior to the meeting with costs for our remaining space as well as two new location options along with possible moving expenses. Discussion followed. See more in New Business.

- **B.O.R. PHONE TO ZOOM MEETING COMMITTEE REPORT – ANDRE G.**

The committee has been suspended until January 2022, due to the lack of members.

- **REVIEW YEAR END INVENTORY.**

Only items that are sold by the I.S.O are listed on the inventory sheet.

Israel asked how often the report is needed by the B.O.R. The B.O.R agreed that once a year is sufficient.

- **ITEM #114 R.S.O. INFO ON I.S.O. WEBSITE.**

The above item was not voted on at the last Board of Regents meeting. Therefore, will be voted on during this meeting. The item was passed by the Board of Trustees as follows:

- **114. For all International RSOs to be listed on the ISO website. Including but not limited to Email, physical addresses, and phone numbers.**

Item passed pending a vote by the Board of Regents.

A motion was made by the Board of Regents for all International RSOs to be listed on the ISO website. Including but not limited to Email, physical addresses, and phone numbers.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**

For – 9 Against – 0 Abstained – 0

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **LEASE FURTHER DISCUSSION**

The committee: John, Karen, Israel and Bob W. have looked at two possible locations for the office. One was not acceptable and the other was questionable. There were several concerns. The

committee will continue to look for office space and increase the size to 3,000 square feet. Due to time restraints the committee will get back to the B.O.R. within two weeks. Zach M. has joined this committee.

A motion was made to relocate the I.S.O. to save money.

**MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED**

For – 9 Against – 0 Abstained – 0

- **ADDRESSES ON LITERATURE DISCUSSED BY GARY M.**  
It was discussed at the Orlando B.O.T. meeting that addresses on the Lifeline envelopes were outdated. New envelopes were printed upon closing the P.O. Box during Covid-19. Further discussion regarding addresses on literature, order fulfillment and the potential upcoming move was discussed.

Two members of the B.O.R. had to leave the meeting early: Zach M. left at 11:20 AM and Valerie D. left at 11:40 AM.

People who listened into the meeting: 1

Collection: \$60.00

Next Meeting will be November 20, 2021

The meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer at 11:47 A.M.

**Respectfully submitted by Jo K., Recording Secretary**

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**From the desk of your International Executive Secretary**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Recovery,

As we move through November and get closer to the end of the year, I hope you and your loved ones are doing well and are staying safe.

I would like to thank each of you who have continued your support of the International Service Office through donations of all kinds. The I.S.O. still needs your support, as the future is unpredictable and unknown. I would ask for those of you who can, to please continue sending whatever you can so that the Gamblers Anonymous International Service Office can continue carrying the message of hope to all of us, especially the compulsive gambler who still suffers.

Yours in recovery and gratitude,

KC B., International Executive 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](mailto:alanj5994@gmail.com). He will reply by email or phone if you provide your number.

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## TWELVE STEPS

*In the previous issues of this year's Bulletins, it was mentioned that Item #50 on the current order form “Gamblers Anonymous Writing the Steps” is a great piece of literature for working each of the 12 Steps of Recovery and that we would be making one of the exercises from each Step for the corresponding month available for your use right here in the Life-Line Bulletin. If you want to complete the other exercises, each booklet can be ordered from the I.S.O. for \$2.75 each plus shipping and handling.*

### STEP 11

**Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.**

#### Step 11, Exercise 1

Review your writings from Step 2, Exercises 3 and 4, and Step 3, Exercises 1 and 2.

Write about:

**Has your willingness to turn your will and your life over to your Higher Power created miracles in your life?** Give specific examples of the miraculous differences you have experienced in your journey through the Steps.

**Has your open-mindedness improved? Are you asking for and accepting help from others in the program and in your life?** Give specific examples of how you are asking for and acceptance of help have contributed to your recovery.

## GRATITUDE LETTERS

Dear KC B.,

Enclosed is a gratitude check from GA Saturday morning York, Maine. We are grateful for your service and all those at the I.S.O. that get the work done.

Thank you, G.A. I.S.O., Jim H., York, Maine

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Dear I.S.O.,

We have started in person meetings in Auburn, California.

Thank you, Joyce M., Loomis, California

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Dear I.S.O.,

We at the Wednesday A.M. Hamburg Watermark Wesleyan Church Gamblers Anonymous group have collected for Gratitude Month. We are grateful to Gamblers Anonymous.

Loretta D., Hamburg Wednesday A.M., New York

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Dear KC,

Enclosed is the Gratitude Week contribution from Area 3C. It's small, as we only have six groups meeting regularly. I hope the other areas and groups are able to do a bit more.

Thank you, Terry D., Reno, Nevada

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Dear I.S.O.,

Please accept this donation from Tuesday Night Langhorne, Pennsylvania room along with our deepest appreciation for all you do.

Due to COVID, we have been virtual, but we finally worked out a system to make donations like in the past.

Thank you and stay well.

Sincerely, Diane C., Langhorne, Pennsylvania



Dear I.S.O.,

Please accept this donation for Gratitude Month. We in South Florida are still committed to the overall financial health of our fellowship. These funds were collected from several different rooms in South Florida that meet in person.

Thank you for all you do to keep our fellowship strong, and our doors open.

Neal G., and the brothers and sisters in South Florida

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Dear G.A. I.S.O.,

Here is a contribution from Naples, Florida Monday Zoom meeting for Gratitude Week.

Thank you for your work!

Bud W., Naples, Florida

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Dear G.A. I.S.O.,

Here is a little something from our Saturday Morning Webster group of G.A.

We are very grateful for all you do.

Thank you, Webster Saturday Morning, Webster, New York.

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Dear I.S.O.,

This is a special gratitude donation from Dennis C. at the Monday Night Bowmansville meeting.

Bill K., Bowmansville, New York

## **GROUP NEWS**

*Note From I.S.O.: Thank you to all the members in the “Group News” section, for their letters, donations, and kind words. Please keep writing and sharing your experience, strength, and hope with everyone.*

Dear G.A. I.S.O.,

We are pleased to be in great financial position that we can send a donation to you to help with the work that you do.

We wish you God bless, and continued success.

Tony P., Thursday Night, Sanford, Florida

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Dear I.S.O.,

Donation from the Raleigh, North Carolina chapter.

Thank you for your service, Tom S., Raleigh, North Carolina

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Dear I.S.O.,

Enclosed is my Lifeline donations for October, November, and December.

Wishing you all a very great holiday with great health, wealth, happiness, joy, and most of all love.

Be safe, Ray H., Delray Beach, Florida

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Dear Israel and KC B.,

Enclosed is a donation from the Greater Vancouver Area Intergroup.

Thanks for all you do!

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

Dear I.S.O.,

I enjoyed chatting with you. Per your suggestion, please find a donation commemorating Bob K.'s 51 years of abstinence.

Bob K. is one of the most unique members of the program that I have met in the last 30 years I've been in the program.

Bob embodies the elements of this program in his behavior. He thanks his Higher Power for each day in the morning and before he goes to bed. Reaching 90 years of age this month, Bob emanates serenity, courage, and wisdom.

He constantly is giving to others both in and out of the program. Over the last few decades, Bob has worked in social services areas helping various young people and others. Bob has been a bulwark to perpetuate and expand the G.A. program in North Carolina.

While attending meetings in North Carolina, I fell into behavior of being sometimes late for a meeting in Chapel Hill. One member pointed out my tardiness and Bob commented that I would be on time for the meeting when I was ready. He always showed such acceptance and wisdom.

Bob, being from New Jersey, told me that he had helped start the meeting in Atlantic City decades ago. A few years ago, I was spending the summer there and would go to meetings. One day, a gentleman with over 30 years visited the meeting and had lived in this area for years before. He was responsible for creating several meetings in the area and sponsored many of the leaders of the present meeting.

I mentioned Bob's name to this gentleman, and he said that he knew him, and it turns out that Bob was his sponsor. The way that he spoke about Bob was memorable.

At the end of my therapy, I thank my Higher Power for gambling. Had I not gambled, I would never have found the G.A. Program and thus have the tools of the 12 steps to guide my life.

I thank the Gamblers Anonymous program for Bob K., he has impacted my abstinence in countless ways.

Steven F., Boca Raton, Florida

Dear G.A. I.S.O.,

Thank you and God bless.

John R., Quincy Saturday P.M.

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Dear I.S.O. Staff,

Greetings from Dallas Fort Worth.

Enclosed is a donation for our online meetings, Fort Worth Tuesday, and Dallas Pathways Sunday.

Thank you so much for the way you help all the local fellowships serve compulsive gamblers.

We'd also like to recognize Donna M. from the Fort Worth area for her one year of abstinence on November 19, 2021.

Sincerely, Drew J., Fort Worth, Texas

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**SPRING INTERNATIONAL  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
August 29 and 30, 2021  
HILTON ORLANDO – ORLANDO, FLORIDA**

**A) Welcome –Andy R. Chair, Board of Trustees**

Andy R. called the meeting to order at 10:00 am local time. Members at the head table were introduced. Andy also introduced Mike R., who helps us with the agenda and the trustee website. This will be Mike's last time as chair of that committee. Andy went over information about needing chairs on committees. A good portion of the work we do as Trustees is done through committees. Andy let everyone know that he would not be putting chairs into position on committees, he will let the new chairperson do that once they are elected.

There were 13 new Trustees present, they were all asked to mask up and go to the microphone to introduce themselves.

Andy let everyone know that there are 19 emergency items on the agenda from the Board of Regents. Roberts Rules of Order and our Rules and Procedures were explained. Our Rules and Procedures supersede Roberts Rules.

Fifty-six absentee ballots were received as follows:

Area 1 Alvin F.	Area 7 Iris D.	Area 17 Ronny W.
Area 1A Jack R.	Area 7 Patricia M.	Area 18 Andy D.
Area 1B Anita R.	Area 8 Reba-Anna L.	Area 18 Michelle M.
Area 1B Laura M.	Area 8A Renee G.	Area 18 Steve A.
Area 2A Paul N.	Area 9A Patricia D.	Area 18A Yvonne R.
Area 2B Charlene L.	Area 11 Jeff H.	Area 18B John H.
Area 2E Debra B.	Area 11 John L.	Area 19 Carlos R.
Area 2G Connie M.	Area 12 John F.	Area 19 Gustavo J.
Area 2H Cindy M.	Area 12 Ted S.	Area 21 Angel B.
Area 2H Doris S.	Area 13 Scott S.	Area 21 Juan B.
Area 3 Eric W.	Area 13A Nan V.	Area 22 Andrew B.
Area 3B Ron G.	Area 13B Craig F.	Area 28 Hector T.
Area 3C Terry D.	Area 13B Andy G.	Area 29 Konstantin U.
Area 3D Pat M.	Area 14 Ira C.	Area 33 Dario C.
Area 3D Jim L.	Area 14 Maury C.	Area 33 Moises A.
Area 5B Adrien R.	Area 14 Mitchell M.	Area 36 Odie B.
Area 5B Claude G.	Area 14 Stuart B.	
Area 6 Jo Anne B.	Area 15 Alan J.	
Area 6 Steven C.	Area 15 Jim G.	
Area 6 Steven H.	Area 15 Jesse C.	

**B) Remembrance of our departed members – Walter G.**

Walter G., from Area 12 read a list of names of members who have passed away since the last Board of Trustees meeting held in Montreal, Quebec.

Phil K., Area 1	Melody S., Area 1A	Jim W., Area 2B	Rick D., Area 2B
Frank H., Area 2B	Jeff R., Area 2B	Marvin C., Area 2G	Bill S., Area 2G
David B., Area 2G	Judy A., Area 2G	Linda S., Area 3A	Dan C., Area 3A
Joann U., Area 3A	Pearl B., Area 3A	Randy M., Area 3D	Dan L, Area 3D
Basia K., Area 3D	Jerry M., Area 3D	Herb B., Area 5	Robert P., Area 5B
Claude P., Area 5B	Alexandra L., Area 5B	Georges R., Area 5B	Gabby P., Area 5B
Gaston E., Area 5B	Joann D., Area 5B	Colette R., Area 5B	Jean-Louis, Area 5B
John R., Area 6B	Mariano S., Area 6B	Stan P., Area 10	Dwayne W., Area 10B
David S., Area 12	Stewart R., Area 12	Jose F., Area 12	Bob W., Area 12
Bob D., Area 12	Jason S., Area 13	Charlie M., Area 13	Erv K., Area 13
Vince T., Area 13	Bob S., Area 13	Ronnie G., Area 13	Bob K., Area 13
Maggie J., Area 13	Bob F., Area 13	Joe D., Area 13	Allen H., Area 14
Fred P., Area 6B	Joe S., Area 6B	Frank Z., Area 6B	Sharon L., Area 6B
Steven M., Area 6B	Daniel D., Area 5B	Jocelyn G., Area 5B	Phil C., Area 11
Mike P., Area 11	Bill M., Area 2A	George, Area 2A	Mike K., Area 2A
Dan D., Area 9	Danny C., Area 3A	Gil C., Area 9	Rick F., Area 9
Bob, Area 2K	Ann, Area 2K	Bob Y., Area 2K	Tom H., Area 3
Fred S., Area 3	Nancy N., Area 3	George S., Area 3	Dan R., Area 3
Ray F., Area 3	Elsie G., Area 3	Howard F., Area 5	

A moment of silence was observed in their memories, and we were asked to keep them in our prayers.

- C) **Reading from “A Day at a Time Book”**  
Rob P., from Area 3, read the Reflection for the Day for both August 29 and 30, to begin the first sessions of each day.
- D) **Reading of the “12 Steps of Unity”**  
Sean N., from Area 5, read the 12 Steps of Unity for both August 29 and 30, to begin the first sessions of each day.
- E) **Roll Call – KC B., International Executive Secretary**  
KC B. took roll call. There were 56 Trustees absent that sent in absentee ballots, 37 Trustees were present. 18 of the absentee ballots are from outside the U.S.A.
- F) **Approval of Minutes from Montreal**  
Motion to approve as written and seconded. There was no discussion on the motion. The minutes from the Board of Trustees meeting in Montreal were unanimously approved as submitted.
- G) **ISO / Lifeliners – KC B.**  
KC reported the number of individual Lifeliners from each state. There was a total of 346 individual Lifeliners. The total amount donated for the year from August 2020 to July 2021 was \$113,827.23. At the next Board of Trustees meeting, she will have two years of data for comparison value of the Lifeliners information to be handed out.
- H) **Report from the Board of Regents – Cathy F., BOR Chair**  
Cathy F. talked about her prior service in the program and how she got involved. She went over three issues we’ve had since the last BOT meeting, COVID, the website, and Karen’s retirement.

The ISO staff was still working through the pandemic. Sometimes they did so from home and other times, they did it at the office wearing masks and alternating who was in the office. She gave a report on the financial status of the International Service Office as of June 30, 2021. Cathy went over the amounts in our account as of the end of the fiscal year, which included CDs. The prior BOR was concerned about keeping Gamblers Anonymous running. During the pandemic year, there were some substantial donations from members. We ran at a loss pretty much every month. We made the money to run the office through literature sales and Lifeliner donations.

The change of address for the I.S.O. was discussed. The P.O. Box was discontinued almost two (2) years ago when the pandemic started. There was some concern that a few members were sending things to the P.O. Box and the I.S.O. has not received them. The Trustee who was questioning this, was going to get more information back to Cathy F. so that she could follow up with the I.S.O.

The website was on everybody's mind, and they wanted to know what happened. There was an unscheduled update from the hosting company which interrupted the PHP, which caused it to go down. We went with a different hosting company that can help us with our website needs. The ISO staff continued to fulfill orders and give meeting information when people called into the Office.

The retirement of our International Executive Secretary, Karen H. was discussed. She had been in that position for 32 years before letting the prior Board of Regents know she would be retiring. The hiring processes for International Executive Secretary by the Board of Regents was explained, along with how they split the job duties into two positions, making the I.E.S. parttime and available for remote work.

There are several things the current BOR is working on, including the lease renewal for the office. We're looking at a variety of other items as well, such as moving the Board of Regents meeting to virtual instead of telephone.

There were some questions on why the Board of Trustees was not consulted before the PPP loan was obtained by the prior board. The sole purpose of the Board of Regents is to manage the International Service Office to make sure it continues running.

- I) **Conference Reports – Conference Assistance Committee**  
Montreal – Fall '19 – No report given.
- J) **Committee Reports**

**Committees with Steve F. as Co-Chair Liaison.**

Steve F. was not present, so Pete K. chaired these items.

**Abuse and Harassment Committee:**  
**Committee Chair - Gagik G. - Area 1**  
**Committee Liaison Chair – Steve F.**

**Mission Statement: To reintroduce the Abuse and Harassment booklet that was removed as GA approved literature, with changes that are necessary for approval.**

There was no report submitted.

### **Defining our Relationship with Gam-Anon**

**Committee Chair – Jo K. – Area 8D**

**Committee Liaison Chair – Steve F.**

**Mission Statement: To Define the relationship Gamblers Anonymous has with Gam-Anon.**

Walter G., Area 12, gave the report that was submitted online.

Jo K. has stepped down as Chair of this committee. Walter G., from Area 12, is the Co-Chair of this committee. There was some discussion on whether this was, in fact, defining the relationship between the two programs or not. Dean W. volunteered and mentioned Jack R. volunteering, both from Area 1A. Bruce W., Area 1, has volunteered for this committee.

### **International Relations Committee – Standing Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Ara H. – Area 1**

**Co-Chair – Frank L. – Area 12**

**Committee Liaison Chair – Steve F.**

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

Martha G., from Area 28, gave the report for Ara H., who was not present at the meeting. Martha G. let everyone know that she is the Co-Chair of this committee.

### **Meeting Removal Merit Panel Exploration Committee**

**Committee Chair – Cheryl R.**

**Committee Chair Liaison – Steve F.**

**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.**

The report was submitted online. Chris N., from Area 2, and Walter G., from Area 12 volunteered for this committee.

### **Pressure Relief Committee – Standing Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Alan J. - Area 15**

**Committee Liaison Chair – Steve F.**

**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.**

There was no report submitted.

Bruce W., Area 1, volunteered to be a part of this committee.



**Spanish Literature Committee**

**Committee Chair - Julian F. - Area 3F**

**Committee Liaison Chair – Steve F.**

**Mission Statement:** To unify the literature translation efforts with all the Spanish speaking areas in our G.A. fellowship that are authorized to translate and print G.A. approved literature such that all areas that use the same language will coordinate a revision of existing translated literature that meets all area requirements.

Julian F. gave the report, which was submitted online.

**Telephone Conference Call Committee – Standing Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Jeanne B. – Area 8A**

**Co-Chair – David M. - Area 12**

**Committee Liaison Chair – Steve F.**

**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.

Pete K. gave this report, which was submitted online.

**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.

Pete K. gave this report, which was submitted online.

#### **Chronological History Committee**

**Committee Chair – Guy H. – Area 1**

**Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.**

**Mission Statement:** To create a document, in 10-year increments, to chronicle the history of Gamblers Anonymous.

There was no report submitted. A Trustee said that there had not been a meeting for this committee since the pandemic. There were no other volunteers for this committee.

#### **Fourth Step Inventory Review**

**Committee Chair – Jeanne B. – Area 8A**

**Committee Chair Liaison – Pete K.**

**Mission Statement:** Review, revise, and rewrite the Gamblers Anonymous publication “A Guide to Fourth Step Inventory” to create a more robust and effective tool of recovery for the fellowship of Gamblers Anonymous that addresses both moral and financial inventories.

A report was submitted online. There was some discussion on this committee being disbanded since there had not been any work done on it.

#### **Literature Committee – Standing Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Chuck R. – Area 6**

**Co-Chair - Nan V. - Area 13A**

**Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.**

**Mission Statement:** To encourage the creation of new Gamblers Anonymous literature as needed and to revise, edit and or update existing Gamblers Anonymous literature.

There was no report from this committee. Carl D., from Area 16, volunteered to be on this committee. Pete K. explained the purpose of this committee was to just review approved literature by the Board of Trustees. They would check for grammar, punctuation, and spelling errors.

#### **Prison Committee – Canada – Standing Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Jean-Marc L. – Area 5B**

**Co-Chair -**

**Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.**

**Mission Statement:** To provide telephone, email, and an in-person resource (as feasible) to the Trustees or their designees for the purpose of assisting when a prisoner or institutional staff member is requesting to start an “inside” meeting, or an Intergroup and its committee are outreaching to prisons, jails, etc. Also, to compile in the ISO office an unpublished JIP meeting directory as a much-needed resource for federal, state, and local judges, defense attorneys, prosecutors, probation and parole officers, and clinicians. This report was submitted online.

**Prison Committee, US – Standing Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Beth Z. - Area 2**

**Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.**

**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. This report was submitted online. Bob C., from Area 8, volunteered to be a part of this committee.

**Public Relations Committee – Standing Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Harold A. - Area 2**

**Committee Liaison Chair – Pete K.**

**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).

Harold A., Area 2, gave this report, which was also submitted online. There was nothing new to report for July and August. Harold is looking for someone to take over this committee. Patrick G., Area 9, volunteered for this committee.

**Committees with Andy R. as Co-Chair Liaison**

Before going into his committee reports, Andy asked for volunteers to help hand out some papers that have the 19 emergency items from the Board of Regents.

**Conference Oversight and Assistance Committee – Standing Committee:**

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

**Co-Chair – Norm B. – Area 10A**

**Committee Liaison Chair – Andy R.**

**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.**

Andy R. gave this report, which was submitted online.

**Domestic Area Borders Committee**

**Committee Chair - David M. - Area 12**

**Committee Liaison Chair - Andy R.**

**Mission Statement: To define areas of the Fellowship by counties or provinces.**

David M. has stepped down from this committee. There was some discussion from Trustees who are on this committee.

**Group Handbook Revision Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Jack R. - Area 1A**

**Committee Liaison Chair – Andy R.**

**Mission Statement: To undertake a comprehensive revision of the Group Handbook.**

This report was submitted online. The committee should have something for the Board of Trustees to review at the next Board of Trustees meeting.

**Guidance Code Audit Committee**

**Committee Chair – Anita R. – Area 1B**

**Committee Chair Liaison – Andy R.**

**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.**

Walter G., Area 12, gave the report, which was submitted online.

**Hotline Implementation Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Vacant**

**Committee Liaison Chair – Andy R.**

**Mission Statement: To provide assistance in implementing a Gamblers Anonymous Hotline and oversee the operations. Give support and help when needed to local areas using the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline provider. Assist local areas in developing guidelines for hotline volunteers. Follow up on voicemails on the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline for areas that do not have a hotline.**

**Maintain the routing information for all areas using the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline. Review areas that use another hotline system. Review the data usage on the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline and report at each Board of Trustee meeting. Maintain communication with the Executive Secretary of the I.S.O. regarding usage and payments to the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline provider. Maintain information on the Trustee Website for the Gamblers Anonymous Hotline.**

This committee has an open Chairperson position. Ron B. is willing to stay on the committee and will get a copy of the report to KC. Sean N., Area 5, has volunteered to be on this committee.

**International Area Borders Committee**

**Committee Chair - David M. - Area 12**

**Committee Liaison Chair - Andy R.**

**Mission Statement: To more clearly define all the areas of Gamblers Anonymous on a global level.**

There was no report given. David M. is no longer the Chair of this committee.

**Trustee Removal Merit Panel – Standing Committee:**

**Committee Chair –**

**Committee Liaison Chair – Andy R.**

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

There was no report submitted. There is no Chair for this committee. It will also be member-less at the conclusion of this meeting. The new Board of Trustees Chair will be picking a brand-new panel.

**Trustee Website Committee – Standing Committee:**

**Committee Chair – Mike R. - Area 6A**

**Committee Liaison Chair – Andy R.**

**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.

Mike R. gave the report, which was also submitted online. He let everyone know that he will be stepping down. Andy R. thanked Mike R. and his committee members for all the hard work throughout the years. Volunteers for this committee were Ed G., Area 10, Bob C., Area 3A, and Bob C., Area 8.

**Video Conference Meetings Committee**

The report was submitted online. The Chairperson called on Harold to give a report.

Volunteers for this committee included Walter G., Area 12, Harold A., Area 2, is willing to be the Chairperson if needed, Patrick G., Area 9, Rick L., Area 13A, and Chris N., Area 2, as well as Bob C., Area 8, and Ed G, Area 10. There was discussion on this committee needing to come up with a mission statement and purpose.

**Rules and Procedures**

1. **Section 2 Agenda, Subsection Order of Items heard – add /she after he.**

**Proposed version – The Chairman of the BOT will take up items on the agenda in an order that he/she deems appropriate unless otherwise designated in the Rules and Procedures.**

**Mike R. – Area 6A, North Central Florida**

Motion to accept above. Motion to amend to read “The Chairman of the BOT will take up items on the agenda in an order that they deem appropriate unless otherwise designated in the Rules and Procedures.”  
Passed.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

2. **Remove 5. Changing or Adding a Procedure, Subsection: Maintenance of the Rules and Procedures manual.**  
**Current Version:** The rules and procedures committee will be responsible for updating and maintaining the rules and procedures manual on the trustee website.  
**Proposed Version:** – remove it completely.  
**Mike R. – Area 6A, North Central Florida**  
Motion to accept above. There was a motion to amend the motion to change “The Rules and Procedures Committee” to “The Trustee Website Committee” and not remove. This will now read “The Trustee Website committee will be responsible for updating and maintaining the rules and procedures manual on the trustee website.”  
Passed.  
The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.
3. **Add to the end of the first sentence of, 7. Committees, Subsection, Committee mission statements, second item: “, excluding Quick Response Meetings.”**  
**Current Version:** Newly formed committees shall submit an agenda item containing their mission statement, by the deadline for the next Board of Trustees Meeting for approval by the Board of Trustees.  
**Proposed Version:** Newly formed committees shall submit an agenda item containing their mission statement by the deadline for the next Board of Trustees Meeting for approval by the Board of Trustees, excluding Quick Response Meetings. If a mission statement is not submitted by the deadline, an automatic agenda item will be created for the Board of Trustees to vote to continue that committee or dissolve it. If continued, the committee will be subject to the same above requirements before the deadline of the next Board of Trustees Meeting, excluding Quick Response Meetings.  
**Mike R. – Area 6A – North Central Florida**  
Motion to accept above.  
Passed.  
The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.
4. **Remove #7 Committees, Subsection: Website Updated Reports**  
**Current Version:** Website Updated Reports  
Each Board of Trustees committee must submit monthly committee updates to the Trustee Website no later than the last day of every month. Committee Chairs will have an initial minimum of 30 days from the end of Trustee meetings to accomplish this. The Chair of the Board of Trustees may remove the Committee Chair and/or Co-Chair if the deadlines for submission are not met.

**Proposed Version: None**

**Mike R. – Area 6A – North Central Florida**

Motion to accept above.

Passed.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

5. **Rules and Procedures 10. Discussion on Item, Subsection, “Show of Hands”:** add, except as it may apply to the formation of a committee.” to the end of the subsection.

**Current Version:** A show of hands will be allowed during any discussion, for the purpose of helping the person who has the floor to add additional foundation to the discussion. A show of hands will not be counted, is not considered a straw vote, will not be memorialized in any minutes and will not be an official position of the Board of Trustees.

**Proposed Version:** A show of hands will be allowed during any discussion, for the purpose of helping the person who has the floor to add additional foundation to the discussion. A show of hands will not be counted, is not considered a straw vote, will not be memorialized in any minutes and will not be an official position of the Board of Trustees, except as it may apply to the formation of a committee.

**Mike R. – Area 6A – North Central Florida**

Motion to accept above.

Passed.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

6. **Rules and Procedures - Section 12 – Responsibilities and Duties: To Replace the words:**

**Executive Board does not speak on items when they are facilitating/chairing the meeting.**

**Replace words with: The Executive Board may not speak on any items or have opinions during any BOT meeting. The only exception is when the BOT body request.**

**Current Version:** It is suggested that members of the Executive Board not speak on items when they are facilitating/chairing the meeting.

**Proposed Version:** The Executive Board may not speak on any items or have opinions during any BOT meeting. The only exception is when the BOT body request.

**Lorenzo T – Area 12, New Jersey**

This item was withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.



7. **Rules and Procedures Add a new section between sections 13 and 14, re-numbering all sections from 14 on.**  
**The new section, which would be section 14, would be worded as follows:**  
**14. Items Intended for Discussion Only**  
**In order for an item to be allowed on the floor as a discussion only item, the item must pertain to official Trustee business. Any items not pertaining to official business shall not be permitted to be discussed, and the item shall be ruled out of order.**  
**Patrick G – Area 9, Michigan/NW Ohio**  
**Motion to accept above.**  
**Failed.**  
**The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.**
8. **Rules and Procedures Add 2 additional bullet points regarding the use of interpreters to Trustee Meeting Rules and Procedures, #16 Interpreters as follows:**  
**When possible, the interpreter shall be another Gambler’s Anonymous Member.**  
**-When this is not possible, due diligence shall be performed to ensure the interpreter understands their duty to maintain the anonymity of all members present at the trustee meeting. Any interpreter who is not willing to acknowledge that they will maintain the anonymity of all members present shall not be permitted to perform interpreting services at the Trustee Meeting, and alternative arrangements must then be made by the member requiring such services**  
**Current Version:** **Trustee Meeting Rules and Procedures, #16 Interpreters**  
**Agenda Items Requiring Interpreters**  
**Any agenda item that requires an interpreter shall be allotted 25 minutes per item.**  
**Interpreters in Closed Sessions**  
**Interpreters are allowed to be present in a closed session of the BOT if there are current Trustees who need their assistance.**  
**Proposed Version:** **Trustee Meeting Rules and Procedures, #16 Interpreters**  
**Agenda Items Requiring Interpreters**  
**Any agenda item that requires an interpreter shall be allotted 25 minutes per item.**  
**Interpreters in Closed Sessions**  
**Interpreters are allowed to be present in a closed session of the BOT if there are current Trustees who need their assistance.**  
**When possible, the interpreter shall be another Gambler’s Anonymous Member.**

When this is not possible, due diligence shall be performed to ensure the interpreter understands their duty to maintain the anonymity of all members present at the trustee meeting. Any interpreter who is not willing to acknowledge that they will maintain the anonymity of all members present shall not be permitted to perform interpreting services at the Trustee Meeting, and alternative arrangements must then be made by the member requiring such services

**Patrick G – Area 9, Michigan/NW Ohio**

Motion to accept above.

There was no second on the motion, therefore item dies.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

9. **Rules and Procedures Change the first sentence of Item 21. Meetings, to say: The Trustee meeting start time will be announced by the Chairman of the BOT when the Final Agenda is released.**

**Current Version: 21. Meetings**

**Meeting time for Trustee meeting**

The Trustee meeting will begin at 10 AM local time on the 1st day of the Trustee meeting. The Chairman of the BOT will designate when that session ends and the starting and ending times for all other sessions of the Trustee meeting.

**Proposed Version: 21. Meetings**

**Meeting time for Trustee meeting**

The Trustee meeting start time will be announced by the Chairman of the BOT when the Final Agenda is released. The Chairman of the BOT will designate when that session ends and the starting and ending times for all other sessions of the Trustee meeting.

**Mike R – Area 6A, North Central Florida**

Motion to accept above.

Passed.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

10. **Rules and Procedures Add two additional bullet points under the first bullet point in Trustee Meeting Rules and Procedures, Section 24, Motions, as follows:**

After a motion has been made, a time limit exactly 1 minute shall be allowed for a trustee to second the motion. During this time period, no other business may take place, with the sole exception of a point of order being called.

If the motion fails to be seconded within the time limit for a member to second the motion, all discussion regarding the item shall end.

**Current Version: Trustee Meeting Rules and Procedures, Section 24, Motions.**

Motions on agenda items are made either during the presentation or discussion of the item. Motions must be seconded in order for the BOT to vote on any item. Only current Trustees may make or second a motion.

The maker of the motion cannot speak against the motion.

Proposed Version: Trustee Meeting Rules and Procedures, Section 24, Motions

Motions on agenda items are made either during the presentation or discussion of the item. Motions must be seconded in order for the BOT to vote on any item. Only current Trustees may make or second a motion.

The maker of the motion cannot speak against the motion.

After a motion has been made, a time limit exactly 1 minute shall be allowed for a trustee to second the motion. During this time period, no other business may take place, with the sole exception of a point of order being called.

If the motion fails to be seconded within the time limit for a member to second the motion, all discussion regarding the item shall end.

Patrick G – Area 9, Michigan/NW Ohio

Motion to accept above.

Passed.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

**11. Rules and Procedures 24. Motions, add an additional stipulation as follows:**

**In Keeping with Unity Step 1, No person shall be permitted to make any motion for their own personal gain, or the personal gain of any person or small group of people. With regards to this rule, personal gain could include, but is not limited to, any motion that benefits the person's status, allows the individual to obtain a position they previously would not have been able to obtain, or any motion which allows the individual to benefit financially in any way. Any motion made in violation of this rule shall immediately be ruled out of order.**

Patrick G – Area 9, Michigan/NW Ohio

Motion to accept above.

Failed.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

**12. Rules and Procedures 24. Motions**

**Call the question:**

A member must have the floor in order to make this motion. When making this motion, it suggests that one person would like to stop debate and vote. This motion requires a second. There have to be at least two people in the room who want to cut off debate before it can be considered. This motion cannot be discussed or debated. As soon as the chair hears a second, they immediately take the vote **ON WHETHER TO CEASE DISCUSSION.**

It takes **TWO-THIRDS** of the voting members in favor to cut off debate. If indeed two-thirds of the group want to stop debate and vote, then the chair immediately takes the vote on the pending motion – the motion that the group is considering at this time. No further discussion is allowed.

**Beth Z. – Area 2, Northern California**

Motion to table.

Passed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

**13. Rules and Procedures 29. Quick Response Meetings Add sentence: The Chairman or the 1st Co-Chair first must receive approval from the Board of Regents that the item merits an emergency requiring immediate action.**

**Current Version: 29. Quick Response Meetings**

**\*Who can call them**

Quick response meetings can only be called by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, or, by the 1st. Co-Chair, if the Chairman is incapacitated.

**Proposed Version: \*Who can call them**

Quick response meetings can only be called by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, or, by the 1st. Co-Chair, if the Chairman is incapacitated.

The Chairman or the 1st Co-Chair first must receive approval from the Board of Regents that the item merits an emergency requiring immediate action.

**Walter G. – Area 12, New Jersey**

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

**14. Rules and Procedures 37. Voting, Abstentions - Remove all votes not being equal in count, moving it back to all votes matter. rewording the last sentence removing “not”**

**Current Version: 37. Voting – Abstentions**

Abstentions will not be included any formula involving the outcome of any votes.

**Proposed Version: 37. Voting – Abstentions**

**Abstentions will be included any formula involving the outcome of any votes.**

**Walter G. – Area 12, New Jersey**

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

15. **Rules and Procedures Change existing rules and procedures, Section 37. Voting, sub-section Abstentions Remove the current wording and replace with: “Abstentions will be used to determine if a quorum is met on Roll Call votes and votes requiring a two-thirds majority. Abstentions will not be called for in any votes requiring a simple majority.**

**Abstentions will not be used as part of the total votes on an item.”**

**Current Version: Abstentions will not be included any formula involving the outcome of any votes.**

**Proposed Version: Abstentions will be used to determine if a quorum is met on Roll Call votes and votes requiring a two-thirds majority. Abstentions will not be called for in any votes requiring a simple majority. Abstentions will not be used as part of the total votes on an item.**

**Mike R – Area 6A, North Central Florida**

Motion to accept above.

Passed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

16. **Rules and Procedures 37. Voting, Roll Call Votes, add new item A Roll Call can only be called for when there is less than a 5% difference between an Agenda Item passing or failing.**

**Ronny W. – Area 17, Connecticut**

No discussion.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

17. **Rules and Procedures Change the title of the “Trustee Meeting Rules and Procedures” to “Board of Trustees Rules and Procedures”**

**Current Version: Trustee Meeting Rules and Procedures**

**Proposed Version: Board of Trustees Rules and Procedures**

**Mike R – Area 6A, North Central Florida**

Motion to accept above.

Failed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

Tabled from Montreal

18. **Montreal agenda item #7 Rules and Procedures**  
**Should a Guidance Code audit committee communicate directly to the Board of Trustees and not have a chair oversight?**  
**Walter G. – Area 12, New Jersey**  
Item withdrawn.  
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.
19. **Montreal agenda item #61**  
**Brainstorming Public Relations: What are the best practices for Gamblers Anonymous to get the message of hope to other compulsive gamblers who still suffer. What are the best practices to prioritize new member attraction and member retention for Gamblers Anonymous as a whole?**  
**Ronny W. – Area 17, Connecticut**  
No discussion.  
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

Items up for Second Vote

20. **Montreal agenda item #29 Guidance Code, Article VII, Section 4**  
**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, and military stationed overseas) 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 and for all successive anniversaries Date of abstinence starts from your first meeting after your last bet.**  
**Approved 75 Against 13 – 85.2% margin**  
**Stuart B. – Area 14, Long Island, New York**  
For 82 Against 4 Abstained 5  
Passed. 2nd Vote.  
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

21. **Montreal item #30 Guidance Code, Article VII – Groups, New Section 9**  
**Physical meetings cannot employ any electronic device or application to allow anyone not in physical attendance, to access any part of the meeting.**  
**Approved 68 Against 16 – 81.0% margin**  
**Stuart B. – Area 14, Long Island, New York**  
For 44 Against 45 Abstained 4  
Failed.  
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

22. **Montreal item #31 Guidance Code: Article VIII – Section 1, Add “(as of the date of nomination)” to the first sentence.**  
**Current version: The Fellowship shall be guided by a Board of Trustees who are members of Gamblers Anonymous and have completely abstained from gambling for a period of two (2) years and have had regular attendance at Gamblers Anonymous meetings, both by their own admission. Board of Trustees defines regular attendance for international officers as having attended a minimum of thirty-nine (39) meetings per year, by the member’s own admission. This does not include Intergroup meetings or picnics but does include Birthday meetings. This Board shall not exceed as many Trustees as necessary by the Board of Trustees.**  
**Proposed Version: The Fellowship shall be guided by a Board of Trustees who are members of Gamblers Anonymous and have completely abstained from gambling for a period of two (2) years (as of the date of nomination) and have had regular attendance at Gamblers Anonymous meetings, both by their own admission. Board of Trustees defines regular attendance for international officers as having attended a minimum of thirty-nine (39) meetings per year, by the member’s own admission. This does not include Intergroup meetings or picnics but does include Birthday meetings. This Board shall not exceed as many Trustees as necessary by the Board of Trustees.**  
**Approved 64 Against 29 – 68.8% margin**  
**Anita R. – Area 1B, Inland Empire, California**  
**Bob C. – Area 3, presenting for Anita R.**  
For 70 Against 7 Abstained 8  
Passed. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote  
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

23. **Montreal item #41 - Change to Gamblers Anonymous Sponsorship Manual, page1, first paragraph. Eliminate the word “older”.**  
**CURRENT VERSION:** When we speak of sponsorship in Gamblers Anonymous, we mean the opportunity of the “older”, more experienced member to help another compulsive gambler to achieve the Gamblers Anonymous Program.  
**PROPOSED VERSION:** When we speak of sponsorship in the Gamblers Anonymous, we mean the opportunity of the more experienced member to help another compulsive gambler to achieve the Gamblers Anonymous Program.  
 Amendment to take out “the” in the first line, and change “the more” to “an” in the second line.  
 Passed first vote.  
 The item will now read: When we speak of sponsorship in Gamblers Anonymous, we mean the opportunity of an experienced member to help another compulsive gambler to achieve the Gamblers Anonymous Program.  
 Wendy B. – Area 1B, Inland Empire, California  
 Walter G. – Area 12, presented for Wendy B.  
 Passed. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote  
 The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.
24. **Montreal item #46 Hosting an International Conference, Page 16, Section 7. Reports, second paragraph, second line: Add “within 60 days” after “signed hotel contract”**  
**Current version:** Once a conference is awarded, the Area Conference Committee will provide the Conference Oversight & Assistance Committee with a copy of a signed hotel contract and, if possible, bank signature cards.  
**Proposed Version:** Once a conference is awarded, the Area Conference Committee will provide the Conference Oversight & Assistance Committee with a copy of a signed hotel contract within 60 days and, if possible, bank signature cards.  
 Passed first vote.  
 Andre G – Area 5B, French Quebec, Canada  
 Passed. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote  
 The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.
25. **Montreal item #47**  
**To designate the attached Dealing with Abuse and/or Harassment flyer as approved literature.**  
**See attachment #25**  
 Gagik G. – Area 1, Los Angeles California  
 Motion to table.  
 Passed.  
 The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.



26. **Montreal item #62**  
**Add the words “Combo Book” to the cover below the words “Gamblers Anonymous” and before the Serenity Prayer.**  
**Paulette T. – Area 6B, Florida West Coast**  
Passed. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote  
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

*Discussion Items*

27. **Discussion Item**  
**Add a link to UK GA Website to I.S.O. Website**  
**Andy D. – Area 18, NSW Australia**  
Item ruled out of order.  
The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.
28. **Discussion Item**  
**Should Gamblers Anonymous stop having an opinion on Gam-Anon and remove references from our literature in the same way that we voted down previous literature submitted by a GA Member that had references to another outside organization and if not, why did the Board of Trustees vote down an agenda item in Montreal that would have specifically allowed for us to formally have the affiliation we have already created with past precedence?**  
**Mike R. – Area 6A, North Central Florida**  
Item withdrawn.  
The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.
29. **Discussion Item**  
**Will the Trustees make a formal declaration that Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon are two separate non-profit organizations and shall have no formal ties to one another?**  
**Jack R. – Area 1A, Orange County, California for Jimmy D.**  
Item withdrawn.  
The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.
30. **Discussion Item**  
**Open discussion regarding liability insurance for GA groups to see what other groups and/or areas have found out, and share their experience and information.**  
**Kevin M. – Area 2G, Oregon**  
No discussion.  
The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

- 31. Discussion Item**  
**Is requiring that a trustee nominee be physically present at an Intergroup meeting where Trustee nominations are conducted, constitute an Intergroup setting stricter requirements pertaining to the election of Trustees.**  
**Bob C. – Area 3A, San Diego, California**  
Discussion only.  
The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.
- 32. Discussion Item**  
**Is it possible to start making old books available for purchase as a digital download? This would prevent them from disappearing entirely. The more books we have, the better.**  
**Andy D. Area 18 – NSW, Australia**  
Discussion only.  
The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.
- 33. Discussion Item**  
**Should approved literature sold by ISO in alternative forms, such as large print and audio format be priced at no higher than literature in regular format?**  
**Jeff H., Area 11 – New England**  
No Discussion.  
The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.
- 34. Discussion Item**  
**Area 3B Colorado, Wyoming and Utah and Area 3 Southern Nevada are in the process of creating a presentation to co-host the Spring of 2022 GA Gam-Anon conference. We would like feedback from the Board of Trustees if Colorado would be a desirable location to host the conference and if members in your areas would attend the conference that we are planning on hosting.**  
**Paul G. – Area 3B, Colorado**  
Rob P., Area 3, presented for Paul G. and they are looking into possible Spring of 2023.  
The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.
- 35. Discussion Item**  
**Does your Intergroup do public service announcements? Do they need to be approved by the B.O.T. first?**  
**Alan J. – Area 15, New York**  
Discussion only.  
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

- 36. Discussion Item**  
**Ideas for Improving Effectiveness of Public Relations**  
**Harold A. – Area 2, Northern California**  
Discussion only.  
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.
- 37. Discussion Item**  
**Page 17, #2 “USE THE PHONE LIST”. Area 5 would like to know what process and/or procedures other Areas use in the creation and distribution of their phone lists?**  
**Tom R. – Area 5, Montreal**  
No discussion.  
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.
- 38. Discussion Item**  
**What can be done to get our hot line number to be included in advertising by gambling sites, along with 1-800-gambler that they current give?**  
**Alan J. – Area 15, New York**  
No discussion.  
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.
- 39. Discussion Item**  
**What determines whether an issue is an “emergency” necessitating a “Quick Response Meeting”?**  
**Bob C. – Area 3A, San Diego, California**  
Discussion only.  
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.
- 40. Discussion Item**  
**Discussion to the executive board to explain to the BOT**  
**What were the steps that lead up to making the decisions to making an Emergency meeting that could not wait till the Seattle conference, against area 12? Who informed you of the violation?**  
**Gary S. – Area 12, New Jersey**  
Item withdrawn.  
The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.
- 41. Discussion Item**  
**Should a quick response meeting be requested to circumvent a discussion at the Board of Trustees meeting?**  
**Walter G. – Area 12, New Jersey**  
Item withdrawn.  
The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

- 42. Discussion Item**  
A Quick Response as per the Gamblers Anonymous guidance code is a trustee meeting. A trustee meeting may be conducted by fax, email or other electronic means by the Board of Trustees. A Quick Response meeting is conducted by email. Should a quick response meeting be fully transparent allowing any point or points of information, points of order, and or challenges to the Chair be forwarded to the Board of Trustees?  
Walter G. – Area 12, New Jersey  
Item withdrawn.  
The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair
- 43. Discussion Item**  
By virtue of the 79-10-7 quick response vote results, should every previous Area 12 Trustee election be voided, resulting in no current or past Trustees from this area? The reasoning for this discussion is that Area 12 had “39 weekly meetings” in it’s guidance code for the last 30 years, until removed in January 2020.  
John F. – Area 12, New Jersey  
Item withdrawn.  
The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair
- 44. Discussion Item**  
Are we the Board of Trustees the leaders of Gamblers Anonymous as trusted servants of the Gamblers Anonymous fellowship or are we acting as a governing body of Gamblers Anonymous by inserting provisions that conflict with the majority of the Gamblers Anonymous Unity Program and 12 Steps of the Recovery Program into any GA literature specifically conflicting with our Unity Program Step 2, Our leaders are but trusted servants: they do not govern.  
Walter G. – Area 12, New Jersey  
Item withdrawn.  
The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair
- 45. Discussion Item**  
Is Gamblers Anonymous primary purpose to stop gambling and to help other compulsive gamblers do the same?  
References: Combo book, Page 2, Our primary purpose is to stop gambling and to help other compulsive gamblers do the same.  
Combo book, Page 5, The Recovery Program, Step 12 Having made an effort to practice these principles in all our affairs, we tried to carry this message to other compulsive gamblers.

**Combo book, Page 7, The Unity Program, Step 5, Gamblers Anonymous has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the compulsive gambler who still suffers.**

**Walter G. – Area 12, New Jersey**

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair

**46. Discussion Item**

**What is the primary purpose of the trustees/BOT and how does it differ from that of the fellowship?**

**Pete K. – Area 13B, South Jersey**

Discussion only.

Motion to extend time on subject – no motion.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair

**47. Discussion Item**

**What are the requirements of a trustee and how are those different than the requirements to be a member of GA?**

**Pete K. – Area 13B, South Jersey**

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

**48. Discussion Item**

**Should the Chairman of the Board of Trustees be allowed to create an agenda item or speak on behalf or against any agenda item brought before the board?**

**Bob C. – Area 3C, San Diego, California**

Discussion Only.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

**49. Discussion Item**

**Is the only requirement for Gamblers Anonymous membership a desire to stop gambling?**

**Reference: Combo book Page 2, 2nd paragraph, The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop gambling.**

**Combo book Page 6 The Unity Program Step 3 The only requirement for Gamblers Anonymous membership is a desire to stop gambling.**

**Walter G. – Area 12, New Jersey**

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

## Elections

### **50. Election – Board of Trustee Chair**

Nominations for Chairperson –

- Pete K., Area 13B – accepted nomination
- Andy R., Area 13B – declined nomination
- Gary S., Area 12 – accepted nomination
- Mike R., Area 6A – declined nomination

Pete K. from Area 13B was elected Chairperson to replace Andy R.

### **51. Election – Board of Trustee 1st Co-Chair**

Nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chair –

- Butch G., Area 3A – accepted nomination
- Martha G., Area 28 – accepted nomination
- Harold A., Area 2 – accepted nomination
- Mike R., Area 6A – declined nomination

Harold A., Area 2, was elected as 1<sup>st</sup> Co-Chair to replace Steve F.

### **52. Election – Board of Trustee 2nd Co-Chair**

Nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Co-Chair –

- Butch G., Area 3A – accepted nomination
- Martha G., Area 28 – accepted nomination
- Mark S., Area 3 – accepted nomination
- Bob C., Area 8 – accepted nomination

Martha G., Area 28, was elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> Co-Chair to replace Pete K.  
The above three items were chaired by Andy R., Chair.

## Guidance Code

### **53. Guidance Code Section VI paragraph 7**

**Add a sentence at the end of the paragraph:**

**Previous versions of any approved literature may still be used by groups unless it has been determined by the Board of Trustees that this literature may no longer be used as part of the Gambler's Anonymous fellowship.**

**Current Version:** “approved literature is any publication or item that has been approved by the Board of Trustees and is sold or distributed by the International Service Office (I.S.O) and/or any Regional Service Office (R.S.O.), and/or any Intergroup. Foreign language translations of Gamblers Anonymous approved literature are deemed to be approved if the final product has followed the necessary steps outlined by the Board of Trustees.”

**Proposed Version:** “Gamblers Anonymous approved literature is any publication or item that has been approved by the Board of Trustees and is sold or distributed by the International Service Office (I.S.O) and/or any Regional Service Office (R.S.O.), and/or any Intergroup. Foreign language translations of Gamblers Anonymous approved literature are deemed to be approved if the final product has followed the necessary steps outlined by the Board of Trustees. Previous versions of any approved literature may still be used by groups unless it has been determined by the Board of Trustees that this literature may no longer be used as part of the Gambler’s Anonymous fellowship.”

Jeff H. – Area 11, New England

No discussion.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair

54. **Guidance Code Article VII – Groups, Section 1A.**  
Rename Section 1A to 1B and create new Section 1A, Meeting formats such as digital meetings (Zoom) are accepted meeting formats. They do not take the place of physical meetings, but may count as meeting attendance when certain circumstances exist (impossible to make a physical meeting, health issues, etc). Other digital meeting issues; Digital meetings will be under the guidance and direction of the nearest Intergroup or RSO. All Digital meetings will be registered with the ISO. The monitoring of proper attendee behavior will be enforced by the secretary and or sgt. at arms

**Current Version: 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.

**Proposed Version:**

**Section 1A:**

Meeting formats such as digital meetings (Zoom) are accepted meeting formats. They do not take the place of physical meetings, but may count as meeting attendance when certain circumstances exist (impossible to make a physical meeting, health issues, etc).

Other digital meeting issues;

Digital meetings will be under the guidance and direction of the nearest Intergroup or RSO. All Digital meetings will be registered with the ISO.

The monitoring of proper attendee behavior will be enforced by the secretary and or sgt. at arms.

**Section 1B:**

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.  
**Butch G. – Area 3A, San Diego**

Motion to accept above. Motion to commit back to author for rewording.

Passed.

Motion to commit takes precedence over the original motion.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

**55. Guidance Code - Article VII – Groups, Add Section 3A**

**Current Version: None**

**Proposed Version: Electronic forms of payment can be accepted as long as guidance code regulations are followed.**

**Butch G. – Area 3A, San Diego**

Motion to accept above.

For 75                      Against 7

Item passes first vote.

Needs second vote.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

**56. Guidance Code - ARTICLE VII – SECTION 4**

**Remove at least thirty-nine (39)**

**Current Version: Abstinence from gambling and regular attendance of at least thirty-nine (39) meetings (exceptions can be made via group conscience decisions, for medical reasons, and military stationed overseas) 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 the first meeting after your last bet.**

**Proposed Version: Abstinence from gambling and regular attendance of meetings (exceptions can be made via group conscience decisions for medical reasons, and military stationed overseas) 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 the first meeting after your last bet.**

**Alan J. – Area 15, New York**

No discussion.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.



57. **Guidance Code - Articles VIII – Section 4, XIII – Section 4 & XVI – Section 2**
- Change wording referring to gambling: Gambling, for the compulsive gambler is defined as follows: Any betting or wagering, or involvement or participation in gambling activities or receiving a gift of chance, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or skill constitutes gambling.**
- Current Version: Article VIII-Board of Trustees Section 4**
- Any Trustee is automatically removed from office for gambling by his/her own admission. Current or past Trustees who return to gambling and subsequently come back to G.A. should not have a voice at the BOT meeting until they have 2 years of abstinence, the same qualification as becoming a Trustee. Gambling, for the compulsive gambler is defined as follows: Any betting or wagering, for self or others, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or “skill” constitutes gambling. He or she may be removed for other acts on his or her part, which are detrimental to Gamblers Anonymous as a whole, as per established Trustee Removal Procedures, or for not attending Gamblers Anonymous meetings. Removal requires 2/3 vote for expulsion by the Board of Trustees at the next physical meeting of the Board of Trustees.**
- Article XIII-Board of Regents Section 4**
- Any Regent is automatically removed from office for gambling by his/her own admission. Gambling, for the compulsive gambler is defined as follows: Any betting or wagering, for self or others, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or “skill” constitutes gambling. Or he or she may be removed for other acts on his or her part that are detrimental to Gamblers Anonymous as a whole. Removal will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote for expulsion by the Board of Trustees at the next physical meeting.**
- Article XVI-International Executive Secretary of I.S.O Section 2**
- The International Executive Secretary is automatically removed from office for gambling by his/her own admission. Gambling, for the compulsive gambler is defined as follows: Any betting or wagering, for self or others, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or “skill” constitutes gambling, or other acts on his/her part that are detrimental to Gamblers Anonymous as a whole. Should the International Executive Secretary be terminated or unable to carry out the functions, duties and responsibilities of the position, the Chair of the Board of Regents will temporarily assume the position of the International Executive Secretary until the Board of Regents hires a permanent International Executive Secretary.**

**Proposed Version: Article VIII, Section 4**

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

**Article XIII Board of Regents Section 4**

Any Regent is automatically removed from office for gambling by his/her own admission. Gambling, for the compulsive gambler is defined as follows: Any betting or wagering, or involvement or participation in gambling activities or receiving a gift of chance, whether for money or not, no matter how slight or insignificant, where the outcome is uncertain or depends upon chance or skill constitutes gambling. Or he or she may be removed for other acts on his or her part that are detrimental to Gamblers Anonymous as a whole. Removal will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote for expulsion by the Board of Trustees at the next physical meeting.

**Article XVI-International Executive Secretary of I.S.O Section 2**

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

**Stuart B. – Area 14, Long Island, NY**

No discussion.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

58. **Guidance Code - Article VII – Groups, Add Section 5A, All printed material (Literature) will be made available in digital form from the I.S.O. The digital form will be encrypted and password protected. The cost will be at the printed material price.**

**Current Version: None**

**Proposed Version: All printed material (Literature) will be made available in digital form from the I.S.O. The digital form will be encrypted and password protected. The cost will be at the printed material price.**

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

Item ruled out of order.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

59. **Guidance Code - Article VIII – Board of Trustees Section 8**

**1. Change of the word “guardian” to “fiduciaries”**

**2 Add a sentence to the end. “Principals of the Unity and Recovery steps are not personal principals or opinions.”**

**Current Version: The Board of Trustees shall act as guardians of the Twelve Steps of RECOVERY and the Twelve Step UNITY PROGRAM and must be guided by these precepts in all their decisions.**

**Proposed Version: The Board of Trustees shall act as fiduciaries of the Twelve Steps of RECOVERY and the Twelve Step UNITY PROGRAM and must be guided by these precepts in all their decisions. Principals of the Unity and Recovery steps are not personal principals or opinions.**

**Gary S. – Area 12, New Jersey**

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

60. **Guidance Code - Article VIII Section 18**

**Replace entire Article VIII Section 18 with a new version**

**All Trustees must make two (2) consecutive Board meetings to vote on BOT agenda items. A Quick Response meeting and or an Absentee ballot shall count as a physical presence at the Board of Trustees’ physical meetings. If any trustee does not meet these responsibilities, the respected Area group conscience of 51% or more has the sole right to remove its trustee and report it to the International Secretary.**

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

**Proposed Version:** All Trustees must make two (2) consecutive Board meetings to vote on BOT agenda items. A Quick Response meeting and or an Absentee ballot shall count as a physical presence at the Board of Trustees' physical meetings. If any trustee does not meet these responsibilities, the respected Area group conscience of 51% or more has the sole right to remove its trustee and report it to the International Secretary.

Lorenzo T. – Area 12, New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

61. **Guidance Code - Article VIII – Board of Trustees, Section 21**

**Remove of words: or Chairman of the Board of Trustees**

**Current Version:** The Board of Trustees or Chairman of the Board of Trustees may utilize qualified active Gamblers Anonymous members in specific assignments on committees who will be responsible to the Board of Trustees.

**Proposed Version:** The Board of Trustees may utilize qualified active Gamblers Anonymous members in specific assignments on committees who will be responsible to the Board of Trustees.

Lorenzo T. – Area 12, New Jersey

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

62. **Guidance Code - Article IX, Section 9, Officers of the Board of Trustees**

**Changing the approval of expenses from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the approval of expenses to be approved by the Board of Regents.**

**Current Version:** Article IX – Officers of the Board of Trustees

**Section 9:** The Chairman of the Board of Trustees and both Co-Chairmen have a \$10,000.00 per year expenditure total, approved by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and paid by the International Service Office (I.S.O.). The total combined annual expenditure cannot exceed \$10,000.00. The International Executive Secretary shall supply the Board of Trustees with a detailed accounting of said expenditures within sixty days of the close of the fiscal year.

**Proposed Version:** Article IX – Officers of the Board of Trustees

**Section 9:** The Chairman of the Board of Trustees and both Co-Chairmen have a \$10,000.00 per year expenditure total, approved by the Board of Regents and paid by the International Service Office (I.S.O.). The total combined annual expenditure cannot exceed \$10,000.00. The International Executive Secretary shall supply the Board of Trustees with a detailed accounting of said expenditures within sixty days of the close of the fiscal year.

**Anita R. – Area 1B, Inland Empire**

**Walter G. – Area 13, presented for Anita.**

Motion to accept above.

For 46                      Against 30                      Abstained 13

Item failed. Two-thirds majority needed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

- 63.                      Guidance Code - Redefine the minimum frequency of Intergroup Meetings required by Guidance Code Article X, Section 5, Number 5 as follows:**

**Intergroup Meetings should be held at least once every quarter, with meetings taking place within 30 days following each International Conference**

**Current Version: Intergroup Meetings should be held at least once per month and copies of the minutes should be forwarded to all member groups and the International Service Office (I.S.O.).**

**Proposed Version: Intergroup meetings should be held at least once every quarter, with meetings taking place within 30 days following each International Conference. After each intergroup meeting, the Intergroup shall be responsible for forwarding copies of the minutes to all member groups and the International Service Office (I.S.O.). Individual Intergroup Areas may use their discretion to increase the number of times which their Intergroup meets, in accordance with the needs of the area.**

**Patrick G. – Area 9, Michigan/NW Ohio**

Motion to accept above. Motion to amend to change “International Conference” to say “Trustee Meeting.”

For 30                      Against 52                      Abstained 9

Failed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

- 64.                      Guidance Code - Article XVIII – Election of Trustees Section 7, create a new section label 7A**

**Current Version: NONE**

**Proposed Version: The Executive Board of Trustees for each officer position shall be limited to two (2) elected terms served consecutively but may be re-elected after one (1) term of non-service on the Board of Trustees.**

**Lorenzo T. – Area 12, New Jersey**

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

65. **Guidance Code - Article XVIII – Election of Trustees- Article XVIII – Election of Trustees- Section 7**  
**Add a new section to be labeled 7A, Under Article XVIII – Election of Trustees- Section 7**  
**The Executive Board of Trustees for each officer position shall be limited to two (2) elected terms served consecutively but may be re-elected after one (1) term of non-service on the Board of Trustees.**  
**Current Version: NONE**  
**Proposed Version: The Executive Board of Trustees for each officer position shall be limited to two (2) elected terms served consecutively but may be re-elected after one (1) term of non-service on the Board of Trustees.**  
**Gary S. – Area 12, New Jersey**  
Item withdrawn.  
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

66. **Guidance Code - Add Article XXI to the Guidance Code, Gam-Anon Relationship**  
**Section 1. Gamblers Anonymous’ relationship with Gam-Anon is one of respect for each others’ corporate, legal, financial, and program identities.**  
**Current Version: NONE**  
**Proposed Version: Gamblers Anonymous’ Relationship with Gam-Anon, is one of respect for each other’s program. We are separate organizations and do not share in each other’s corporate, legal, financial, and program identities.**  
**Jo K. – Area 8D, Missouri**  
**Walter G. – Area 13, presented for Jo K.**  
Motion to accept above.  
For 43                      Against 40                      Abstained 10  
Item failed. Two-thirds majority needed.  
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

**Step Changes**

67. **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.  
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

68. **Unity Step Change - Add “Except with regards to Gam-Anon,” to the beginning of Unity Step 10**  
**Current Version:** Unity Step 10. Gamblers Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the Gamblers Anonymous name ought never be drawn into public controversy.  
**Proposed Version:** Unity Step 10. Except with regards to Gam-Anon, Gamblers Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the Gamblers Anonymous name ought never be drawn into public controversy.  
**Mike R. – Area 6A, North Central Florida**  
Item withdrawn.  
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

***Requests to Translate Literature***

69. **Request to translate literature**  
**Latvia would like permission to translate the following GA approved literature.**
- **“A New Beginning” Red book**
  - **Combo Book – Large Print and small print**
  - **Beyond 90 Days Booklet**
  - **Towards 90 Days Booklet**
  - **Your First Meeting**
  - **A Newcomer Asks?**
  - **Young Gamblers in Recovery**
  - **G.A. Suggestions for Coping with Urges to Gamble**
- Ara H. – Area 1, Los Angeles, California**  
**Martha G. – Area 28, Mexico presented for Ara.**  
Motion to accept the above.  
Passed.  
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.
70. **Request to translate literature**  
**Iran would like permission to translate our Combo book to Farsi (Persian).**  
**Ara H. – Area 1, Los Angeles, California**  
**Martha G. – Area 28, Mexico presented for Ara.**  
Motion to accept the above.  
Passed.  
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

- 71. Request to translate literature**  
Portugal is asking permission to translate the following pcs of GA approved literature:
- Combo book
  - Towards 90 days
  - Beyond 90 days
  - A new Beginning (red book)
  - Guide to 4th step inventory
- Ara H. – Area 1, Los Angeles, California  
Martha G. – Area 28, Mexico presented for Ara.  
Motion to accept above.  
Item ruled out of order.  
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.
- 72. Request to translate literature**  
Portugal is asking permission to translate the following pcs of GA approved literature:
- Have I left the fellowship?
  - Questions and answers about compulsive gambling
  - Young gamblers in recovery
  - Working the steps
  - Your first meeting
  - 12 step Unity Booklet
  - Step one recovery booklet
  - 20 questions booklet-are you a compulsive gambler.
  - Daily inventory of my behavior sheet
  - Let it Stay here card
  - A newcomer asks
- Ara H. – Area 1, Los Angeles, California  
Martha G. – Area 28, Mexico presented for Ara.  
Item ruled out of order.  
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.
- 73. Request to translate literature**  
Romania is asking permission to translate the following pcs of GA approved literature:
- Combo Book
  - A newcomer asks
  - A guide to fourth step inventory
  - Suggestions for coping with the urge to gamble
  - Gamblers Anonymous step meeting handbook
  - Stock market, retirement account and gamblers anonymous
  - Your first meeting
  - Young gamblers in recovery
  - Writing the steps
  - Questions and answers about gambling-Booklet



**Ara H. – Area 1, Los Angeles, California**  
**Martha G. – Area 28, Mexico presented for Ara.**

Motion to accept above.

Passed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

- 74. Request to translate literature**  
**To get permission to translate the “Combo book” and “Towards 90 days” into German.**

**Ara H. – Area 1, Los Angeles, California**

**Martha G. – Area 28, Mexico presented for Ara.**

Motion to accept the above request from Austria.

Passed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

### **Conference Bids**

- 75. The Spring 2022 Conference is open for bids.**  
No bids – this will be a Trustee only meeting.  
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.
- 76. The Fall 2022 Conference is open for bids.**  
Discussion on Area 3A having difficulty in being able to bid, as the hotel says it's too early. Determined to be a Trustee only meeting until determined by new executive board.  
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.
- 77. The Spring 2023 Conference is open for bids.**  
This will stay on the agenda. No bids – will revisit at next BOT meeting.  
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.
- 78. The Fall 2023 Conference is open for bids.**  
No bids – will revisit at next BOT meeting.  
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

### **Current Literature**

- 79. Current Literature – Combo Book**  
**To change the font and layout of the Combo Book**  
**(Note) You are voting on the font and layout ONLY. Current versions of the Combo book will be used if the item passes.**  
**Attachment # 79**  
**Doris S. for Erica P. – Area 2H – Western Washington**  
No discussion.  
The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

80. **Current Literature – Combo Book - Page 3, Change the word Normal to Healthy.**  
**Current Version:** 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:** Therefore, in order to lead healthy, happy lives, we try to practice to the best of our ability, certain principles in our daily affairs.  
**Bob C. – Area 8, Chicago, Illinois**  
Motion to accept above.  
Failed.  
The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.
81. **Current Literature – Combo Book**  
**Bottom of page 3**  
**Add the following: What is a Group (bold)**  
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. Failure to comply with Guidance Code will result in the meeting no longer being recognized as part of Gamblers Anonymous and such meeting will be removed from the International Service Office directory of meetings.  
**Current Version:** NONE  
**Proposed Version:** What is a Group (bold)  
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. Failure to comply with Guidance Code will result in the meeting no longer being recognized as part of Gamblers Anonymous and such meeting will be removed from the International Service Office directory of meetings.  
**Andy R. – Area 13B, South Jersey**  
Motion to accept above.  
Amendment of motion to change would make this not accepted.  
Failed.  
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

82. **Current Literature – Combo Book Page 7, Unity Program, Step 12**  
**Bold the phrase “principles before personalities”**  
**Nancy K. – Area 16A, Buffalo, New York**  
Motion to accept above.  
Failed.  
The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.
83. **Current Literature – Combo Book**  
**Page 13, “Can a compulsive gambler ever gamble normally again?”**  
**“After abstaining a few months some of our members have tried some small bet experimentation, always with disastrous results.”**  
**Remove the word “experimentation”.**  
**Current Version: “After abstaining a few months some of our members have tried some small bet experimentation, always with disastrous results.”**  
**Proposed Version: “After abstaining a few months some of our members have tried some small bet, always with disastrous results.”**  
**Mark S. – Area 3, Las Vegas, Nevada**  
Motion to accept above.  
Failed.  
The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.
84. **Current Literature – Combo Book**  
**Page 14, First Paragraph. Include “Cryptocurrencies”**  
**Current Version: Does this mean I can’t even participate in a little penny-ante game or a world series pool? It means exactly that. A stand has to be made somewhere and Gamblers Anonymous members have found the first bet is the one to avoid, even though it may be as little as matching for a cup of coffee. This includes internet gambling, bingo, the stock market, commodities, options, buying or playing lottery tickets, raffle tickets, flipping a coin, fantasy sports or entering the office sport pool.**  
**Proposed Version: Does this mean I can’t even participate in a little penny-ante game or a world series pool? It means exactly that. A stand has to be made somewhere and Gamblers Anonymous members have found the first bet is the one to avoid, even though it may be as little as matching for a cup of coffee. This includes internet gambling, bingo, the stock market, commodities, options, cryptocurrencies, buying or playing lottery tickets, raffle tickets, flipping a coin, fantasy sports or entering the office sport pool.**  
**Stuart B. – Area 14, Long Island, New York**  
No discussion.  
The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

85. **Current Literature – Combo Book**  
**Page 15. “Twenty Questions” # 3 Remove Question # 3 “Did gambling affect your reputation?” and replace it with new question, #3. “Did you need to gamble with increasing amounts of money to reach the same level of excitement?”**  
**Current Version: Question # 3 Did gambling affect your reputation?**  
**Proposed Version: Question # 3 Did you need to gamble with increasing amounts of money to reach the same level of excitement?**  
**Bob C. – Area 3A, San Diego, California**  
 Motion to accept above.  
 Failed.  
 The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.
86. **Current Literature – Combo Book**  
**Page 15, “Twenty Questions” - Remove Question # 6. “Did gambling cause a decrease in your ambition or efficiency?”, and replace it with New Question # 6. “Have you made repeated unsuccessful efforts to control, cut back, or stop gambling?”**  
**Current Version: Question # 6. Did gambling cause a decrease in your ambition or efficiency?**  
**Proposed Version: Question # 6. Have you made repeated unsuccessful efforts to control, cut back, or stop gambling?**  
**Bob C. – Area 3A, San Diego, California**  
 Motion to accept above.  
 Failed.  
 The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.
87. **Current Literature – Combo Book**  
**Page 16, Question 11 – Add “,or considered selling,” after the word “sold”**  
**Current Version: Have you ever sold anything to finance your gambling.**  
**Proposed Version: Have you ever sold, or considered selling, anything to finance your gambling.**  
**Jack R. – Area 1A, Orange County California for Jimmy D.**  
 Motion to accept above.  
 Approve 44 Failed 44 Abstained 5  
 Failed.  
 A roll call vote was called for.

Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote	Area	Trustee	Vote
1	Alvin F.*	No	6A	Mike R.	Yes	16	Carl D.	Yes
	Hugh G.	Yes	6B	Ron B.	No		Wayne C.	Abstain
	Bruce W.	Yes		Tom C.	No	16A	Dan L.	Yes
	Dean W.	Yes	7	Iris D.*	No	17	Ron W.*	No
1A	Jack R.*	Yes		Patricia M.*	No	18	Andy D.*	No
1B	Anita R.*	No	8	Bob C.	Yes		Steve A.*	No
	Laura M.*	No		Cindi M.	Yes		Michelle M.*	Yes
2	Chris N.	No		Pam E.	No	18A	Yvonne R.*	No
	Harold A.	Yes		Reba-Anna L.*	Yes	18B	John H.*	Abstain
	Jared H.	No	8A	Renee G.*	Yes	19	Carlos R.*	Yes
2A	Paul N.*	No	9	Janet S.	No		Gustavo J.*	Abstain
2B	Charlene L.*	Yes		Pat G.	No	21	Angel B.*	Yes
	James B.	No	9A	Patricia D.*	No		Juan B.*	Abstain
2E	Debra B.*	No	10	Ed G.	Yes	22	Andrew B.*	No
2G	Connie M.*	No	10A	Jeff H.	Yes	28	Hector T.*	Yes
	Pam B.	No	10B	Steve B.	Yes		Martha G.	No
2H	Cindy M.*	Yes	11	Jeff H.*	No	29	Konstanin U.*	Yes
	Doris S.*	Yes		John L.*	No	33	Moises H.*	Yes
2K	Zach L.	No	12	John F.*	No		Dario C.*	Yes
3	Eric W.*	Yes		Ted S.*	Yes	36	Odie B.*	Abstain
	Mark S.	No		Walter G.	No			
	Rob P.	No	13	John B.	No			
	Zeny K.	No		Marla J.	Yes			
3A	Butch G.	No		Scott S.*	Yes			
	Hugo V.	Yes	13A	Nan V.*	Yes			
	Karen T.	Yes		Rick L.	Yes			
3B	Rob G.*	No	13B	Andy G.*	Yes			
3C	Terry D.*	Yes		Craig F.*	No			
3D	Jim L.*	No	14	Ira C.*	No			
	Pat M.*	No		Maury C.*	No			
3F	Julian F.	No		Mitch M.*	Yes			
5	Sean N.	No		Stuart B.*	Yes			
5B	Adrien R.*	Yes	15	Alan J.*	No			
	Claude G.*	Yes		Jim G.*	Abstain			
6	Jo Anne B.*	No		Joe B.	Abstain			
6	Steven C.*	No		Jesse C.*	Yes			
	Steven H.*	No		Mildred N.	No			
				Stan C.	Yes			

\*Absentee ballot received.

For 40                      Against 47                      Abstained 7

Failed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

## 88. Current Literature – Combo Book

### Page 16, Question 18

Substitute “Have” for “Do” and substitute “created” for “create”

**Current Version:** Do arguments, disappointments or frustrations create within you an urge to gamble?

**Proposed Version:** Have arguments, disappointments or frustrations created within you an urge to gamble?

**Bruce W. Area 1 – Central California**

Motion to accept above.

Failed.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

89. **Current Literature – Combo Book**  
**Page 17, Item 1**  
**Item: Change “Meetings Make it” to “Meeting Makers Make It.**  
**Current Version: 1. Attend as many meetings as possible per week. MEETINGS MAKE IT.**  
**Proposed Version: 1. Attend as many meetings as possible per week. MEETING MAKERS MAKE IT.**  
**Ed G. Area 10 – Central Northern Ohio**  
Motion to accept above.  
For 8                      Against 45  
Failed.  
The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.
90. **Current Literature – Combo Book**  
**Page 17. Item 4**  
**Change “Unity Steps” to “Unity Program”**  
**Current Version: 4. Read the RECOVERY(bold) and UNITY(bold) steps often and continuously review the Twenty Questions. Follow the steps in your daily affairs. These steps are the basis for the entire Gamblers Anonymous Program and practicing them is the key to your growth. Get involved and be of service. If you have any questions, ask them of your Trusted Servants and Sponsors.**  
**Proposed Version: 4. Read the RECOVERY STEPS(bold) and UNITY PROGRAM (bold) often and continuously review the Twenty Questions. Follow the Recovery Steps in your daily affairs. The Recovery Steps and the Unity Program are the basis for the entire Gamblers Anonymous Program and practicing them is the key to your growth. Get involved and be of service. If you have any questions, ask them of your Trusted Servants and Sponsors.**  
**Bob C. – Area 3A, San Diego, California**  
Motion to accept above.  
For 14                      Against 36  
Failed.  
The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.
91. **Current Literature – Combo Book**  
**Page 17, Item 5 – Capitalize and make bold the sentence: GET INVOLVED AND BE OF SERVICE**  
**Current Version: Read the RECOVERY and UNITY steps often and continuously review the Twenty Questions. Follow the steps in your daily affairs. These steps are the basis for the entire Gamblers Anonymous Program and practicing them is the key to your growth. Get involved and be of service. If you have any questions, ask them of your Trusted Servants and Sponsors.**

**Proposed Version:** Read the RECOVERY and UNITY steps often and continuously review the Twenty Questions. Follow the steps in your daily affairs. These steps are the basis for the entire Gamblers Anonymous Program and practicing them is the key to your growth. (BOLD) GET INVOLVED AND BE OF SERVICE. If you have any questions, ask them of your Trusted Servants and Sponsors.

Tom K. – Area 6C, North Carolina

No discussion.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

92. **Current Literature – Combo Book**

Combo Book, Page 17, item 6 – Change Get a sponsor, to Work with a sponsor.

**Current Version:** GET A SPONSOR, IT IS DIFFICULT TO RECOVER ON YOUR OWN! Sponsorship gives an opportunity for members to work on a one-on-one basis to achieve recovery by sharing, practicing, and working the 12 steps of recovery.

**Proposed Version:** WORK WITH A SPONSOR, IT IS DIFFICULT TO RECOVER ON YOUR OWN! Sponsorship gives an opportunity for members to work on a one-on-one basis to achieve recovery by sharing, practicing, and working the 12 steps of recovery.

Ara H. for Alvin F. – Area 1, Los Angeles, California

Hugh G., Area 1, presented for Alvin F.

Motion to accept above.

For 20                      Against 33

Failed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

93. **Current Literature – Combo Book**

Page 17 Item 7 – Change the word normal to healthy.

**Current Version:** We encourage every Gamblers Anonymous member to have a PRESSURE RELIEF GROUP MEETING as it offers guidance toward a normal way of thinking and living. The PRESSURE RELIEF GROUP MEETING may help alleviate financial, employment, and personal pressures. Adherence to it may aid in your recovery.

**Proposed Version:** We encourage every Gamblers Anonymous member to have a PRESSURE RELIEF GROUP MEETING as it offers guidance toward a healthy way of thinking and living. The PRESSURE RELIEF GROUP MEETING may help alleviate financial, employment, and personal pressures. Adherence to it may aid in your recovery.

**Bob C. – Area 8, Chicago, Illinois**

Motion to accept above.

For 21                      Against 31

Failed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

**94. Current Literature – Combo Book**

Add to page 17 of Combo Book a 9th item. Insert Proposed item as #8 and move current #8 to be Item #9

**Current Version:** None

**Proposed Version:** A Progressive Character Change is the crossroads for recovery. Resting on your laurels will derail your life. Rid yourself of defects of character and meet your true self.

**Jim L. – Area 3D, Arizona**

No discussion.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

**95. Current Literature – Combo Book**

Page 17. Addition as bullet point number 9.

Add item number 9 to the bottom of page 17.

**Current Version:** There is currently no item number 9.

**Proposed Version:** 9. As a result of working the Gamblers Anonymous Program and following the suggestions on page 17, you will have a character change and recover.

**Pat M. – Area 3D, Arizona**

No discussion.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

**96. Current Literature – A New Beginning**

“A New Beginning” ISO book 5th Edition, March, 2007, Page 11 as part of the definition of a combined GA-GamAnon meeting.

Add the following statement to the end of the paragraph:

“However, because Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon remain separate organizations, all monies collected at these combined meetings shall be in separate receptacles denoted by their respective organizations and shall be accounted for separately. Furthermore, before collections are taken, the chair should make an announcement that members of Gam-Anon shall not contribute to any receptacle denoted as belonging to Gamblers Anonymous.”

**Current Version:** A Gamblers Anonymous, Gam-Anon combined meeting, unlike an open meeting but similar, where the Gamblers Anonymous group and the Gam-Anon group join for the purpose of increased understanding between Fellowships. There are two chairpersons, one from Gamblers Anonymous, one from Gam-Anon. Excerpts from Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon literature are read; first one, then the other. The meeting itself is



held under the exact conditions as if they were being held separately. There are many variables as far as speakers are concerned. The presiding chairperson can alternate speakers, one for Gamblers Anonymous, one for Gam-Anon or two Gamblers Anonymous speakers in a row, and then two Gam-Anon speakers in a row, or if agreed upon in advance, one-half of the meeting for Gamblers Anonymous and the other half of the meeting for Gam-Anon. The main purpose of the meeting is the same as any other Gamblers Anonymous or Gam-Anon meeting, but by holding them together, the individual Gamblers Anonymous or Gam-Anon members have the opportunity to learn and understand more about the respective programs.

**Proposed Version:** A Gamblers Anonymous, Gam-Anon combined meeting, unlike an open meeting but similar, where the Gamblers Anonymous group and the Gam-Anon group join for the purpose of increased understanding between Fellowships. There are two chairpersons, one from Gamblers Anonymous, one from Gam-Anon. Excerpts from Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon literature are read; first one, then the other. The meeting itself is held under the exact conditions as if they were being held separately. There are many variables as far as speakers are concerned. The presiding chairperson can alternate speakers, one for Gamblers Anonymous, one for Gam-Anon or two Gamblers Anonymous speakers in a row, and then two Gam-Anon speakers in a row, or if agreed upon in advance, one-half of the meeting for Gamblers Anonymous and the other half of the meeting for Gam-Anon. The main purpose of the meeting is the same as any other Gamblers Anonymous or Gam-Anon meeting, but by holding them together, the individual Gamblers Anonymous or Gam-Anon members have the opportunity to learn and understand more about the respective programs. However, because Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon remain separate organizations, all monies collected at these combined meetings shall be in separate receptacles denoted by their respective organizations and shall be accounted for separately. Furthermore, before collections are taken, the chair should make an announcement that members of Gam-Anon shall not contribute to any receptacle denoted as belonging to Gamblers Anonymous.

**Jack R. – Area 1A, Orange County, California**

**Dean W. presented for Jack.**

Motion to accept above.

For 13                      Against 27

Failed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

97.

**Current Literature – Group Handbook**

**Group Handbook ISO book Revised May, 2019, Page 11 last paragraph**

**Add:** “However, because Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon remain separate organizations, all monies collected at these combined meetings shall be in separate receptacles denoted by their respective organizations and shall be accounted for separately. Furthermore, before collections are taken, the chair should make an announcement that members of Gam-Anon shall not contribute to any receptacle denoted as belonging to Gamblers Anonymous.”

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**Proposed Version:** A Gamblers Anonymous, Gam-Anon combined meeting, unlike an open meeting but similar, where the Gamblers Anonymous group and the Gam-Anon group join for the purpose of increased understanding between Fellowships. There are two chairpersons, one from Gamblers Anonymous, one from Gam-Anon. Excerpts from Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon literature are read; first one, then the other. The meeting itself is held under the exact conditions as if they were being held separately. There are many variables as far as speakers are concerned. The presiding chairperson can alternate speakers, one for Gamblers Anonymous, one for Gam-Anon or two Gamblers Anonymous speakers in a row, and then two Gam-Anon speakers in a row, or if agreed upon in advance, one-half of the meeting for Gamblers Anonymous and the other half of the meeting for Gam-Anon. The main purpose of the meeting is the same as any other Gamblers Anonymous or Gam-Anon meeting, but by holding them together, the individual Gamblers Anonymous or Gam-Anon members have

the opportunity to learn and understand more about the respective programs. However, because Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon remain separate organizations, all monies collected at these combined meetings shall be in separate receptacles denoted by their respective organizations and shall be accounted for separately. Furthermore, before collections are taken, the chair should make an announcement that members of Gam-Anon shall not contribute to any receptacle denoted as belonging to Gamblers Anonymous.

**Jack R. – Area 1A, Orange County, California**

**Dean W. presented for Jack.**

Motion to accept above.

For 13                      Against 29

Failed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

- 98.      Current Literature – Group Handbook**  
**Page 11, Types of Meetings (Open Meetings, Closed Meetings, Modified Closed Meetings, and Combined Meetings)**  
**List the specific change you wish to make. Rescind entire section regarding combined Gamblers Anonymous-Gam-Anon meetings that passed a first vote in Louisville (Agenda Item #4) and a second vote in Montreal (Agenda Item #16). This section was added at the end of the first paragraph on Page 11 and reads as follows:**  
**A Gamblers Anonymous, Gam-Anon combined meeting, unlike an open meeting but similar, where the Gamblers Anonymous group and the Gam-Anon group join for the purpose of increased understanding between Fellowships. There are two chairpersons, one from Gamblers Anonymous, one from Gam-Anon. Excerpts from Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon literature are read; first one, then the other. The meeting itself is held under the exact conditions as if they were being held separately. There are many variables as far as speakers are concerned. The presiding chairperson can alternate speakers, one for Gamblers Anonymous, one for Gam-Anon or two Gamblers Anonymous speakers in a row, and then two Gam-Anon speakers in a row, or if agreed upon in advance, one-half of the meeting for Gamblers Anonymous and the other half of the meeting for Gam-Anon. The main purpose of the meeting is the same as any other Gamblers Anonymous or Gam-Anon meeting, but by holding them together, the individual Gamblers Anonymous or Gam-Anon members have the opportunity to learn and understand more about the respective programs.**  
**Current Version: The term “open meeting” means a G.A. meeting where spouses, family, and friends of the gambler are welcome to attend and observe the meeting. A “closed meeting” would refer to a meeting where only those with a gambling problem or those who**

think they may have a gambling problem, with a desire to stop gambling, are eligible to attend and participate. A modified closed meeting would refer to a meeting where the members would vote to include certain groups such as health professionals, guests attending with first time members, and persons with other addictions in need of a meeting. A Gamblers Anonymous, Gam-Anon combined meeting, unlike an open meeting but similar, where the Gamblers Anonymous group and the Gam-Anon group join for the purpose of increased understanding between Fellowships. There are two chairpersons, one from Gamblers Anonymous, one from Gam-Anon. Excerpts from Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon literature are read; first one, then the other. The meeting itself is held under the exact conditions as if they were being held separately. There are many variables as far as speakers are concerned. The presiding chairperson can alternate speakers, one for Gamblers Anonymous, one for Gam-Anon or two Gamblers Anonymous speakers in a row, and then two Gam-Anon speakers in a row, or if agreed upon in advance, one-half of the meeting for Gamblers Anonymous and the other half of the meeting for Gam-Anon. The main purpose of the meeting is the same as any other Gamblers Anonymous or Gam-Anon meeting, but by holding them together, the individual Gamblers Anonymous or Gam-Anon members have the opportunity to learn and understand more about the respective programs.

**Proposed Version:** The term “open meeting” means a G.A. meeting where spouses, family, and friends of the gambler are welcome to attend and observe the meeting. A “closed meeting” would refer to a meeting where only those with a gambling problem or those who think they may have a gambling problem, with a desire to stop gambling, are eligible to attend and participate. A modified closed meeting would refer to a meeting where the members would vote to include certain groups such as health professionals, guests attending with first time members, and persons with other addictions in need of a meeting.

Jack R. – Area 1A, Orange County, California

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

99. **Current Literature – Towards 90 Days**

Page 9, Add the word “forever”

**Current Version:** Money lost – We must accept that this money is gone.

**Proposed Version:** Money lost – We must accept that this money is gone forever!

**Paul N. – Area 2A, British Columbia Canada**

Motion to table.

Passed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

- 100. Current Literature – Towards 90 Days  
Page 13, Change the word “was” to “is”**

**Current Version: If you feel resentful, think about all the people who have forgiven you and be thankful that you were picked to be part of the miracle that was the Gamblers Anonymous recovery program – go on. enjoy it**

**Proposed Version: If you feel resentful, think about all the people who have forgiven you and be thankful that you were picked to be part of the miracle that is the Gamblers Anonymous recovery program – go on. enjoy it**

**Paul N. – Area 2A, British Columbia Canada**

Motion to table

Passed.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

- 101. Current Literature – Pressure Relief Group Meeting Handbook  
Page 6 Procedures To Be Followed, Add 1A**

**Current Version: None**

**Proposed Version: 1A Should a Pressure Relief Group recommend that a G.A. Member quit claim his or her personal property; then they should also suggest that they see a Lawyer before the process is completed.**

**Ronny W. – Area 17, Connecticut**

No discussion.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

- 102. Current Literature – Hosting an International Conference  
Page 7, paragraph (b), second paragraph.**

**Replace existing paragraph with the following paragraph:**

**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, must be in the contract. Signed contracts for these three types of insurance 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.

**Current Version:** All proposed contracts should include an attrition clause on the number of room nights and food commitments. Most contracts will already have this clause in place. A Force Majeure clause in the event of Act of God or natural disaster, like hurricane, earthquake, terrorism, etc., is also important to in the contract. It has been a past experience that a hotel was sold after the bid was awarded or during the planning phase of the conference. It is important to bring this possible situation up with your hotel to make sure that all guarantees will still be honored if the hotel changes ownership.

**Proposed Version:** All proposed contracts should include an attrition clause on the number of room nights and food commitments. Most contracts will already have this clause in place. Copies of unsigned contracts for Force Majeure insurance in the event of Act of God or natural disaster, like hurricane, earthquake, terrorism, etc., liability insurance and communicable disease insurance, must be in the contract. Signed contracts for these three types of insurance 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.

**Bob W. – Area 1B, Inland Empire for John C.**

Dean W. presented for John C.

Motion to accept above.

Motion amended to commit to the Conference Oversight Committee.

Passed. Item committed to Conference Oversight Committee.

Motion to commit takes precedence over the original motion.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

**103. Current Literature – Hosting an International Conference  
Page 12, Section B**

- 1. Remove “from the ISO” from current Sentence 1.**
- 2. After “is available” in current Sentence 1, add new Sentence 2 as follows: Spring and/or Fall Conferences in which Gam-Anon is a participant, Gam-Anon ISO would provide seed money at the same ratio as they share in conference profits (see page 22, section 4) \$300.00 (30%) for a Spring Conference and \$200.00 (20%) for a Fall Conference. The balance will be available from Gamblers Anonymous I.S.O.**

3. Remove current Sentence 2 and replace with “this is considered a loan and can be repaid to Gamblers Anonymous I.S.O. and Gam-Anon I.S.O. at any time sufficient funds are available but no later than the conclusion of the conference.”

**Current Version:**B) FINANCES COMMITTEE

Handling cash flow/seed money is sometimes needed by the hosting area and up to \$1,000.00 is available from the ISO. This is considered a loan and can be repaid at any time sufficient funds are available but no later than the conclusion of the conference.

**Proposed Version:** B) FINANCES COMMITTEE

Handling cash flow/seed money is sometimes needed by the hosting area and up to \$1,000.00 is available. Spring and/or Fall Conferences in which Gam-Anon is a participant, Gam-Anon I.S.O. would provide seed money at the same ratio as they share in conference profits: (see page 22, section 4) \$300.00 (30%) for a Spring Conference and \$200.00 (20%) for a Fall Conference. The balance will be available from Gamblers Anonymous I.S.O. This is considered a loan and can be repaid to Gamblers Anonymous I.S.O. and Gam-Anon I.S.O. at any time sufficient funds are available but no later than the conclusion of the conference.

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

Motion to accept above.

Item ruled out of order.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

104. **Current Literature – Hosting an International Conference**  
Page 22, Section 4 Add the following sentence to the end of Section 4...

“Gam-Anon would share in conference profits only if they were a participant; otherwise their share would go to G.A.I.S.O.”

Also add the following: Section 4a: Should a Spring and/or Fall Conference, in which Gam-Anon is participating, have a loss, Gam-Anon would share in the loss providing the conference has in place the following insurance policies: Force Majeure, Liability, and Communicable Diseases. Gam-Anon would share at the same ratio as the profits. Gam-Anon would be responsible for 30% of a Spring Conference loss and 20% of a Fall Conference loss.

Section 4b: Participation by Gam-Anon in a Spring International Conference and Fall International Conference would include planning and financial responsibilities shared by Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon as per the Gamblers Anonymous Hosting an International Conference booklet.

**Current Version:** 4. Accountability of all profits showing:

Spring Conferences: 50% of the profits going to GA ISO, 30% going to Gam-Anon ISO.

Fall Conferences: 60% of the profits going to GA ISO, 20% going to Gam-Anon ISO and 20% going to the Hosting Area.

**Proposed Version:** 4. Accountability of all profits showing:  
Spring Conferences: 50% of the profits going to G.A.I.S.O., 30% going to Gam-Anon ISO. Fall Conferences: 60% of the profits going to G.A.I.S.O., 20% going to Gam-Anon ISO and 20% going to the Hosting Area. Gam-Anon would share in Conference profits only if they were a participant; otherwise their share would go to G.A.I.S.O.

4a.) Should a Spring and/or Fall Conference, in which Gam-Anon is participating, have a loss, Gam-Anon would share in the loss providing the conference has in place the following insurance policies: Force Majeure, Liability and Communicable Disease. Gam-Anon would share at the same ratio as the profits. Gam-Anon would be responsible for 30% of a Spring Conference loss and 20% for a Fall Conference loss.

4b.) Participation by Gam-Anon in a Spring International Conference and Fall International Conference would include planning and financial responsibilities shared by Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon as per Gamblers Anonymous Hosting An International Conference booklet.

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

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

105. **Current Literature – “THERE IS HELP” Brochure**  
On the bottom of third page remove “Call or write” and Gamblers Anonymous and change to Visit us at:

**www.gamblersanonymous.org**

Remove all names and phone numbers of meetings listed. Put in the TWENTY QUESTIONS 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

Martha G. presented for Paul N.

Motion to table.

Passed.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.



- 106. New Literature – Approved Literature**  
**Approve new literature from a committee – 1st Vote**  
**Blue Book Revision Committee**  
**GA: Sharing Recovery Through Gamblers Anonymous**  
**Attachment # 106**  
**Jeannie B. – Area 8A, Minnesota**  
 Item withdrawn.  
 The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.
- 107. New Literature - Appropriate Literature**  
**Common Welfare & Safety Card.**  
**Attachment # 107**  
**Tom R. – Area 5, Montreal**  
 Motion to table.  
 Passed.  
 The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.
- 108. New Literature – Merit Vote**  
**Bankruptcy, Loans and Bailouts while in Gambler’s Anonymous**  
**Attachment # 108**  
**Patrick G. – Area 9, Michigan**  
 Andy explained how a merit vote works for those new members in the room. 60 days for people to make recommendations on this piece of literature for changes.  
 Motion to accept above.  
 For 25                      Against 18  
 Passed merit vote.  
 The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.
- 109. New Literature - Appropriate Literature**  
**To allow the Alcoholic’s Anonymous Big Book to be appropriate GA literature**  
**Stuart B. – Area 14, Long Island, New York**  
 No discussion.  
 The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

**Trustee Allocation**

- 110. Trustee Allocation**  
**Area 6C, North and South Carolina request 2 Trustee positions to cover 19 rooms.**  
**Tom K. – Area 6C, North Carolina**  
 Motion to accept above.  
 Passed.  
 The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

111. **Trustee Allocation**  
Area 8A, Minnesota is requesting that a second Trustee position be approved for Area 8A.  
Renee G. – Area 8A – Minnesota  
Item withdrawn.  
The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.
112. **Trustee Allocation**  
New Jersey Intergroup Area 12, requests that the number of Area Trustees be reduced from six (6) to Three (3) effective July 1, 2020.  
Frank M. – Area 12, New Jersey  
Walter G. – Area 12, presented for Frank M.  
Motion to accept above.  
Passed.  
The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

**Board of Trustees Decisions**

113. **B.O.T. Decision**  
It is a historical fact that Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon have always maintained a separate but congruent relationship for the mutual benefit of both the compulsive gambler and those affected by their gambling. For example, our Unity Step 5 commands us “to carry its message to the compulsive gambler who still suffers” whereas Gam-Anon’s Unity Step 5 commands them “to carry its message to those affected by someone with a gambling problem. Our Unity Step 6 states that “we ought never endorse, finance or lend the Gamblers Anonymous name to any related facility or outside enterprise”, yet it is no secret that Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon have been co-sponsoring, and continue to co-sponsor, International Conferences in which each organization earns a share of the profits. Our Unity Step 7 states that “groups should be self-supporting” yet there is no indication Gam-Anon has ever contributed money to Gamblers Anonymous or its individual groups. Our Unity Step 10 states that we should not have an opinion on outside issues but given that Gam-Anon exists because compulsive gambling exists, they do not represent an outside issue. It is hereby acknowledged that while each corporation has its own program identity and legal and financial structure, this “separateness” has never precluded Gamblers Anonymous from acting together with Gam-Anon for the mutual benefit of the compulsive gambler and those affected by the compulsive gambler. Therefore, it is the decision of the Board of Trustees that Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon acting in such a collegial manner does not violate any of the Gamblers Anonymous Unity Steps.

**Jack R. – Area 1A, Orange County, California**

Motion to accept above.

Item ruled out of order.

Chair was challenged on whether this is out of order.

Vote taken on whether the Chair was correct in calling this out of order and it was determined it was out of order.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

**114. B.O.T. Decision**

**For all International RSOs to be listed on the ISO website. Including but not limited to Email, physical addresses, and phone numbers.**

**Ara H. – Area 1, Los Angeles, California**

Motion to accept above.

Passed pending a vote by the Board of Regents.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

**Committee Related**

**115. Committee Related - Defining the Relationship Gamblers Anonymous has with Gam-Anon.**

**This committee would like to recommend to the Board of Trustees the following definition.**

**Gamblers Anonymous' Relationship with Gam-Anon, is one of respect for each other's program. We are separate organizations and do not share in each other's corporate, legal, financial, and program identities.**

**Jo K. – Area 8D, Missouri**

No discussion.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

**116. Committee Related**

**What is the difference between a Board of Trustee Committees' Purpose and Mission statement? And who makes that decision?**

**Jo K. – Area 8D, Missouri**

No discussion.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

**117. Committee Related – Request for Committee**

**To create a Mediation Committee to handle disputes that relate to Gamblers Anonymous as a whole, BOT, BOT Executive Board, Areas/Intergroups, rooms, and members. This committee would develop a process of discovery and minimize disunity on all related parties.**

**Lorenzo T. – Area 12, New Jersey**

Item withdrawn.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

118. **Committee Related**  
**The Hotline Implementation Committee**  
**Hotline Volunteer Guidelines to be added on the Trustee Website, section Hotline Implementation Committee as appropriate literature.**  
**Anne D. – Area 5B, Montreal, Quebec, Canada**  
Motion to accept above.  
Motion to amend to commit this back to the committee.  
Passed.  
Motion to commit takes precedence over the original motion.  
The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

**Emergency Items from Board of Regents**

Cathy F. went over the job duties of the I.E.S. position and the Office Manager position.

119. **Board of Regents By-Law change**  
**Article III - Directors, Section 11- In the second sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager**  
**Current Version: When the Board of Regents Chair (or authorized representative from the Board of Regents) is required to attend a Trustee meeting, the International Service Office shall pay the travel, meals, lodging and conference expenses. Attendee shall supply the International Executive Secretary with a detailed accounting of reimbursable travel expenses within forty-five days of said expenses. Such expense reports will be part of the next Board of Regents meeting and accordingly, part of the minutes of those meetings. The amount of expense will require approval from the Board of Regents.**  
**Proposed Version: When the Board of Regents Chair (or authorized representative from the Board of Regents) is required to attend a Trustee meeting, the International Service Office shall pay the travel, meals, lodging and conference expenses. Attendee shall supply the Office Manager with a detailed accounting of reimbursable travel expenses within forty-five days of said expenses, such expense reports will be part of the next Board of Regents meeting and accordingly, part of the minutes of those meetings, The amount of expense will require approval from the Board of Regents.**  
**Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair**  
Martha G. made the motion to accept as written.  
Passed. 1st Vote.  
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

120. **Board of Regents By-Law change**  
**Article VI - Voting, Section 1- In first sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary of the Corporation with Office Manager**  
**Current Version: The International Executive Secretary of the Corporation, on or before March 1st of each odd year shall submit in writing a ballot of all eligible members wishing to run for the Board of Regents. Previous service as Regent of the Corporation or as Trustee of Gamblers Anonymous, total abstinence as of March 1st of that year, and home group of nominees shall be listed alongside the name of each nominee.**  
**Proposed Version: The Office Manager, on or before March 1st of each odd year, shall submit in writing a ballot of all eligible members wishing to run for the Board of Regents. Previous service as Regent of the Corporation or as Trustee of Gamblers Anonymous, total abstinence as of March 1st, of that year, and home group of nominees shall be listed alongside the name of each nominee.**  
**Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair**  
Martha G. made the motion to accept as written.  
Passed. 1st Vote.  
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

121. **Board of Regents By-Law change**  
**Article VI - Voting, Section 7 - In the last sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager.**  
**Current Version: After the counting of the ballots, each newly elected Board of Regents member will be asked by the International Executive Secretary to confirm their election. Any ties will be broken by a written vote at the Trustees meeting by the Trustees in attendance. The order that the nominees came in shall be kept by the International Executive Secretary.**  
**Proposed Version: After the counting of the ballots, each newly elected Board of Regents member will be asked by the International Executive Secretary to confirm their election. Any ties will be broken by a written vote at the Trustees meeting by the Trustees in attendance. The order that the nominees came in shall be kept by the Office Manager.**  
**Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair**  
Martha G. made the motion to accept as written.  
Passed. 1st Vote.  
The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

122. **Board of Regents By-Law change**  
**Article VII- Directors, Powers, and Meetings, Section 1. - In the first sentence replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager. In the second sentence replace the words He/she with the words Both the Office Manager and the International Executive Secretary. In the third sentence replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager.**

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

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

**Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair**

Martha G. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

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

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

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

**Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair**

Martha G. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

**124. Board of Regents By-Law change**

**Article VIII - Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Title - In the title of Article VIII, insert a comma, then the words Office Manager after Duties of Offices and before the word and.**

**Current Version: Article VIII - Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary**

**Proposed Version: Article VIII - Duties of Officers, Office Manager and International Executive Secretary.**

**Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair**

Cindi M. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

**125. Board of Regents By-Law change**

**Article VIII - Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 4 - In the first sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager.**

**Current Version: The Secretary shall take the minutes of all the meetings of the Board of Regents and submit them to the International Executive Secretary for safekeeping. All minutes must be signed by the Secretary. The Secretary shall also perform such other duties as the Board of Regents shall prescribe.**

**Proposed Version: The Secretary shall take the minutes of all the meetings of the Board of Regents and submit them to the Office Manager for safekeeping. All minutes must be signed by the Secretary. The Secretary shall also perform such other duties as the Board of Regents shall prescribe.**

**Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair**

Cindi M. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

**126. Board of Regents By-Law change**

**Article VIII - Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (A) - In the first sentence replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager.**

**Current Version: The International Executive Secretary shall publish a monthly Operating Statement of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) and any other subsidiary or division of the International Service Office and shall also publish the audited Annual Financial Statement.**

**Proposed Version:** The Office Manager shall publish a monthly Operating Statement of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) and any other subsidiary or division of the International Service Office and shall also publish the audited Annual Financial Statement.

**Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair**

Cindi M. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

**127. Board of Regents By-Law change**

**Article VIII- Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 5 (B) - In the first sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager'**

**Current Version:** The International Executive Secretary shall keep a book of minutes at the principal office of this Corporation of all business meetings of the Board of Regents.

**Proposed Version:** The Office Manager shall keep a book of minutes at the principal office of this Corporation of all business meetings of the Board of Regents.

**Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair**

Cindi M. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

**128. Board of Regents By-Law change**

**Article VIII - Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 5 (C) – Remove this item from Section 6, move to the new Section 7, re-lettering accordingly.**

**Current Version:** The International Executive Secretary shall be guided in all matters by the Gamblers Anonymous Twelve Step Recovery Program and the Gamblers Anonymous Unity Program.

**Proposed Version:** The International Executive Secretary shall be guided in all matters by the Gamblers Anonymous Twelve Step Recovery Program and the Gamblers Anonymous Unity Program.

**Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair**

Cindi M. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

**129. Board of Regents – By-Law change**

**Article VIII - Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (D) – Replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager.**



**Current Version:** The International Executive Secretary will be responsible for the reprinting of all approved Gamblers Anonymous literature and purchase of Gamblers Anonymous pins and keep sufficient quantity on hand at all times for the needs of our entire Fellowship.

**Proposed Version:** The Office Manager will be responsible for the reprinting of all approved Gamblers Anonymous literature and purchase of Gamblers Anonymous pins and keep sufficient quantity on hand at all times for the needs of our entire Fellowship.

**Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair**

Cindi M. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

**130. Board of Regents By-Law change**

**Article VIII - Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 5 (E)- Remove this item from Section 6, move to the new Section 7, re-lettering accordingly.**

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

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

**Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair**

Cindi M. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

The above item was chaired by Andy R., Chair.

**131. Board of Regents By-Law change**

**Article VIII - Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (F) - In the first sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager, for both occurrences.**

**Current Version:** The International Executive Secretary, or other designated individual, in coordination with the International Executive Secretary, as determined by the Board of Regents, shall be charged with the general management of the affairs of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) subject to the control of the Board of Regents. He/she shall be the custodian of the records and funds of the corporation, and shall pay funds out only on the check of the corporation signed in the manner authorized by the Board of Regents and shall have such responsibilities and duties as shall be prescribed by the Board of Regents or these By-Laws. The responsibilities and duties prescribed by the Board of Regents but not by the By-Laws shall be subject to the ratification of each succeeding Board of Regents at its first meeting.

**Proposed Version:** The Office Manager, or other designated individual, in coordination with the Office Manager, as determined by the Board of Regents, shall be charged with the general management of the affairs of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) subject to the control of the Board of Regents. He/she shall be the custodian of the records and funds of the corporation and shall pay funds out only on the check of the corporation signed in the manner authorized by the Board of Regents and shall have such responsibilities and duties as shall be prescribed by the Board of Regents or these By-Laws. The responsibilities and duties prescribed by the Board of Regents but not by the By-Laws shall be subject to the ratification of each succeeding Board of Regents at its first meeting.

**Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair**

Cindi M. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

**132. Board of Regents By-Law change**

**Article VIII - Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (G) – Remove this item from Section 6, move to the new Section 7, re-lettering accordingly.**

**Current Version:** Should the International Executive Secretary be terminated or unable to carry out the functions, duties and responsibilities of the position, the Chair of the Board of Regents will temporarily assume the position of the International Executive Secretary until the Board of Regents hires a permanent International Executive Secretary.

**Proposed Version:** Should the International Executive Secretary be terminated or unable to carry out the functions, duties and responsibilities of the position, the Chair of the Board of Regents will temporarily assume the position of the International Executive Secretary until the Board of Regents hires a permanent International Executive Secretary.

**Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair**

Patrick G. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

**133. Board of Regents By-Law change**

**Article VIII - Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (H) – Remove this item from Section 6, move to the new Section 7, re-lettering accordingly.**

**Current Version:** While the Chairman of the Board of Regents is acting International Executive Secretary, the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Regents shall assume the duties of the Chairman. While acting as International Executive Secretary, the Chairman of the Board of Regents shall lose his/her vote on the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents will operate with eight (8) members for this period.

**Proposed Version:** While the Chairman of the Board of Regents is acting International Executive Secretary, the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Regents shall assume the duties of the Chairman. While acting as International Executive Secretary, the Chairman of the Board of Regents shall lose his/her vote on the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents will operate with eight (8) members for this period.

**Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair**

Cindi M. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

**134. Board of Regents By-Law change**

**Article VIII - Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (I) - Remove this item from Section 5, move to the new Section 7, re-lettering accordingly.**

**Current Version:** When the Board of Regents hires an International Executive Secretary, if it is not the Chairman of the Board of Regents, who is acting as International Executive Secretary, the Chairman of the Board of Regents shall return to his/her original position and his/her voting power is restored.

**Proposed Version:** When the Board of Regents hires an International Executive Secretary, if it is not the Chairman of the Board of Regents, who is acting as International Executive Secretary, the Chairman of the Board of Regents shall return power is restored to his/her original position and his/her voting power is restored.

**Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair**

Cindi M. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

**135. Board of Regents By-Law change**

**Article VIII - Duties of Officers and International Executive Secretary, Section 6 (J) - In the first sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager.**

**Current Version:** The International Executive Secretary shall be responsible to keep the door of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) open during the hours specified by the Board of Regents.

**Proposed Version:** The Office Manager shall be responsible to keep the door of the International Service Office (I.S.O.) open during the hours specified by the Board of Regents.

**Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair**

Cindi M. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

**136. Board of Regents By-Law change**

**Article XVI - Budget, Section 1-** In the first sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary of the Corporation with Office Manager.

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

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

**Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair**

Cindi M. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

137. **Board of Regents By-Law change**  
**Article XVIII - Amendments, Section 3 - In the first sentence, replace the words International Executive Secretary with Office Manager.**

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

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

**Cathy F., Board of Regents Chair**

Cindi M. made the motion to accept as written.

Passed.

1st Vote.

The above item was chaired by Pete K., 2nd Co-Chair.

The meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at 3:45 P.M. on Monday, August 30, 2021. The collection for the five (5) sessions was \$832.72.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*KCB*

KC B.,  
International Executive Secretary

## ROLL CALL

AREA	SESSIONS	AREA	SESSIONS
1	Alvin F. Abst*	10A	Jeff H. 5
	Hugh G. 5	10B	Gary B. Absent
	Bruce W. 5		Steve B. 5
1A	Dean W. 5	11	Jeff H. Abst*
	Jack R. Abst*		John L. Abst*
1B	Anita R. Abst*	12	John F. Abst*
	Laura M. Abst*		Ted S. Abst*
2	Beth Z. Absent		Walter G. 5
	Jared H. 5	13	John B. 5
	Chris N. 5		Marla J. 5
	Harold A. 5		Scott S. Abst*
2A	Paul N. 5*	13A	Nan V. Abst*
2B	Charlene L. Abst*		Rick L. 5
	James B. 5	13B	Andy G. Abst*
2E	Debra B. 5*		Craig F. Abst*
2G	Connie M. Abst*	14	Ira C. Abst*
	Pam B. 5		Stuart B. Abst*
2H	Cindy M. Abst*		Maurycy C. Abst*
	Doris S. Abst*		Mitch M. Abst*
2K	Zach L. 4	15	Alan J. Abst*
3	Kirk L. Absent		Jim G. Abst*
	Mark S. 5		Joe B. Absent
	Eric W. Abst*		Jesse C. Abst*
	Rob P. 5		Mildred N. 5
	Zeny K. 5		Stan C. 5
3A	Butch G. 5	16	Carl D. 5
	Hugo V. 5		Wayne C. Absent
	Karen T. 5	16A	Dan L. 5
3B	Ron G. Abst*	17	Ronny W. Abst*
3C	Terry D. Abst*	18	Andy D. 5*
3D	Jim L. Abst*		Michelle M. 5*
	Pat M. Abst*		Steve A. 5*
3F	Julian F. 5	18A	Mark C. Absent
4	Debbie R. Absent		Yvonne R. 5*
	Richard F. Absent	18B	Dot R. Absent
5	Sean N. 5		John H. 5*
5B	Adrien R. 5*	19	Carlos R. 5*
	Claude G. 5*		Gustavo J. 5*
6	Jo Anne B. Abst*	21	Angel B. 5*
	Steven C. Abst*		Juan B. 5*
	Steven H. Abst*	22	Andrew B. 5*
6A	Mike R. 5	28	Hector T. 5*
	David T. Absent		Martha G. 5
6B	Ron B. 5	29	Konstantin U. 5*
	Tom C. 5	33	Dario C. 5*
7	Iris D. Abst*		Moises H. 5*
	Patricia M. Abst*	36	Odie B. 5*
7A	King A. Absent		
	Marque P. Absent		
7C	Jim G. Absent		
8	Bob C. 5		
	Cindi M. 5		
	Pam E. 5		
	Reba-Anna L. Abst*	Chair B.O.T.	Andy R. 5
8A	Renee G. Abst*	1st Co-Chair B.O.T.	Steve F. Absent
9	Janet S. 5	2nd Co-Chair B.O.T.	Pete K. 5
	Patrick G. 5	Chair B.O.R.	Cathy F. 5
9A	Pat D. 5*	I.E.S.	KC B. 5
10	Ed G. 5		

\* Absentee Ballot Received.

# INDIVIDUAL LIFELINER DONATIONS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2021

<b>ARIZONA</b>		L580	Curtis G.
L211	Jim L.	L593	Grant M. x2
L221	Janat G.	L601	David L.
L267	Penny V.	L609	Kathie S.
L287	James S.	L617	Mike Z.
L396	Pam K.	L618	Hugh G.
L546	Mo M.	L623	Lucille T.
L692	Doug G.	L636	Robert C.
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>		L678	Lynell B.
L1	Bob W.	L701	David L.
L4	Tom M.	L716	James B.
L6	Bill S.	L751	Derek P.
L8	Dan B.	L772	Ara H.
L9	Mike M.	L834	Candice B.
L21	Ed E.	L836	Albert Y.
L31	Russell H.	L861	Roger L.
L70	Keith B.	L874	Aaron S.
L73	Karen H.	L907	Joseph G.
L87	Mike S.	<b>COLORADO</b>	
L88	Valerie D.	L147	Lou W.
L100	Mazi S.	<b>FLORIDA</b>	
L116	Rob D.	L2	Bill B.
L117	Steve F.	L81	Paulette T.
L120	Phil C.	L106	Raymond H.
L151	Murray F.	L143	Neal G.
L158	Gagik G.	L156	Richard M.
L161	Patricia A.	L159	Steve I.
L209	Jose C.	L160	Jim C.
L219	Len K.	L175	Lloyd A.
L246	Pat S.	L189	Norman O. x2
L273	Victor S.	L205	Steve P.
L298	Cathy F.	L225	Kevin K.
L301	Steve K.	L233	Robert M.
L314	Alan S.	L251	Frank G.
L353	Diane M.	L261	Stephen S.
L367	Jerry L.	L289	Ralph O.
L384	Alvin F. x2	L313	Herman G.
L390	Jack R.	L395	Daniel B.
L419	Rufus B.	L420	Mark S.
L432	Patrick P.	L423	Kathleen H.
L453	Bennett S.	L450	Neil S.
L480	Ezra B.	L483	Victor C.
L496	Guy H.	L511	Chris N.
L544	Harold A.	L549	Patricia P.
L563	Zachary Mc.	L607	Debbie M.

**FLORIDA (cont)**

L627 Pauline F.  
 L679 David T.  
 L695 Ronald B.  
 L809 John M.  
 L815 Linda S.  
 L835 Howard M.  
 L840 Janice M.  
 L843 Neal V.  
 L844 Arnie B.  
 L944 Brent S.

**GEORGIA**

L672 Tony L.

**HAWAII**

L553 David C.

**ILLINOIS**

L63 Bob C.  
 L114 Ellen Z.  
 L344 Eileen Z.  
 L459 Allen H.  
 L823 Luke W.

**INDIANA**

L229 Mary Ann R.

**KANSAS**

L194 Michelle J.  
 L918 Nancy W. x2

**KENTUCKY**

L115 Laura S.  
 L195 Steve B.

**LOUISIANA**

L27 Betty S.  
 L354 Kathy S.

**MASSACHUSETTS**

L318 Jeff H.  
 L598 Vinny S.

**MICHIGAN**

L272 Joann D.  
 L829 Edward K. x2

**MINNESOTA**

L565 Corey J.  
 L715 Debra M.  
 L803 Renee G.

**NEVADA**

L75 KC B.  
 L150 Rollo V.  
 L284 Kevin H.  
 L317 Pat M.  
 L325 Terry D.  
 L410 Joanne F.  
 L439 Ira K.  
 L486 Zeny K.

L541 Andrew B.  
 L599 Igor K.  
 L602 Trey D.  
 L612 Dan Mc.  
 L665 Richard S.  
 L690 Lenore D.  
 L837 Harriet K.  
 L846 Bobby B.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

L277 Roy W.

**NEW JERSEY**

L174 Mike D.  
 L179 Chris N.  
 L183 Robin D.  
 L212 Marshall R.  
 L213 Michael D.  
 L223 Fred D.  
 L266 Kivey G.  
 L311 Andrew D.  
 L349 George L.  
 L350 John D.  
 L351 Russell H.  
 L356 Andy R.  
 L357 Andrew M.  
 L409 Barry H.  
 L429 Dennis S.  
 L433 Joseph F.  
 L438 Matthew C.  
 L482 Ann K.  
 L497 Dave S.  
 L560 Frank M.  
 L589 Ronald W.  
 L642 David M.  
 L818 Michael D.  
 L856 Scott B.  
 L863 Kathleen P.

**NEW MEXICO**

L572 Liane M.  
 L662 Joel K.  
 L847 Catherine B.

**NEW YORK**

L10 Bill B.  
 L16 Kenny M.  
 L95 Larry B.  
 L217 Paul S.  
 L278 Harlan S.  
 L303 Alan J.  
 L308 Jordan P.  
 L465 Mohammed M.  
 L516 Susan W.  
 L554 Dan L. x2



**NEW YORK (cont)**

L566 Robert K.  
 L852 Norberto B.  
 L882 Joe B.  
 L887 Pierre J. x3  
 L951 Brad B.

**NORTH CAROLINA**

L493 Gary G.  
 L494 Mary D.  
 L495 Garnet P.  
 L498 Suzanne R.  
 L499 Mike S.  
 L500 Sammy D.  
 L503 John J.  
 L504 Vivian W.  
 L506 Chuck T.  
 L510 Eric S.  
 L513 Dennis O.

**OHIO**

L948 Edward G.

**OREGON**

L881 Pam B.

L912 David U.

**PENNSYLVANIA**

L40 Dan M.  
 L71 Marla J.  
 L345 John B.  
 L533 Debbie D.  
 L820 Josh S.  
 L822 David S.  
 L854 Jacquona B.

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

L460 Lou M.

**TEXAS**

L245 Alan S.

**WASHINGTON**

L425 Terry D.  
 L659 Connie M.

**WISCONSIN**

L443 Constance T.

**VANCOUVER**

L719 David C.

**LATVIA**

L903 Kristaps D.

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## ANNIVERSARIES

<b>47 YEARS</b> .....	JAY G.	11/24	Yonkers, NY
<b>46 YEARS</b> .....	JIM D.	10/18	Lindenhurst, NY
<b>44 YEARS</b> .....	DANNY V.	11/16	Baldwin, NY
	CAM L.	11/25	Calgary, AB
<b>37 YEARS</b> .....	RONNIE W.	9/7	Hartford, CT
<b>36 YEARS</b> .....	TOM R.	11/1	Coventry/Mansfield, CT
	DOT C.	11/17	Las Vegas, NV
	BOB L.	11/24	Bensonhurst Recovery, NY
<b>34 YEARS</b> .....	IKE D.	11/7	Ocean Parkway, NY
<b>31 YEARS</b> .....	IRENE K.	11/25	Las Vegas, NV
<b>30 YEARS</b> .....	JOYCE M.	10/21	Auburn, CA
	JOE L.	11/22	Woodbury, NY
<b>29 YEARS</b> .....	BOB C.	10/23	North Vancouver, BC
	ALAN B.	11/1	Woodbury, NY
	DENNIS M.	11/11	Wantagh, NY
<b>28 YEARS</b> .....	TONY C.	11/2	East 31 <sup>st</sup> St., NY
	SHELLY S.	11/14	Willingboro, NJ
<b>27 YEARS</b> .....	ROB K.	10/20	Rockville Centre, NY
	JOHN C.	11/9	Anaheim, CA
	JOHN H.	11/9	East Northport, NY
<b>26 YEARS</b> .....	ROD B.	10/19	Mermaid Beach, QLD
	DANNY F.	11/20	Reseda, CA

<b>25 YEARS</b> .....	JOEY T.	10/29	Santa Monica, CA
	TONY D.	11/4	San Diego, CA
	JOEY T.	11/16	East 31 <sup>st</sup> St., NY
<b>24 YEARS</b> .....	DREW P.	8/15	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
	REGGIE W.	10/28	Wantagh, NY
	JOHN C.	11/8	Staten Island, NY
<b>23 YEARS</b> .....	MIKE H.	11/17	East 79 <sup>th</sup> St., NY
<b>22 YEARS</b> .....	DOUG G.	9/3	Scottsdale, AZ
	DON A.	11/5	San Diego, CA
<b>21 YEARS</b> .....	MARY L.	8/17	Plantation, FL
	CAROLE M.	9/6	Plantation, FL
	JANET R.	10/3	East Northport, NY
	MIKE H.	10/12	Wantagh, NY
	PAUL N.	10/18	Surrey, BC
<b>20 YEARS</b> .....	ROBERT P.	11/30	Voorhees, NJ
	HEIDI M.	10/9	Downers Grove, IL
	LARRY J.	11/23	East 31 <sup>st</sup> St., NY
	TERRI K.	11/30	Las Vegas, NV
	MIKE Z.	11/2	Douglaston, NY
<b>19 YEARS</b> .....	JOHN T.	11/4	San Diego, CA
	JOHN H.	10/17	White Rock, BC
<b>18 YEARS</b> .....	TOM J.	11/7	Settlement House/St. Xavier, NY
	CHRIS B.	11/22	Vails Gate, NY
	MIKE W.	11/25	White Plains, NY
	MARK S.	11/15	Woodbury, NY
<b>17 YEARS</b> .....	JOHN B.	10/5	Wantagh, NY
	ERIC P.	11/21	Settlement House/St. Xavier, NY
<b>16 YEARS</b> .....	BARB L.	10/1	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
	TIM D.	11/3	Calgary, AB
	JEFF L.	11/5	San Diego, CA
	JUDY J.	11/8	Las Vegas, NV
	NICKY C.	11/21	St. Finbars, NY
	HAROLD S.	11/28	Staten Island, NY
	GEORGE T.	11/29	Vails Gate, NY
	JEFF M.	10/14	Bloomington, IL
<b>15 YEARS</b> .....	CATHERINE F.	11/5	San Diego, CA
	TOM F.	11/7	San Diego, CA
	DON C.	11/16	Ardley, NY
	GURI C.	8/11	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
<b>14 YEARS</b> .....	BECKY G.	8/20	Joliet, IL
	JOHN S.	10/6	Patchogue, NY
	MICHELE C.	10/9	Hartford, CT
	MICHAEL W.	10/24	Penticton, BC
	DALE N.	10/29	Hicksville, NY
	REGGIE B.	11/9	East 31 <sup>st</sup> St., NY
	ROD P.	11/9	Calgary, AB
	JOEL K.	11/29	San Diego, CA
	TULA R.	9/4	Plantation, FL
<b>13 YEARS</b> .....	HOWARD S.	11/11	Linwood, NJ
	JIM K.	11/13	East Northport, NY

<b>11 YEARS</b> .....	KENNY M.	11/1	New City, NY
<b>10 YEARS</b> .....	STEVE S.	8/29	Joliet, IL
	PEGGY H.	10/18	Schaumburg, IL
	DAMON D.	11/8	Smithtown, NY
	REYNOLDS F.	11/11	Las Vegas, NV
	CHRIS M.	11/20	Bronx Our Savior, NY
	REUBEN T.	11/21	Ocean Parkway, NY
<b>9 YEARS</b> .....	DEE L.	11/9	Las Vegas, NV
<b>8 YEARS</b> .....	WILLETTA W.	11/14	St. Albans, NY
	BARB T.	11/21	Willow Grove, PA
	RYAN	11/21	Calgary, AB
	RITA B.	11/25	Rochester, NY
<b>7 YEARS</b> .....	DAVE C.	10/21	North Vancouver, BC
	CHRIS T.	11/8	Mount Vernon, NY
	PILAR F.	11/20	Reseda, CA
<b>6 YEARS</b> .....	BOB C.	10/5	Aurora, IL
	ZIVIA G.	10/15	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
	DIANE	11/2	Medicine Hat, AB
	STEF R.	11/7	Willingboro, NJ
	VINNY G.	11/8	Woodbury, NY
	SANDY R.	11/10	San Diego, CA
	BOB D.	11/17	West Bridgewater, MA
	ALEX S.	11/23	East 31 <sup>st</sup> St., NY
	JIM T. (2)	11/30	San Diego, CA
<b>5 YEARS</b> .....	LIZ L.	11/3	San Diego, CA
	RICK R.	11/4	San Diego, CA
	GENE J.	11/6	Downey, CA
	KEVIN R.	11/6	East Northport, NY
<b>4 YEARS</b> .....	JANET H.	9/26	Plantation, FL
	JESSICA	11/4	Paramount/Lakewood, CA
	AARRON	11/19	Calgary, AB
	MARIE R.	11/21	Plantation, FL
	DAVE Z.	11/22	Somerdale, NJ
<b>3 YEARS</b> .....	DEB K.	10/20	Elgin, IL
	FERMIN V.	11/1	Bronx Our Savior, NY
	KYLE M.	11/3	East 79 <sup>th</sup> St., NY
	JON G.	11/3	Fort Worth, TX
	JOAQUIN C.	11/6	San Diego, CA
	TINA A.	11/7	St. Albans, NY
	JOANNE M.	11/10	East 79 <sup>th</sup> St., NY
	BETH E.	11/17	Yonkers, NY
	TOM E.	11/20	East Northport, NY
	RAY B.	11/28	Settlement House/St. Xavier, NY
<b>2 YEARS</b> .....	JEREMY F.	9/27	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
	ADAM W.	9/30	Plantation, FL
	RICHARD R.	10/17	Plantation, FL
	RICKY Z.	11/6	Bronx Our Savior, NY
	DIANE D.	11/11	Marlton, NJ
	BETTINA L.	11/11	Congers, NY
	DEBBIE C.	11/14	Willow Grove, PA

<b>2 YEARS (cont)</b> . . . . .	AARON W.	11/14	Wausau, WI
	GILIO P.	11/18	White Plains, NY
	JOEL W.	11/24	Las Vegas, NV
	BRANDON	11/30	Calgary, AB
<b>1 YEAR</b> . . . . .	TOM P.	10/8	Plantation, FL
	HOWARD S.	10/25	Woodbury, NY
	CHARLIE S.	10/27	Patchogue, NY
	LORENZO K.	11/3	Staten Island, NY
	LOUIE D.	11/5	Hicksville, NY
	DANA O.	11/8	San Diego, CA
	KAYLYNN G.	11/18	San Diego, CA
	DAN D.	11/30	East 31 <sup>st</sup> St., NY
	NOAH B.	11/30	East 31 <sup>st</sup> St., NY
	BARRY B.	11/28	St. Albans, NY

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## INDIVIDUAL LIFELINER DONATIONS OCTOBER 2021

ARIZONA (7)	95.00	NEW HAMPSHIRE (1)	50.00
CALIFORNIA (54)	2,885.00	NEW JERSEY (25)	914.00
COLORADO (1)	125.00	NEW MEXICO (3)	60.00
FLORIDA (34)	1,229.00	NEW YORK (15)	558.00
GEORGIA (1)	80.00	NORTH CAROLINA (11)	75.00
HAWAII (1)	150.00	OHIO (1)	5.00
ILLINOIS (5)	90.00	OREGON (2)	45.00
INDIANA (1)	20.00	PENNSYLVANIA (7)	147.00
KANSAS (2)	200.00	SOUTH CAROLINA (1)	20.00
KENTUCKY (2)	60.00	TEXAS (1)	50.00
LOUISIANA (2)	20.00	WASHINGTON (2)	20.00
MASSACHUSETTS (2)	63.00	WISCONSIN (1)	15.00
MICHIGAN (2)	13.00	VANCOUVER (1)	180.00
MINNESOTA (3)	90.00	LATVIA (1)	33.00
NEVADA (16)	426.00	<b>TOTAL (205)</b>	<b>\$7,718.00</b>

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## I.S.O. CAN CONTRIBUTIONS OCTOBER 2021

### CALIFORNIA

C49	Orange County Intergroup	378.00	C404	Lincoln Friday	19.00
C77	San Diego Intergroup	262.00	C765	Fair Oaks Thursday AM	95.00
C180	Stockton Tuesday	24.00	C971	Pinole Monday	29.00
C184	Sacramento Tuesday AM	76.00	C1105	Sacramento Stop & Grow Saturday AM	5.00
C194	Orangevale Friday PM	30.00	C1302	Roseville Friday	23.00

**CONNECTICUT**

C51 Coventry Wednesday 79.00

**FLORIDA**

C123 Singer Island Saturday 25.00 C263 Plantation Wednesday PM 34.00  
C262 Plantation Friday PM 11.00 C1062 Coral Springs Monday 10.00

**GEORGIA**

C1539 Norcross Sunday 10.00

**ILLINOIS**

C62 Burbank Thursday 250.00 C423 Naperville 50.00  
C146 St. Charles Elgin Sunday 9.00

**LOUISIANA**

C849 Slidell Sunday 35.00

**MASSACHUSETTS**

C748 Quincy Saturday AM 53.00 C1600 Canton Tuesday 54.00  
C792 Hanson Thursday PM 22.00

**OREGON**

C1480 Oregon City Friday 16.00

**PENNSYLVANIA**

C208 South Hills Tuesday 23.00

**TEXAS**

C1587 Ft. Worth Tuesday 17.00

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**CAN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM GRATITUDE WEEK  
OCTOBER 2021**

**CALIFORNIA**

C49 Orange County Intergroup 182.00 C1105 Sacramento Stop & Grow  
C194 Orangevale Friday PM 14.00 Saturday AM 125.00  
C404 Lincoln Friday 10.00 C1302 Roseville Friday 150.00  
C765 Fair Oaks Thursday AM 28.00 C1694 Auburn Wednesday 44.50

**FLORIDA**

C123 Singer Island Saturday 12.00 C260 Plantation Tuesday 45.00

## GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS OCTOBER 2021

<b>ARIZONA</b>		Quincy Saturday PM	33.00
Green Valley Saturday-Early		<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>	
Risers	25.00	Raleigh	50.00
Phoenix Thursday PM	50.00	<b>NEW JERSEY</b>	
Tempe Tuesday PM	100.00	Freehold Friday	25.00
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>		Linwood Thursday	100.00
Burbank Friday	45.00	Metuchen Tuesday	50.00
Glendale Wednesday	51.00	Ridgewood Wednesday	25.00
Lakewood	83.00	Sayrewoods	75.00
Lincoln Sunday	18.00	Somerdale	25.00
Monterey Monday	30.00	Turnersville	200.00
Oroville Monday PM	60.00	Willingboro Sunday	75.00
Rancho Cucamonga Thursday		<b>NEW YORK</b>	
Noon	15.00	Clay Friday	20.00
Rancho Cucamonga		North Tonawanda	50.00
Thursday PM	40.25	Staten Island Monday	25.00
Rancho Cucamonga		Staten Island Wednesday	20.00
Saturday	23.00	Staten Island Saturday AM	50.00
Reseda Saturday AM	25.00	<b>OHIO</b>	
Santa Monica Beach Sunday	87.00	Columbus Thursday-	
Ventura Sunday	50.00	Grandview	45.00
Westlake Thursday	50.00	<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>		Belmont Monday	50.00
Pawcatuck Tuesday	5.00	Bethlehem Thursday	30.00
<b>DELAWARE</b>		Bethlehem Saturday	25.00
Wilmington Tuesday AM	55.00	Collegeville/Trappe Thursday	75.00
Wilmington Saturday AM	65.00	Doylestown Monday	25.00
<b>FLORIDA</b>		Harrisburg Monday	60.00
Boca Raton Friday	50.00	Havertown Monday	25.00
Boca Raton Friday PM	50.00	Langhorne Tuesday	25.00
Delray Beach Thursday –		Media Wednesday	50.00
Crossroads	25.00	Willow Grove Wednesday	20.00
Delray Beach Saturday –		<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	
Crossroads	25.00	Warwick Saturday AM	25.00
Delray Beach Sunday –		<b>TEXAS</b>	
Crossroads	25.00	Dallas Pathways Sunday	50.00
Sanford Thursday	100.00	You are Fort Worth It Online	163.00
Sarasota Wednesday	75.00	<b>WASHINGTON</b>	
<b>GEORGIA</b>		Issaquah Wednesday	20.00
Norcross Sunday Korean	10.00	Lynnwood Monday	50.00
<b>ILLINOIS</b>		Snohomish Friday PM	10.00
Chicago Friday AM –		Spokane @ Country Homes	25.00
Schiller Park	13.50	<b>WISCONSIN</b>	
Forest Park	20.00	Stevens Point Monday PM	20.00
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>		<b>KOREA</b>	
Indiana Orchard	50.00	Seoul	50.00
North Andover Tuesday	77.25		

## GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FROM GRATITUDE WEEK OCTOBER 2021

<b>CALIFORNIA</b>		Hamburg Friday	41.00
Lincoln Sunday	25.00	Syracuse Tuesday	25.00
Yuba City Tuesday	41.00	Syracuse Friday	25.00
<b>DELAWARE</b>		Webster Saturday AM	30.00
Stanton Friday	10.00	<b>OREGON</b>	
<b>FLORIDA</b>		Oregon City Friday	50.00
Naples Monday	600.00	<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	
Plantation Wednesday	10.00	Doylestown Monday	50.00
Plantation Friday	9.00	Langhorne Tuesday	100.00
Pompano Beach	75.00	<b>WASHINGTON</b>	
<b>INDIANA</b>		Snohomish Friday PM	50.00
Indianapolis Sunday	125.00	West Seattle Thursday	10.00
Fort Wayne Saturday	125.00	<b>CANADA</b>	
<b>MAINE</b>		<b>ONTARIO</b>	
York Maine	41.00	Windsor	100.00
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>		Windsor Monday	78.74
Roseland Friday AM	47.00	Windsor Thursday PM	78.74
<b>NEW YORK</b>		<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	
Hamburg Wednesday AM	65.00	Queensland RSO	3.61

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## INTERGROUP CONTRIBUTIONS OCTOBER 2021

Chicagoland . . . . .	32.00	New England . . . . .	41.00
Greater Sacramento . . . . .	30.00	New Jersey . . . . .	256.00
Houston/Gulf Coast . . . . .	150.00	Northern Nevada . . . . .	353.00
Inland Empire . . . . .	125.00	South Florida . . . . .	100.00
L.A. Intergroup . . . . .	150.00	Vancouver & Lower Mainland . . .	151.00
Long Island . . . . .	300.00		

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## INTERGROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FROM GRATITUDE WEEK OCTOBER 2021

Orange County	329.03
South Jersey	500.00
Northern Nevada	300.00

**NATIONAL HOTLINE DONATIONS  
OCTOBER 2021**

Area 1	Intergroup L.A.	14.00
Area 6A	South Florida	20.00

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**BULLETIN SUBSCRIPTIONS  
OCTOBER 2021**

Three Bulletin Subscriptions for a total of \$ 144.00

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**ONE TIME DONATIONS  
OCTOBER 2021**

One-Time Donation  
Jim D., Baldwinsville, New York

One-Time Donation in honor of Mo M.'s 29 years,  
and Dick B.'s 13 years.  
Syracuse Saturday AM – Sunshine

One-Time Donation commemorating Bob K.'s 51 years of abstinence  
in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.  
Steven F., Boca Raton, Florida

One-Time Donation  
Donald A., Santee, California

One-Time Donation in honor of Chuck N.'s 32 years.  
Rochester Monday, New York

One-Time Donation in honor of Bob K.'s 51-year anniversary.  
Intergroup of the Carolinas

October Meeting Donation  
Board of Regents

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



One-Time Donation in loving memory  
of my friend and lunch partner, Bud A.  
Karen H., Monrovia, California

One-Time Donation in memory of Marti B.,  
wife of Malcom B., a great lady who helped many people  
during her life. May she rest in peace.  
Tom M., Millbrae, California

One-Time Donation in memory of Bud A.,  
a great member and good friend. May he rest in peace.  
Tom M., Millbrae, California

One-Time Donation in memory of Mary C.  
Bill B., Delray Beach, Florida

One-Time Donation in memory of Bud A.  
Bill B., Delray Beach, Florida

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**ONE TIME INDIVIDUAL MEMBER DONATIONS  
FROM GRATITUDE WEEK  
OCTOBER 2021**

Dirk N. – California  
Herman G. – Florida  
Hugh H. – Florida  
Isaac – Florida  
Ivan G. – Florida  
Mario P. – Florida  
Neal G. – Florida  
Neal S. – Florida  
Tracey G. – Florida  
Dennis C. – New York  
Dave C. – British Columbia

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS  
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE  
OPERATING STATEMENT  
OCTOBER 2021**

CASH IN OPERATING ACCOUNT OCTOBER 1, 2021, ..... \$ 293,770.06\*

RECEIPTS FOR OCTOBER

Group Contributions .....	3,064.00
Lifeliners .....	7,718.00
I.S.O. Can Contributions .....	1,639.00
Intergroup Contributions .....	1,688.00
One-Time Donations .....	1,180.00
National Hotline Donations .....	34.00
Gratitude Week Contributions .....	3,852.83
Bulletin Subscriptions .....	144.00
Sale of Literature .....	13,703.73
Literature Shipping .....	3,187.32
Sales Tax Collected .....	102.26
E-Readers .....	12.60
Merchant Services Cash Reward .....	1.53
Interest From Checking Account .....	1.67
PayPal Literature Processing Fees .....	618.52
Bank Adjustment .....	.28

TOTAL ..... \$ 36,947.74

CASH AVAILABLE FOR OCTOBER ..... \$ 330,717.80

DISBURSEMENTS FOR OCTOBER

Rent & Cam Fees .....	5,257.29
Payroll .....	16,201.68
Payroll Taxes (Federal & State) .....	1,304.52
Quarterly State Sales Tax .....	316.00
Outside Contractors/Consulting .....	4,162.50
Office Expenses .....	476.54
Payroll Processing Fees .....	218.76
Health Insurance .....	1,623.63
Telephone .....	428.69
Electric Bill .....	386.71
Quarterly Air Conditioning/Heater Maintenance .....	70.00
Computer/Internet .....	302.94
Match For Employees Simple IRA .....	423.56
Office Insurance .....	1,798.00
Workers Compensation Insurance .....	1,015.00
Visa/MC Service Fee .....	85.50
Chair B.O.T. Orlando 2021 Meeting Expenses .....	4,478.64
Literature .....	3,653.48
PayPal Literature Processing Fees .....	618.52
Postage .....	4,000.00
Lifeline Bulletins .....	749.30
Returned Check .....	100.00
Returned Check Charge .....	12.00
Bank Adjustment .....	.28

\*To Open US Bank CD 195,000.00

TOTAL ..... \$ 242,683.54

CASH IN OPERATING ACCOUNT AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2021..... \$ 88,034.26

DISBURSEMENTS IN EXCESS OF INCOME ..... - \$ 10,735.80

# G.A. APPROVED TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL MEETING INFORMATION - SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

## 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
Sunday 9PM	267-807-9601	9131957 #	weeklycallhelp@gmail.com
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

**SPANISH-BASED MEETINGS FROM MEXICO** – Worldwide access is available with non-US country local phone numbers. Please use the email address below to obtain those local area numbers.

### Day and Time

Mexico City Time	Call in Number	Meeting Code	Email for Information
Wednesday 8PM	712-770-5306	565387 #	Miercoles8PMayuda@gmail.com
Saturday 6PM	712-770-5377	432973 #	Sabado6PMayuda@gmail.com

## SPANISH-BASED MEETINGS FROM SPAIN

### Day and Time

Madrid Time	Call in Number	Meeting Code	Email for Information
Sunday 7PM	712-770-5370	781589 #	area21ayuda@jugadoresanonimos.org
Tuesday 7PM	712-770-5370	781589 #	area21ayuda@jugadoresanonimos.org
Thursday 7PM	712-770-5370	781589 #	area21ayuda@jugadoresanonimos.org

## 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](http://trusteewebsite.com/telephone-conference-call)

# *Where would you be today without G.A.? Become a Lifeliner Today!*

*A Lifeliner is a member of the G.A. fellowship who cares enough about the financial well being of G.A. to make a monthly donation. This donation helps to insure that G.A. will always be there for the compulsive gambler who still suffers.*

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.

We are self supporting through our own contributions.

How often have you thought or heard: "Gamblers Anonymous saved my life. I can't do enough to repay the program for what it has done for me."

One of the ways you can give is by becoming a Lifeliner. Simply fill out the bottom of this flyer and send it to I.S.O. with your personal monthly tax deductible contribution and you will receive a receipt by return mail along with an envelope for your next month's contribution. It's that easy!!

***Do it today – it's the right thing to do!***

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I PLEDGE A MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT OF: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY & STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mail this with your initial contribution to:*  
GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS I.S.O.  
4981 IRWINDALE AVE., #700, IRWINDALE, CA 91706

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