

CANDIDATES BIOGRAPHIES

ARA H., BURBANK, CA

I am the current BOR Chairman of Gamblers Anonymous. I have been in this position since December of 2023 when our previous Chairman had to step down due to personal reasons. Though I have never served in this position I feel like it has been a challenging and learning experience. I love to give back and I am happy to have done so. This is my fourth term on the BOR, I have been Vice-Chair, Treasurer in the past. I have also served five terms as Trustee for Area 1 Los Angeles. I am also the Chairman of the IRC since 2017.

I have been self-employed since 2001 and run my own Incorporated business.

Last bet was October 13, 1995 and my home meeting is Burbank Monday night.

BILL B., DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA

I am interested in running for the Board of Regents for the term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2027. I have been a member of Gamblers Anonymous since July 26, 1970 and have attended approximately 100 live meetings plus additional virtual meetings in the last 12 months. My last bet was on July 15, 1970. Previously I was a Trustee from New Jersey and have been a member of the Board of Regents for 4 terms. My home group is Sunday 11:30 AM at the Crossroads Club in Delray Beach Florida.

I have been active at the group level as a Trusted Servant, participated in many PRGM and presented workshops at International and local conferences. Currently I am Treasurer of South Florida Intergroup(Area 6) and recently completed a 28 week Writing the Steps workshop as a co-facilitator.

I have been a Life-Liner since 1970 and continue to financially support Gamblers Anonymous at the meeting level plus ISO too.

I have had the same sponsor for about 50 years and currently sponsor 6 members. I have lived in Flushing (Queens), Central New Jersey, Los Angeles and presently Delray Beach, Florida. My friendships continue for all of those areas and the members who I communicate with all the time.

I am retired after being employed in the Financial Industry for over 50 years.

My long-term service and available time will enable me to represent our organization. Thank you for your consideration.

Bill B.

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BOB W., RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CALIFORNIA

My name is Bob W. and I am a recovering compulsive gambler. I have not made a bet in over 41 years. I am entering my name for the election to the Board of Regents for the July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2027 period. I have previously served 20 years on the BOR holding every position at least once. I was Chair for 10 of those years. I also am a past Chair of the Board of Trustees. I have also chaired 4 International Conferences and have been Chairman of 2 different Intergroups several times. For me being continually involved is very important for my recovery. I still go to at least 2 meetings a week. I am also a retired businessman spending over 50 years selling old and rare books from my house and through 6 different bookstores that I owned. I welcome your vote to enable me to serve 2 more years.

Bob W.

CHUCK H., HESPERIA, CALIFORNIA

To whom it may concern: my name is Chuck H. I have been involved with G.A. for many years. I served as secretary for the IESHC in the past and currently the Secretary for the Tuesday Hesperia meeting. G.A. has changed my life with their help. Thanks to the words said in therapy, my Higher Power, and the 12-step program, I have not placed a bet since September 30, 2019. I strongly encourage you to vote for me to serve on the Board of Regents. I am a retired educator and have worked for 18 years for one of them in the High Desert.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Chuck H.

JACKIE C., LAS VEGAS, NV

Have been active in Gamblers Anonymous of Southern Nevada for the past 19 years, serving on various committees and positions including: 3 years as Business Meeting Secretary, 8 years as GASN Treasurer, Co-Chairman of Mini Convention Planning Committee, Chair of Financial Review Committee, Chair of Election Committee, Chair of Guidance Code Review Committee. I currently serve as a member of Entity Development Committee, member of Mini Convention Planning Committee, Chair of Literature Committee and Chair of Financial Review Committee.

I am currently retired. Prior to retirement I was Owner/Operator of a printing company in Santa Monica, CA for 7 years, Realtor in Las Vegas for 35 years, eCommerce Entrepreneur for 5 years and Office Administrator/Accountant of husband's Tree Removal business for 10 years.

I volunteer with the Veterans to navigate the wonderful world of VA Disability, helping them get the benefits they are entitled to. Currently have 6 Veterans successfully receiving 100% + Disability payments and working with 3 still in the process.

I am a Nationally Certified Firewalk Instructor- I can walk barefoot across hot coals successfully but could not quit gambling until I was fortunate enough to find Gamblers Anonymous.

19 years of Abstinence/Recovery as of January 17, 2025.
Homegroup: Good Samaritan at the Lakes-Las Vegas, NV
702-981-9212

JAMES C., RANCHO, CUCAMONGA, CA

My name is James C. I am seventy-one years old. Being married and divorced twice. Have four children. I worked for United California Bank for fourteen years and then for K-Mart 20 years. In all those years I was gambling. I did not think I was a compulsive gambler but then it got worse. You see I am a believer in Jesus. I read the Bible, pray and go to church but still could not stop gambling until I came to a G.A. group. Since then, I have not gambled for 1,253 days. Isn't that wonderful. I stopped gambling on August 27, 2021.

James C.

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JOE C., INLAND EMPIRE, CA

My name is Joe C. I'm from Area 2B Inland Empire meeting. Abstinence date: September 14, 2010. I'm interested in running for the Board of Regents again. My bio is below.

I have been Abstinent for over 14 years. I attend at least two meetings per week at the inland Empire Center.

I have served as Secretary of a meeting for the last 5 years.

I was a Board of Trustees member for two years.

I have assisted in fund raisers and giving back to the program by being on the 800 number for problem gamblers, giving members rides to a meeting, etc.

I'm a Life-Liner. Currently, I'm the Co-Chair of the Inland Empire intergroup.

Thank you for your consideration to serve as a member of the BOR.

Joe C.

909-633-4712

JOJO B., CHANNEL ISLANDS BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Hi, I'm Jo-Jo B., a compulsive gambler from Channel Islands Beach, CA who protects the date of 6/3/2003.

I am truly honored to be considered for the opportunity to serve on the Board of Regents.

My service commitments within Gamblers Anonymous have included chairing and secretary roles in meetings, sponsoring women, being on the phone list, and participating in various committees within my service area. Additionally, I served as both Chair and Secretary for our IG meetings and was a Trustee representing Area 3 in Las Vegas for two terms (2008-2012). Since 2007, I have

actively contributed to Mini conventions and International conventions by presenting workshops, and I continue to do so today.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve in a new capacity and believe my experience, strength, and hope will be valuable to the board. At the same time, I am eager to grow personally & spiritually and contribute meaningfully to this important work.

Blessings & thank you for your consideration!

JoJo B.

MARC L., PRESCOTT, AZ

Former Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer and multiple-time Member of the Board of Regents. Former Trustee multiple times.

Prescott, AZ Monday Step meeting, Area 3D

Abstinence/Recovery Date: February 9, 1983.

My first commitment to Gamblers Anonymous was to clean out the ashtrays at the Thursday night Gerritson Beach, Brooklyn meeting. Since then, I have had almost every possible service commitment from the meeting level to Intergroup to the BOR to the BOT. I believe in "get involved and be of service" as well as rotation. I believe I'm qualified as a former business owner, board member of other non-profit organizations, and program manager for a treatment program.

The reason I'm running after a long hiatus is to help revamp the website to update the store with descriptions of our products, reduce postage, and make access to Zoom meetings easier. I also think it's important to help increase our revenue from the membership, especially from virtual meetings. I would also like to help with the business side of creating virtual Trustee meetings.

Sincerely,

Marc L.

949-412-9322



MARK M., BLOOMINGDALE, IL

Here is my information I would like to provide: Mark M.- Clean date: April 11, 1998. Have not served as a Board of Regent previously. Home group: Bloomingdale, IL. (630) 209-9915

Biography: Since my first meeting, I have been involved with Gamblers Anonymous in many ways. My volunteering has included:

- 1) Chairing Meetings
- 2) Secretary of a meeting
- 3) Chicagoland Intergroup Rep for several years
- 4) Chicagoland Intergroup Pressure Relief Chairman for 3 years
- 5) 2004 Chicagoland Spring Conference Workshop Co-Chairperson
- 6) 2022 Chicagoland Spring Day Of Spirituality Co-Chairperson

- 7) 2021 Chicagoland Intergroup 1st Chairperson
- 8) Helped sponsor several members including 3 current members
- 9) Currently help with the Chicagoland Phone Service
- 10) Am called on to lead or assist with Financial Pressure Reliefs
- 11) Consistently attend two meetings a week since surrendering 26 years ago

I hope I can further humbly help Gamblers Anonymous as a member of the Board and appreciate everyone's help and assistance in this endeavor.

Thank you!

Mark M.

RICHARD C., CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA

Past member of the Board of Regents

July 11, 1997

Calgary Southwood GA group.

My name is Richard C. I am a compulsive gambler from Calgary, Alberta, Canada and a past member of the BOR. I have not gambled since July 11, 1997. I would like your consideration in electing me to serve as a member of the Board of Regents for the upcoming term. I feel that there should always be international representation on the Board of Regents as GA is an International fellowship. Let me serve as an international representative. I have served 3 terms on the Board of Regents and 4 terms as trustee for Southern Alberta. On our Intergroup, I have served as Chairperson, Treasurer, webmaster, telephone chairman and literature chairperson. At the group level, I open up meetings (clean up and tear down), chair and are group treasure/secretary. I am just a compulsive gambler wanting to help other compulsive gamblers. Being of service has helped me in my recovery. I ask for your support in electing me to the Board of Regents.

Thanks,
Richard C.

SHARON Y., ROME, GA

My name is Sharon Y. I came to G.A. in May 2008. I was finally ready to admit I was powerless over gambling and so my journey of recovery began. During the next 18 months I learned the importance of being of service in G.A. and the effect it would have on my recovery. It began with being the coffee person, then chairing meetings. I was treasurer for my home group and represented our group at the monthly Intergroup meetings. I even started a Wednesday night LGBTQ+ meeting in North Hollywood.

Unfortunately, something was still missing for me and I eventually returned to gambling. I realized that doing the recovery program "My Way" was not working and on November 2, 2009 returned to G.A. with a fresh attitude that I would now be willing to do "Whatever it takes". I got a sponsor, followed his direction in working the Steps, and continued being of service in G.A.

I left California in 2016 and currently reside in Rome, Georgia. Since there is no in-person meeting close enough to attend, I started a Friday night meeting in Rome, in the hope that people will recognize their powerlessness over gambling and be willing to seek help.

I've now been able to sponsor members I have had the opportunity to meet on Zoom. Being of service has been an integral part of my recovery from this insidious disease. I would very much appreciate the opportunity to serve on the Board of Regents.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Sharon Y.

TED S., PARAMUS, NJ

My abstinence date is 10/19/86. 5-time past Trustee. 2-time Intergroup Chairman, Area 12 New Jersey. Minimum 25-time Intergroup officer.

Education: Started college at 16 years of age. Attained 53 credits. Departed, as I needed to enter the work force. Worked for 5 years in a small trucking business as an Operations Manager. I am currently the CEO of my own business, which started in 1980. International Container sales. I have managed a staff of 27 employees, at a maximum. I handle disbursements of millions of dollars on an annual basis.

I have performed over 100 Pressure Relief Budgets. Worked on the committee with Alan J., to rewrite the Pressure Relief Literature. Managed various Mini Conferences and fund-raising events for Area 12, NJ Intergroup.

Sincerely, Ted S.

Past Trustee and current member of G.A.
732-598-8500

WENDY B., RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA

Abstinence date 3-18-94

Area 1B, Rancho Cucamonga Wednesday

Served several terms on the Board of Regents between 1997 and 2022. Held positions of Secretary, Co-Chair and Chairman.

I am Wendy B. I am running for the Board of Regents. I have served several times before, as recently as 2022. I have also been a Trustee for my area as well as Area 1B. I have served on several committees for the Board of Trustees.

In addition to my previous service, I believe involvement is the key to continued recovery. I can never give back enough to the fellowship that has saved my life. I understand the responsibilities of the Board of Regents and know their importance. I believe that all work and involvement centers around our primary purposes which is to help the compulsive gambler that still suffers.

It will be an honor to serve on the Board of Regents.

Sincerely,
Wendy B.