

March 8, 2020

To all Area 8A Gamblers Anonymous Members:

In February, a letter was mailed to each GA group advising of the opportunity to nominate members to serve our area as a Trustee. Unfortunately there was confusion over dates and contact information. This letter replaces the letter sent last month.

It is time once again to call for nominations for members to represent Area 8A as Trustees for the next two years.

Area 8A is allocated two Trustees and the elections will be held to fill those positions. Any GA member or GA group may nominate a member who meets the two year clean time requirement, even themselves.

Nominations must be received by April 1, 2020. Please be sure to include a contact number for the person being nominated. Nominations can be sent via US postal mail or email.

Nominations may be mailed to:

Minnesota GA
P.O. Box 40023
St. Paul, MN 55104

or emailed to:

mn.ga.webweaver@gmail.com

After nominations have been received, each nominee will be contacted by members of the nomination committee to ensure they are willing to serve. The nomination committee will then print a ballot listing the names of the persons willing to serve as Trustee.

The Trustee ballot will be mailed to all GA groups in Area 8A by April 14, 2020, along with a short biography written by the nominees introducing themselves to the fellowship.

Once your group receives the ballot, your group can vote. As Area 8A is allocated two Trustees, each group can vote for two nominees. However, if you attend more than one meeting in Area 8A, please only vote at one meeting.

After your group has voted, ballots can be returned to the election committee chairperson, and instructions will be provided in the forthcoming ballot. Ballots should be delivered to the election committee chairperson by May 2, 2020. They can be sent by mail, email, or hand-delivered to Intergroup at the May 2 meeting.

Enclosed are descriptions of the duties of a Trustee.

Many thanks to all of you for your help in this process!

In service,

Area 8A Election Committee

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEES OF GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

The following is the listing of Guidelines as per the green Information Packet booklet.

1. Attend all physical Board of Trustees meetings and answer all mail and quick response board meetings.
2. Be a living example of the precepts of Gamblers Anonymous and personally work the Steps of Recovery and Unity.
3. Uphold the Guidance Code, and all decisions made by the Board of Trustees (not fulfilling this affects G.A. as a whole).
4. Attend as many of the various group meetings within your area as possible. Where physical attendance is not possible, keep in regular communication through the mail and/or telephone.
5. Be available to all members and groups in your Trustee area for advice and guidance. Work with the trusted servants to correct the issues that do not conform with the Guidance Code and all decisions of the Board of Trustees (not fulfilling this affects G.A. as a whole).
6. Attend Gamblers Anonymous functions such as open meetings, mini-conferences, dinner dances, picnics, etc.
7. Offer assistance to any group that has a problem.
8. Serve actively on committees on the Board of Trustees.
9. Be a Lifeline and encourage group and membership to support the International Service Office through Lifelines and Group Contributions.
10. Regularly attend Gamblers Anonymous meetings, at least thirty-nine Gamblers Anonymous meetings a year.
11. Make area groups aware of and encourage use of tools of Gamblers Anonymous such as Pressure Group Pamphlets, Group Handbook, Sponsorship Pamphlets, Big Book, Public Relations Material, Ninety Day Plateau, New Member Letter, etc.
12. Attend Regional or Intergroup meetings if they exist in your area.
13. Actively participate in communicating with the Board of Trustees, individual members, group, Intergroup, to obtain agenda items for the Board of Trustees.
14. A Trustee should offer assistance to any members starting a new G.A. group.
15. A Trustee should regularly write his/her area happenings and any other thoughts to the bulletin.

16. Uphold the Board of Trustees responsibilities to the Literature Committee and its approved guidelines by:
 - a) being completely familiar, prior to the B.O.T. meetings, with the content of all literature submitted to the B.O.T. for approval;
 - b) making suggestions to the Literature Committee for improvement of said literature, if approved by B.O.T., within 30 days subsequent to the B.O.T. meetings. (note: Literature proposals from a committee, once passed, are excluded from B.O.T. suggestions.)
17. Bring all upcoming agenda items to the attention of all groups in your area prior to all B.O.T. meetings for input that will guide all the trustees from your area at all B.O.T. meetings.

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